



TALKING POINTS

September Council, 2017

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. Government Actions

The Minister has announced that the planned “Value for Money” audit of the education system will be put on hold until after the municipal and school board elections in the fall of 2018. He also stated that the funding of education and school division amalgamations would be on the table at that time.

2. Maternity Leave Top-Up Grievance

The school board has settled the top-up mat leave grievance. Starting July 1, 2017, PTTA members who access the provisions of this clause in our Collective Agreement will be entitled to the full amount of top-up regardless of when holiday breaks may occur. A huge thank you goes out to our members who launched this grievance knowing that they would have little chance of being compensated themselves. They have ensured that our members will be treated equally and fairly going forward.

3. Staff Development Centre

The Staff Development Centre will be undergoing a review of how it operates this year. At this time there are no plans to scrap the SDC. We are always looking for volunteers to sit on the SDC committee and for volunteers to put on workshops. If you are able to help out in either one of these areas, please contact Debra Morrissey at the PTTA Office.

4. Collective Bargaining

Please take the time to answer and return the Collective Bargaining Questionnaire that is being distributed next week. Your input will help us determine our bargaining priorities and prepare our opening package.

5. IT Issues

There have been a number of issues raised around IT and its functionality in the division. If you are experiencing IT problems, please follow your schools protocol for contacting the IT department but also document and let PTTA know what the problems are. This documentation will form a baseline of data for any discussions that we can then have with IT.

Additional information not covered at the council meeting.

6. SAGE

A letter was sent out to all teachers in regards to attendance at SAGE on the MTS PD Day on October 20th. Please note that if a teacher does not normally work on the day that SAGE falls on there is no expectation from PTTA that the teacher attend SAGE.

7. Conferences/PD in Mississippi and North Carolina

Please be reminded that the PTTA representatives on the Joint PD Committee will not support funding PD activities in the two states above. This policy is in keeping with the motion passed by council at the November 22nd, 2016 meeting.