

HIGH PRAIRIE ATA LOCAL 62
LOCAL COUNCIL MEETING
E.W. PRATT SCHOOL LOBRARY
NOVEMBER 14, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Debbie Reid, President	Jennifer Taylor—Vice President, EPC/NSC Chair
Maria Doroshenko—Treasurer	Brian Zack—Past President
Susan Badger—Rep. Kinuso School	Meghan Adams—Rep. Jousard School
Teresa Cameron—Rep. Ecole Routhier	Claire Fortier—Rep. E.W. Pratt School
Charles Doyle—Rep. G.P. Vanier School	Robyn Ord-Boisvert—Rep. C.J. Schurter School
Kim McConnell—Rep C.J. Schurter School	Lori Denty—Rep. High Prairie Elementary School
Michelle Keshan—PD Chair, Rep. Prairie River	Christina Holosney—Rep. E.G. Wahlstrom School
Patrick Duffy—District Representative for the North West	

ABSENT: Amanda Butler—Secretary

Representative of the Outreach Schools

Convention Board Delegates

Susan Giesbrecht—Rep. Roland Michener, Political Engagement Chair.

1. The Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by President Debbie Reid.
2. Electoral Ballot 1 of 2012 was added to the agenda to be discussed in the President's Report.
Motion: To accept the agenda as amended.
Moved by Charles Doyle
Seconded by Susan Badger
CARRIED
3. Motion: That the minutes of the September 26, 2012 Local Council be accepted as distributed.
Moved by Charles Doyle
Seconded by Susan Badger
CARRIED

REPORTS:

4. TREASURER'S REPORT—Maria Doroshenko.
A report outlining the financial situation of the Local was given by the Treasurer.
--Grant in Aid was discussed
--Morgex Donation: Amount left over has been dispersed to the schools in Slave Lake.
--Budget line for the Local Council in-service was deleted as the Superintendent of School would not allow Local Council Members to be absent from class.
--Waiting to receive the grant in aid for the Beginning Teachers' Conference.
--Miscellaneous amount was explained—it consists of the Local's contribution to a welcome of new teachers and expenses for the local executive to travel and meet the new teachers.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT—Debbie Reid

--Debbie and Patrick Duffy discussed the Tripartite. Deadline has been extended. There still is a chance to reach an agreement.

--Upcoming conferences: TWAC—Jennifer Taylor will attend; PDAC—Michelle Keshan will attend Discussion on the Superintendent not allowing the Local to send more than one member to ATA conferences. QUESTION: Do we need the superintendent's permission to send members to these conferences? Debbie will check with the provincial ATA and report back to the council.

Upcoming conferences/training sessions:

- a) Symposium on Encountering Curriculum Design—Edmonton, Nov. 30 and Dec 1. If anyone is interested talk to Debbie ASAP. Application to attend must be in by November 21.
- b) There will be a Diversity, Equity and Human Rights Conference in April 2013. If you are interested contact Debbie Reid.
- c) Website construction workshop is on Dec 7 or 14 at Barnett House.
- d) There will be a Teacher Wellness workshop for local teachers in High Prairie during January 2013.
- e) Electoral Ballot 1 of 2012 was discussed. It deals with who is eligible to be past president if a person has to be appointed by Provincial Executive Council to that position
Motion: That High Prairie ATA Local 62 support Electoral Ballot 1 of 2012
Moved by Jennifer Taylor
Seconded by Michelle Keshan
CARRIED.

Our vote will be sent to Barnett House. If the Electoral Ballot receives enough support from Locals (at least 50%) it will appear on the order paper of the Annual Representative Assembly

6. DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT—Pat Duffy

Pat highlighted some of his report that was distributed to Local Council. He talked about tripartite discussions, strike pay increase, retirement of the coordinator of Professional Development, and the upcoming Provincial Executive Council elections.

7. EPC/NSC REPORT—Jennifer Taylor

The next meeting with the board to continue negotiations will be on Nov 21 in the evening and all day on Nov. 22.

If you know of any teachers who are thinking of taking the early resignation notice incentive have them contact Barnett House immediately (Teacher Welfare)

There is a plan in the works to have our MLA and the Minister of Education to tour some of the schools so they can see exactly what is happening in the classrooms.

The EPC is setting up a personal email list of all teachers. Reps were to take forms back to the schools, get teachers to fill it out and then get the forms back to Jennifer Taylor ASAP. Remember: teachers are to give their PERSONAL ADDRESS NOT THE SCHOOL DIVISION ONE!!

8. INDUCTION: Will be in May. Date to follow.

9. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION:

Each school was asked to speak about any concerns. Every school indicated that teacher workload is now unbearable. Debbie Reid stressed the need to get a Teacher Liaison Committee active so these

concerns can be taken directly to the board. If there are any teachers out there who are interested in being on this committee they are to contact Debbie Reid at E.G. Wahlstrom School.

Robyn Ord-Boisvert expressed concern that teachers could not access PD funds Part B for perusing a masters degree. One of her teachers was told by an Assistant Superintendent that this was possible. Michelle Keshan, Local PD Chair indicated that this was not the case and that teacher has been misinformed. Michelle will be working with the appropriate Assistant Superintendent to get this matter cleared up.

Timing of emails sent to staffs asking for things to be done was discussed. It was felt that in some cases the timing of the email does not give the teachers enough time to get the work done. Staff are encouraged to speak to the appropriate people about this concern and see if it can be corrected.

10. Future meeting dates: January 30, 2013, March 20, 2013. The date of the May meeting will be determined later. During the months when there is no Local Council meeting, there will be Executive meetings.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm