

ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS



January 19, 2010

Admin VP Report – regular outflows, will start to see movement in Convention line as deposits are made. Directory budget over approximately \$0.62 per member. If you see any areas of the budget that need increases or decreases please contact John or Stewart as we are in the initial phase of planning for the 2010-2011 year.

President's Report – STA committees are working hard to plan and improve events. Attending an inter-organizational retreat with a focus on student engagement, valuable discussions were held. Defining preparation time continues to be a focus. Many discussions are ongoing here and around the province. Pre-retirement seminar deadline is Feb 1 for the session on March 9, as your rep for the registration form. Check out the STF website: stf.sk.ca for information regarding the Duty to Accommodate and Return to Work memorandum of agreement. Upcoming is the Big Questions, Worthy Dreams Symposium "Teaching for a Knowledgeable, Caring and Responsible Society" March 5 (evening) and March 6. We can send 4 representatives. Please contact the STA President if you would like to attend.

Superannuation – Members planning to superannuate please call Shirley Goodrich (1-306-682-3801), Catholic System, or Diane Anderson (683-7210), Public System.

New Teacher Orientation – See Flyer distributed, RSVP's can be made at the office – email addresses are on the cover of the directory. Encourage teachers new to the STA to attend.

Service Recognition Award – an award will be presented at Convention. Thanks to the committee for their diligent work.

Constitution – review proposed changes with your staff. Voting on the changes will take place at the next Assembly meeting.

Convention – E-flyer describes the day. Keynotes are David Chilton and Amanda Lang. Local Association Presidents from around the province have been invited to attend our Convention. Don't forget the social following the Convention – funds raised will go to the Food Bank.

Resolutions – Five resolutions were passed, they will be forwarded to the STF on behalf of the STA for inclusion at Annual Meeting of Council in the spring.

1. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the STF bargain with the Provincial Government to provide a compulsory group benefits plan for substitute teachers. A group benefits plan would refer to life insurance, accidental death and dismemberment, extended health care benefits (hospitalization and major medical) and basic dental insurance.
2. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the STF bargain with the Provincial Government to provide compulsory coverage should a substitute teacher be unable to work as a result of an injury sustained while performing their teaching duties.
3. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the STF lobby for changes to be made as needed to *The Education Act 1995*, *The Teachers' Federation Act 2006*, and/or the Provincial Collective Bargaining Agreement to provide for the creation of substitute teacher contracts with local school boards, and that the STF amend its own bylaws accordingly.

4. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the STF lobby for changes to be made as needed to *The Education Act 1995, The Teachers' Federation Act 2006*, and/or the Provincial Collective Bargaining Agreement, as well as to the managing boards of the various health and benefit plans within the organization to provide equitable compensation to substitute teachers as is provided to part-time teachers including the accumulation of service, and to amend its own bylaws accordingly.

5. "Be it resolved that the STF lobby the Ministry of Education to adopt the priorities for guidance and counselling in schools as stated in the STF Governance Handbook under Policies and Professional Stewardship and Responsibility 2.19.1 and 2.

Catholic Section

1. The Catholic Caucus will take place Thursday January 28th at the Cave restaurant. Contact Robb Horner if you are interested in attending.
2. TRC follow-up communicated actions and initiatives completed by the TRC over the last 18 months.
3. The 2010-2011 school year was presented in draft form. No concerns were raised
4. PD from High School reminder that extra-curricular PD funds are to be for teacher and not student use. Elementary PD has available funds. There may be a need to extend funding guidelines and be more proactive in promoting PD activities.
5. LINC negotiations will continue with a meeting to be announced shortly.
6. Enjoy the convention, next Catholic section meeting is February 9th with Superintendent Al Boutin as a special guest.

Public Section

LINC:

- Tom P. discussed and presented a report on our current LINC agreement. He requested a form be filled out re: Inservices teachers are attending during school hours to be returned to LINC. The current funding model for education was shared with assembly with the suggestion being made to contact your MLA regarding education funding uncertainties.

Liaison:

- Email sent to Jamie re clarification of extra curr hours and personal days. No response has been received yet
- Liaison is watching the roll out of virtual classes and will be discussing what is going to appear on them at an upcoming meeting.
- We have requested a copy of a document that will be sent to teachers receiving lap top computers and will be getting this in the next few days.
- Our Public Liaison is looking forward to extending our relationship with our Catholic Colleagues as Vince and Ken will be attending the Catholic Caucus next Thursday.