



## Local Meeting Minutes



**Time & Date:** Monday, June 1 , 2015  
Supper at 5:00 Meeting 5:30

**Location:** Edson - 3V on Request

### Notices and Information Items

<b>Item:</b> Board Meetings	<b>Contact Person:</b> Kelly Smith
<b>Details:</b> June 3(Sharon), June 17(Kelly)	
<b>Item:</b> Summer Conference	<b>Contact Person:</b> Kelly Smith
<b>Details:</b> August 10-14 in Banff	
<b>Item:</b> Healthy Interactions Workshop	<b>Contact Person:</b> Kelly Smith
<b>Details:</b> August 24-25 Barnett House	
<b>Item:</b> Social Media	<b>Contact Person:</b> Kelly Smith
<b>Details:</b> Please encourage your staff to visit and "Like" our new Facebook page!	

### Agenda Items

#### Attendees:

**Sharon Armstrong**

**Robin Hengel**

**Bobbi Semotiuk**

**Raymond**

**Kathryn Howe**

**Jessie Smeall**

**Blanchette-Dube**

**Megan Jones**

**Kelly Smith**

**Amelia Bird**

**Russ Keating**

**Sarah Stewart**

**Jen Dodsworth**

**Gurgot Minhas**

**John Warenycia**

**Elana Fedorak**

**Paul McCann**

**Brett Watt**

**Fiona Fowler**

**Stuart Nish**

**Jessica Westergard**

**Marina Hagler**

**Jenna Otway**

**Jan Wiens-Makenna**

**RaeAnne Hall**

**Angela Riggan**

**Stephanie Woloszyn**

## 1. Call Meeting to Order at 5:35 pm

1. Introductions: See attendees above
2. Handouts

## 2. Agenda

### 2.1 Additions & Deletions

### 2.2 Motion (101) to Adopt Agenda as presented :Elana Fedorak, Seconded by Fiona Fowler. Carried

## 3. Minutes

### 3.1 Amendments:

### 3.2 Motion to Adopt Minutes as presented: Sharon Armstrong, Seconded by Elana. Carried

## 4. Reports

### 4.1 Local Executive

#### 4.1.1 President, ***Kelly Smith Sent in package:***

- Sharon will be attending a Board meeting on Wednesday.
- See package for entire report and comments from Kelly throughout this document.

#### 4.1.2 Vice President, ***Elana Fedorak***

- Nothing to report

#### 4.1.3 Treasurer, ***Shawn Arsenault***

- ATA Profit and Loss should be \$1575.00
- Shawn and Sarah went to Treasurer course a few weeks ago.

#### 4.1.4 Secretary, ***Angie Riggan***

- CSR Attendance Sheet corrections: Bonnie Perret was in the October meeting and Jan Wiens-Makenna was at April meeting.

#### 4.1.5 Past President, ***Sharon Armstrong***

- Board meeting happened the night after the Provincial election.
- It will be interesting to see what the Board feels about the education decisions being made by the new government.
- Board rescinded the motion to install the track at Parkland and made a second motion to take it off their plans for now.
- \$8000 spent in legal fees last year
- Report on Student Teacher placements last year and most are teachers are from our own district and they are coming back and being hired.
- Reviewed the website redesign and are very proud of it and they feel it is well done.
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#### 4.1.6 LCO, ***Jessica Westergard***

- Thank you for sending news items to the newsletter

#### 4.2 ATA Liaisons

#### 4.2.1 District Rep., ***Paul McCann***

- See District rep report:
- 2 letters from the new government: Lorna Rosen and Minister David Eggen,
- Huge funding returned to Districts and puts money into education to continue to give best education possible.
- Will fund new students which was not going to happen under old administration.
- Kindergarten is back on the radar
- May see in the next while are “like minded” people. We agree on the key elements of education and rumour has it that the PC budget was in way bigger trouble than they were telling us so the NDP government has a bigger problem than we knew about. So budget problems are still possible.
- Document - Teachers in Alberta in comparison to teachers around the world. Our focus will be taking these ideas and trying to make our classrooms more effective.
- Finland Singapore and Alberta have been historically been the best education system. Now they are reporting by countries, Canada is about 10th and Alberta has dropped a bit because education has not been a priority for the AB government.
- Some funding issues where populations are dropping
- Congratulations to teachers for doing their very best even though so many things have changed in education including leadership of Alberta.
- Thank you to Kelly Smith for a great year. Please let Paul know how he can better support this Local.
- Feel the need to spend ATA funds responsibly because it is teacher money. Paul will continue to fight for this.

