



TALKING POINTS March Council, 2018

Please note that Talking Points are intended only to assist you in your PTTA report. Feel free to add any information from the meeting you think is important to share with your staff. Have a great day! Bob, Lise and Debra

1. Collective Bargaining

MTS is currently working on a response should the government introduce legislation moving towards provincial bargaining for the upcoming round of negotiations.

2. Workplace Violence Presentation by Darren Hardy

MTS Staff Officer Darren Hardy led a presentation and discussion on workplace violence reporting and the relevant legislation from the Workplace Safety and Health Act. Darren's presentation focused on People, Safety, and Process. There are two main premises of Safety and Health Law

1. Everyone has a role in the prevention of workplace injuries.
2. The more authority you have in the workplace, the more responsibility you have to ensure the health and safety of those around you.

The presentation also covered the employer's "Duty to Inform" under WS&H law about the nature and extent of the risk of violence – including from students. The presentation also focused on violence reporting and that "Violence is Violence – age, special needs and Behavior Intervention Plan's (BIP's) do not matter!

Darren Hardy can be contacted at dhardy@mbteach.org or 204-831-3054.

PTTA will be sending out more information on Workplace Safety and Health Legislation in April.

3. Rally Time!

On Friday, May 25th, at 4:30 p.m. MTS will be holding a rally on the steps of the legislature to express our views on the current state of public education, our dissatisfaction with Bill 28, and labour relations with the current government. There is an adage that says that there is strength in numbers. In keeping with that adage, we will be joined by representatives of the Nurses Union, the Manitoba Federation of Labour, CUPE, the MGEU and various other organizations. All PTTA members are invited and encouraged to participate in the rally. Plan on coming out to join your colleagues in support of public education.

4. Enigma Winter Escapes

The Winter Escapes Challenge is wrapping up. Teams are reminded to contact the PTTA office with their escape times (www.ptta.ca). Mark your calendars! A wrap up for the challenge and a Spring Social event is being planned for April 11th at the Canadian Brewhouse. More details will be shared as they become available.

5. Life and Honorary Membership

At the March 20, 2018 meeting, Council voted to confer Life Membership on Wayne Schultz and Honorary Membership on Arlyn Filewich for their commitment to PTTA and its members. Congratulations to Wayne and Arlyn.

6. PTTA Executive 2018 – 2019

The PTTA Executive for the 2018 – 2019 school year was acclaimed at the March council meeting. The slate of candidates will be sent to each member. The slate can also be viewed online at www.ptta.ca. The Employee Benefits Chair is currently unfilled. Anyone wishing to fill that spot is asked to contact Bob Mauthe at pttapresident@mymts.net or Ashleigh Deeley Michaluk at adeeley@mbteach.org with your intentions.