



TALKING POINTS

May 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. Education Review

Thank you to all the members who have taken the time to attend the various Education Review workshops and who have sent in submissions to the commission. The Pembina Trails community has had great representation by not only teachers but many other school division employees and community members. If you would still like to attend a review workshop the final one will be held at R. B. Russel High School on the morning of Saturday, May 25. Register on line at <https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/educationreview/consultation.html>

2. Collective Bargaining

The Collective Bargaining Table Team met with the Board on May 17. The Board acknowledged that we had bargained in good faith and said they could not accommodate our proposals. Arbitration dates are set for April 2020.

3. Spotlight on PD

Chrislyn Fontaine (PTTA Equity and Social Justice Chair) shared two local professional development opportunities for teachers that focus on Equity and Social Justice issues, specifically inclusion.

- Diversity Essentials (local organization – offer a range of presentations for English and French teachers)
- Educating for Action (Co-sponsored by MTS and MASS – next offered in February 2020). This PD is for both teachers and students with topics including Indigenous people, diversity and new comers.

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

4. Provincial Council (AGM)

PTTA will be sending 23 delegates to AGM from May 23 – 25. One of the main topics that will be debated and voted on is the adoption of the Collective Bargaining Protocol which will guide MTS when the government moves on its intention to implement Provincial Bargaining for teachers. This AGM will also feature the election of both a new President and a new Vice-President to become the face of the Society for at least the next two years. Carla Bouchard, a teacher at Fort Richmond Collegiate is also nominated for one of the vacant spots on the Provincial Executive. PTTA wishes the best of luck to Carla!

5. PTTA 2019 – 2020 Budget and Fee

Council passed the 2019 – 2020 operating budget. The total budget expenditures total \$317,958. The sum of \$20,508 will be move from our accumulated surplus and applied to revenue shortfall. As a result, the fee for PTTA members in the 2019 – 2020 school year will be \$180. This is a \$20 reduction from the 2018-19 fee.

6. PTTA Retirement Event

Teachers who are retiring will be contacted by PTTA regarding the retirement event. If you are retiring and have not received an invitation from PTTA, please contact us directly at ptta@mymts.net so you are not missed. For members who wish to attend the event, but are not retiring, tickets are now on sale until May 30, 2019. There are a limited number of these tickets available and will go on a first come first served basis. The cost for these tickets will be \$50.00 each. Order forms available on line at

<http://www.ptta.ca/documents/Retirement%20Dinner%20Order%20Form.pdf>

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