



## TALKING POINTS November 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.*

### 1. Collective Bargaining

Tom Paci, MTS Staff Officer and PTTA's link to MTS for bargaining gave an update and timeline from the start of the bargaining round up to the current date. PTTA and the school division have a tentative date for our first meeting of this round of bargaining set for December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018. We are continuing on our path to arbitration as well.

### 2. Government Actions

Minister Goertzen has said that legislation will be introduced in the spring session of the legislature that will allow the move to Provincial Bargaining for teachers. There has been no indication of what the scope of the legislation will be in terms of single or two-tier bargaining or how it will affect our current negotiation status. The government will be launching its Comprehensive Education Review in January. The review will cover a wide range of topics including funding of schools, school division boundaries, and curricula. The funding announcement will be taking place early in the new year, but there is little expectation of any increases to that funding.

### 3. Contact Time Logs

Your opportunity to participate in the contact time survey is nearly over. The survey will be open until Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. The survey is done online and takes less than 5 minutes to complete. The survey can be done from any computer/tablet. Please take the time to complete the survey. The information you provide is very important to us for discussions with Senior Admin, the School Board and for Bargaining. All staff who complete the survey will be entered into a draw for a \$75 gift card. You can access the survey through this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PTTAContactTimeLog>

### 4. Violence Reporting

Reporting of violent incidents in our schools is a responsibility that everyone shares. We all have a right to work in a safe, violence and harassment free environment. Everyone has a responsibility to report violent incidents when they happen. Not reporting incidents does not help in moving towards solutions, but rather hides the symptoms and possibly puts your colleagues and students in harms way. NO-ONE has the right to tell you not to report a violent incident. Please see the upcoming edition of Trail Talk for more information.

### 5. Resignation Dates

November 30<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for teachers to submit their resignation if you wish to leave your position or retire on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Teachers who work in schools with two semesters who wish to continue to the end of January are advised to contact Elaine Egan to ensure that their request can be met. The deadline of November 30<sup>th</sup> remains the same however.

### 6. Joint PD Fund

We urge all teacher to consider making use of the joint PD fund this year. The fund currently has a balance of about \$725,000 that we would like to make sure ends up in the hands of our teachers for autonomous PD opportunities.