

Minutes of High Prairie Local #62

Oct. 9th, 2013

E.W. Pratt

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Debbie at 7:05pm.
- 2) Motion to accept the agenda
 - Chantal Arsenault moves
 - Lindsay Robertson seconds
 - Motion carried
- 3) Motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting held May 15th, 2013
 - moved by Lori Denty
 - Jenn Taylor seconds
 - Motion carried
- 4) Budget Report - Maria Doroshenko
 - We spent \$19,000 over our budget for last year.
 - Proposed budget
 - i. ARA is more due to it being in Calgary this year.
 - ii. New budget line for C2 committee. Barnett House will pick up some of the cost.
 - iii. Executive budget is up a little, because we have been having meetings unlike in the past.
 - iv. We added EPC and PD rep to the honoraria last year, and have increased all honoraria by \$100.
 - v. There is a line for Leadership, but no one is signed up as of now.
 - vi. Negotiations should be resolved by next year.
 - Since July, 2013 we have used money for Beginning Teachers conference and Executive meeting.
 - Motion to accept the budget
 - i. Moved by Sue Giesbrecht
 - ii. Marion Susan Badger
 - iii. Budget accepted

5) DR report- Lori Szmul

- Pensions- public sector plans to change from the golden number of 85, but ours is not being looked at, as of yet.
- There is a link to PGP on the ATA website, have a look if you are in need of ideas.

6) President's report- Debbie Reid

- Electoral ballots of 2013- we need to amend two by-laws
 - i. Emergency fund will be increased from \$10-\$20 (if there is a strike). We voted yes.
 - ii. Weighted vote for bigger DR (because they represent more teachers). They will have more say in decisions that need to be made. We voted no.
- Sue Giesbrecht, Michelle Keshen and Debbie Reid are interested in attending ARA this year.
- Honorary membership-award for an honorary member. Pass on names if you have anyone in mind.
- C2 committee- workload is increasing; 60% of our teachers replied to the survey. There will be a second survey sent out, very specific to concerns- people have very different views on what saves time and what costs time. There will be a report done by Oct. 31st with what issues are concerns.
- Summer conference
 - i. Lindsay Robertson attended the PD sessions 4 years ago and felt it was the same. There was not enough time to work on things.
 - ii. Amanda Williams said her sessions were great.
- Beginning Teachers conference- lots of sessions were fantastic
- School Trustees elections on Oct. 21st- there are 4 running in Slave Lake
- Substitute Teachers conference Oct 18-19th
- Local Presidents meeting Oct. 25th and 26th
- Leadership essentials for administrators Nov. 18th and 19th- VP in training should be eligible to attend.

7) EPC/NSC- Jennifer Taylor

- NSC met with 2 board members and Central Office on Sept. 17th
- They met for 12 hours on Sept. 27th- no deal was made
- Back and forth with vision and dental- we are the only division with vision coverage and the lowest dental.
- Mediation is going to happen
- Jenn will be in contact with EPC as things progress

8) PD- Michelle Keshen

- \$18,690 of the \$19,000 spent in Cat. B last year.
- This leaves us with what is left over from last year and the \$25,000 from the LC and what the board puts in.
- Less money will be given for PD this year per teacher.
- We need numbers for how much CO pays for PD per teacher.
- PDAC is coming up in November
- All staff would have to agree on an all school PD guest speaker for money to be used that way.

9) Political Engagement- Sue Giesbrecht

- Teachers can access info on Trustee candidates on the ATA website

10) Dates for LCM

- Dec. 12th, 2013 Thursday
- February 12th, 2014 Wednesday
- April 24th, 2014 Thursday
- June 4th, 2014 Wednesday

11) Debbie adjourned the meeting at 8:43pm.