

Prince Albert and Area Teachers' Association

NEWSLETTER

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2009

... from the President's desk

Okay so we've all got another back to school season under our belts. Our routines are in place and life has settled into our new school routines. As well as our work routines, our family routines are getting into full swing; dance classes, sports teams, club meetings, etc. Everyone is trying to fit in as much as they can. The never ending treadmill has begun. Remember that every treadmill will run more efficiently if it is shut off, slowed down to take a break. Don't burn the candle at both ends for too long. Treat yourselves to a relaxing break in your routines. Put your feet up and enjoy a little TV for an hour. Walk the dog a little longer and a little more leisurely once in a while. Hopefully the nice days are not finished and done with for this fall. When a beautiful bright day comes our way take advantage of it. It won't be long until we're complaining about the long cold winter.

There have been several meetings and seminars that PAATA has had representation at. Firstly, there was the President's Day. Myself, and Randy Krammer attended. At that meeting, PAATA was presented with a certificate to recognize our contribution to the Sterling McDowall Foundation. We were introduced to the two new Executive Assistants of the STF: Kevin Schmidt and Leanne White.

Also this month, three members of the executive attended the STF Accountability Forum. Dave Schneider, Carolyn Vis and myself attended the second Accountability Forum. A presentation of a research project funded by the Sterling McDowall Foundation entitled: STUDENT ASSESSMENT FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING: TEACHER PERCEPTIONS AND PRACTICES provided lots of discussion. On the second day, our discussions were directed by: BUILDING FOR STUDENT SUCCESS: A Guide For Focused Conversations with the Provincial Panel on Student Achievement. We looked at and discussed the six Foundational components contained in the project paper. These components had been identified as components that are foundational to strengthened culture of learning. They included:

1. First Nations and Metis education
2. Community Engagement
3. Early Learning and Child Care
4. Sustainable Learning Organizations
5. Effective Practises
6. Equity for all Students

These forums are the opportunity for the membership of the STF to provide input to the provincial panel through our representatives, Kit Loewen and Ken Moore. A final report will be submitted to the Minister in early 2010.

Unfortunately, our fall PAATA Social had to be canceled. I don't know if it was bad timing or lack of interest in a social activity that occurred. Thank you to the schools that were in charge of that event and to everyone who worked to try and get the project off the ground. Perhaps we'll try again at a different time of year.

- Debbie McPherson

STF Executive Assistant

Our new EA for PAATA is Milton Block. You will be familiar with Milton from our last two conventions. Some of our Northern schools will remember Milton as their EA prior to restructuring.

Please direct your calls to the STF to Milton or if it is urgent and he is not available, to the EA on intake.



Nominations for Honorary Member

Deadline: December 16, 2009
If you know of anyone (retired) who has contributed in a significant way to the PAATA or STF, please consider nominating them. Contact the PAATA office.

Induction Evening

Tuesday, November 3rd

Holy Cross School

7 - 9 p.m.

Program at 7:30

Entertainment by Kathleen Clarke

\$2.00 cover charge

wine, hors d'oeuvres, snacks, coffee, door prizes

Casual dress

** Come and support our newly inducted colleagues **

Resolution

The following resolution was submitted and accepted for Fall Council
BE IT RESOLVED that the STF negotiate changes to the Provincial Collective Bargaining Agreement to include dedicated funding to every board of education to provide for 20% preparation time for all teachers in the province. The focus for Fall Council will be Provincial Collective Bargaining as we begin to prepare for the next round of bargaining.

If you have any concerns, topics, questions regarding the bargaining process/asking package, please contact your PAATA Councillor and let them know. We are there to represent you. Updates will be available on the STF website. Be sure to Keep Yourself Informed.

Every teacher should make sure they are familiar with their STF T-mail. During the bargaining process you can receive updates and other information in a timely manner.

Happy Halloween!



Upcoming Dates to Note:

STF Fall Council - October 16th and 17th, Saskatoon

Education Week - October 19 - 23

Pre-Retirement Seminar - October 20th

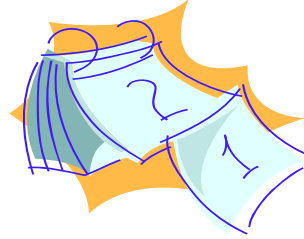
PAATA Executive Meeting - October 28th, 4:30 p.m.

Arbos Award - Nomination Deadline - October 30th

Honorary Membership Nominations - December 16th

Induction Evening - November 3rd

PAATA Rep. Assembly Meeting - Nov. 4th - 4:45 p.m.



Thinking about
a possible
retirement
this year?

You are welcome
to attend a

Pre-Retirement Seminar

Tuesday,
October 20, 2009
7:00 p.m.

Prince Albert
St. Mary High School
Lecture Theatre

*Please use North entrance
on 13th Street West

Deadline for Registration:
Friday, October 9, 2009

We cannot guarantee your personal estimate if
registration is received after October 9, 2009.

As a courtesy to colleagues who may have
environmental sensitivities, we would ask all
participants to assist in creating a scent-free
environment for this meeting.

REGISTRATION

Last Name

First Name Initial

Social Insurance Number Teaching Certificate Number

Home Address

City/Town Postal Code

School Division

Home Phone School Phone

Partner's Name*

Partner's Birth Date (DD MM YY)*

*Please include these in order for pension plan administrators to calculate the upward adjustment option.

Will your partner be attending? Yes No

Please indicate your pension plan:
 Saskatchewan Teachers' Superannuation Plan (TSP)
 Saskatchewan Teachers' Retirement Plan (STRP)

To order your estimates, please indicate possible date(s) of retirement:
 Mid-year date: _____, 2009
 June 30, 2010
 Other, specify date _____

Salary:
Step _____ Class _____

Are you receiving an allowance? Yes No
 If yes, Principal Assistant Principal
 Vice-Principal Other, specify amount: \$ _____
 Number of FTE _____

Signature Date (DD MM YY)

Return completed form to:

**Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation
 Member Services
 2317 Arlington Avenue
 Saskatoon SK S7J 2H8
 Fax: (306) 374-1122**



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See your school rep for a registration form or go to stf.sk.ca to download the form. If you want your person estimate available for that evening, you must pre-register by October 9th.

