



TALKING POINTS

September 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

PTTA has declared an impasse in our current round of negotiations with the school board. As a result, PTTA has initiated the steps necessary to move to arbitration. This does not stop PTTA from meeting with the board to discuss negotiations while the arbitration process is in effect.

2. Legal Challenges

The request for the court injunction against the implementing of Bill 28 that took place last May 28 and 29 was denied by the courts. The dates for the hearing of the Charter of Rights challenge against Bill 28 have been set for November and December of **2019**.

3. Government Actions

Kelvin Goertzen has replaced Ian Wishart as Education Minister. There is no word yet as to when legislation will be introduced that will allow the move to Provincial Bargaining for teachers although it could come as early as November. The government will be launching its Comprehensive Education Review in January. The Review is expected to take about 5 months with recommendations to come later. The review will cover funding of schools, as well as school boundaries, and curricula.

4. Regional Meeting

There will be an MTS Regional Meeting held at the Shrine Centre, 1155 Wilkes Avenue, Thursday, October 4, 2018. Topics for the Regional Meeting Presentations are:

- The Upcoming Manitoba Comprehensive Education Review
- Teacher Pensions in Manitoba and across the country
- Potential School Division changes (boundaries, finances, etc.)
- Collective Bargaining 2018 and beyond
- Speak out! Guide for Writing Letters to Politicians

You can register to attend the meeting through My Profile at the MTS Website (www.mbteach.org)

5. Class sizes

The current guidelines for class sizes in Pembina Trails are 24 students for grades K – 3 and 28 students for grades 4-8. Class sizes for high school will vary depending on the class/curriculum area. Please let PTTA know if you have a class in which class size numbers are unmanageable.

6. Pop-Quiz

Follow the link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PTTA-QUIZ-1-October>, answer the questions and you could win a \$25 gift card to a local restaurant. The link also appears in this edition of Trail Talk and on the PTTA website.

7. Equity and Social Justice Event

Please see posters for the forum on Homeless Teens in Winnipeg on October 2, for location and registration information.