



TALKING POINTS

March Council, 2019

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.

1. Collective Bargaining

Arbitration dates have been set. PTTA will present its case to the arbitration panel in April, 2020. The Louis Riel Teachers' Association will present their case for arbitration at the end of November 2019. Legislation regarding Provincial Collective Bargaining (known as Bill 26 – Teacher Centralized Bargaining) was slated to be introduced by the government on March 15 but procedural delays have prevented that from happening. Details of the legislation will be provided when they become available.

2. Education Review

At this time the Education Review Commission is continuing to take only written submissions. Data collection for the review is slated to be finished by the end of May. The government appointed Avis Glaze as lead consultant to the Education Review. Avis Glaze headed up the education review in Nova Scotia that resulted in the removal of principals and vice principals from the bargaining unit, the replacement school boards with a government appointed advisory council and the establishment of a college of teachers.

3. MTS Responses

All PTTA members will be receiving copies of letters that MTS President Norm Gould has written to the Minister in response to the lack of movement on the Education Review, the closure of the Curriculum Resources Library and the appointment of Avis Glaze as the lead consultant on the review.

4. School Division Budget

The overall budget for 2019 – 2020 has increased by about 5 million dollars over last year. The final budget that was passed by the board will increase our teaching staff by 35.8 FTE and will reduce the number of EA's by 1.5. This reduction is a result of a pilot project putting more resource teachers directly in classrooms next year and numbers of identified students. In order to keep to a government mandated guideline of no more than 2.7% of the budget can be used for Division Administration, 6 staff at the division office will be laid off.

5. Spotlight on PD

Cheryl Chuckry, MTS Professional Services Staff Officer presented on shared information about the Collaborative Learning Team Grants. The Society is supporting the professional learning of teams (3+ people) with up to \$5000 that is available to support release time and professional learning materials, travel and the support of a facilitator. MTS is also looking for facilitators for the Teacher Led Learning Team. These are members of the Society that have been recruited to design and facilitate professional learning. Next year MTS will offer the services of the Society's facilitation services for PD opportunities. Contact Cheryl Chuckry at www.mbteach.org for more information.

If anyone wishes to share their PD experiences for Spotlight on PD, please contact Debra Morrissey at pttavp@mymts.net

6. PTTA Executive 2019 – 2020

The PTTA Executive for the 2019 – 2020 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 in the upcoming PTTA Trail Talk. The Past President chair will be appointed by Council at a later date.

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