

Minutes of High Prairie Local #62

March 20th, 2013

E.W. Pratt

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Debbie at 7:07pm.
- 2) Motion to accept the agenda
 - Charly Doyle moves
 - Robyn Ord-Boisvert seconds
 - Motion carried
- 3) Motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting held January 30th, 2013
 - moved by Maria Doroshenko
 - Kim Barker-Kay seconds
 - Motion carried
- 4) Budget Report 2011/12- Maria Doroshenko
 - Convention bill has been paid.
 - GIC's- two of them have been cashed and deposited into our account.
 - All grant and aid has been paid, should come in by June.
 - It has been difficult to get the President release-time money, because the proper letter from the Superintendent has not been received at Barnett House. They will not process the letter without it stating 0.1 FTE.
 - Meetings sponsored by Barnett House are paid by them, ie sub cost. The board bills them directly.
 - Motion to accept the budget???
- 5) President's Report- Debbie Reid
 - We will know the results of the Provincial Executive elections by Friday, March 22nd, 2013.
 - DEHR will be hosting their very first conference April 12th and 13th. Deadline to apply is March 28th. Anyone of our teachers can apply.
 - Spring PDAC April 19th and 20th, we can send another PD rep.

- Discussion with Trustees on March 15th
 - i. Liaison committee- we need 3 reps. Donna Melvin has agreed to sit on the committee.
 - ii. Set up a Frame Work for the committee. Laura does not see the need for this.
 - iii. Issues are non-contractual. Board members are there only to advise, i.e. Administrators are away too often.
 - iv. Board is very open to this committee
 - v. Committee has to be in place by June
 - vi. 15.03 in our agreement

- 6) PD- Michelle Keshen
 - A little more money is available for Cat. A and B. There was a line in the budget with \$15,000 just there as a cushion. Committee did not feel the need for the cushion. This works out to about \$54.00 per teacher.
 - Some members have received letters that they are not able to claim tuition if you were reimbursed by the division. You can claim what they did not reimburse you.
 - We are able to get a T2200, to claim personal leave.
 - Next meeting is Amy 7th. Discuss if teachers want to keep this method or go back to the old way.

- 7) BUGM-
 - Meeting set for April 23rd. This meeting has been changed to April 22nd.
 - Important to get as many members out as possible
 - Local will offer buses for both ends, book a room and offer refreshments.

- 8) Induction
 - Date is set for May 23rd. Get names of inductees and retirees to Jenn ASAP.

- 9) DR report- Pat Duffy
- Offer is on the ATA website, share with your teachers. Third time Redford's office has been involved with negotiations. Redford's office liked the ATA's offer in November, Minister watered it down and it was rejected.
 - The "Comfort Letter" is what hooked the ATA. This letter had strong points.
 - This offer is as good as we are going to get. We will have to be willing to Strike if we do not accept it. We will not have the public's support this time around. We need to accept this and start preparing for 3 years from now.
 - The offer is 0, 0, 0 and 2% and 907 hours of instruction. There is an Exceptions Committee for those boards who cannot make the 907 hours, but have to work toward it.
 - Edmonton Public is advising their teachers against the offer.
 - Boards have reserves of money, and are doing teachers an injustice by keeping them.
 - ASBA- feels they should have a format similar to the ATA, which would not be good.
 - Board of reference- if a teacher is wrongfully dismissed, they would be reinstated to their position and monetary settlement.
 - Teachers upset that they are finding out information through the media. Calgary's Local President "spilled the beans"

10) Website- Brian Zack

- Local62.teachers.ab.ca
- Any suggestions, you can let Brian know bdzack@hotmail.com
- No personal info unless permission is given.

11) Deadline to apply for an Association Committee is March 31st.

12) Round table

- Vanier- nothing
- Routhier- nothing
- Pratt- nothing
- HP Elementary- AISI is shutting down, are teachers required to finish "The Leader in me"? Yes, it is honoured until the end of the year.
- Outreach- ADLC cuts will have a huge effect on these schools.
- Jousard- nothing
- Kinuso- nothing
- C.J.- disappointed with offer
- RMSS- temp contracts are afraid they will not have a job next year- always the case with temp contracts. PD day in High Prairie made our work day longer.
- EG- admin out of building a lot. Teacher in charge only get paid if working 2 consecutive days, when really they start the night before with subs.

13) Next meeting to be held May 15th, 2013

14) Debbie adjourned the meeting at 8:55pm.