#### 4.2.2 Economic Consultant, ***To Be Announced***

### 4.3 Local Executive Standing Committees

#### 4.3.1 Annual Rep. Assembly, **Brett Watt**

- Resolution of highlights.
- Last bullet can be crossed off - mistake
- See ARA Report 2015-06-01
- Some Districts are planning to keep pre NDP budgets, the recommendation by ARA is to make sure NDP budget money trickles down to school and classrooms
- There was not a lot of debate when discussing how ATA is spending our money. People did not seem to want to take the time.
- Budget needs to be transparent so people know what they are voting for. It needs to be simplified. We want a second sober thought.
- Kelly - ARA; can expenses be reimbursed for certain things that Rhonda Smith did not have receipts for. **Kelly motioned that we pay Rhonda Smith \$200 to help her get back some of the money she spent. John Warenycia seconded this motion.**
  - Discussion: Her claims came in at less than \$400.00 and usually it is about a \$1100 claim.
  - Everybody is entitled mileage and hotel through ATA. If we are putting money forward it should be put into one of those categories. If ARA delegates want to spend money to enjoy themselves it should come out of their pocket.
  - This is a comprehensive allowance and could have been paid to her in full before she left.
  - Her expenses are legitimate, they are not claimed. Knowing this, can we fit them into any of the lines we have in existence?
  - She is not comfortable with claiming the whole amount because she did not spend it.
  - This is a way to honor what people are doing.
- **Carried**

#### 4.3.2 Convention Reps, **Fiona Fowler, Mike Belecky, Shawn Arseneault**

- Be sure to tell all teachers to go website to check it out.

#### 4.3.3 Econ. Policy Committee, **Kathryn Howe**

- No report
- EPC will be coming around to schools again at the end of August or beginning of September
- Talk to an EPC member if you have questions or concerns

#### 4.3.4 Political Engagement Officer, ***Stuart Nish***

- Mission accomplished! PCs are gone!
- Thank you to all school reps who handed out cards!
- Our voices were heard! Way to go!
- Has not talked to the new MLA yet. Whoever replaces Stuart, can get in touch with our new MLA.

#### 4.3.5 Professional Development, ***Amelia Bird***

- Working with a wonderful committee this year, they are very committed!
- Angie will be secretary next year and between Angie and Amelia all work will be sent out to teachers as needed
- More communication between PD reps and Institute planners
- Last meeting May 25, was Policy revision.
  - Has been simplified and will be coming out at the beginning of next school year.
  - When the new forms come out you will be notified and will be on the new website
  - Policy will be approved on June 3, 2015
  - We have voted on an increase PD fund per teacher from \$2000 to \$2200
- Jasper rep will be Shawn and Lobstick will be Tina so please send approvals to correct rep!
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#### 4.3.6 Substitute Teacher Rep., ***Sarah Kongsrud***

- ***No report***

#### 4.3.7 Principal Rep., ***Robin Hengel***

- In schools, budget is still status quo, as we have heard nothing official about getting more money.

#### 4.3.8 Diversity, Equity and Human Rights, *Jennifer Dodsworth*

- Process of submitting the final report for Book Boxes that support diversity.
- Got around to most schools to make presentations about the resources
  - School reps, please talk with teachers and find out if they remember that the Book Boxes are there, where they are and if there is anything that they think can be added to make them better. Please contact Jen with this info.
- Thank you to all teachers who have helped
- LGBGQ - Wednesday night at Harry Collinge High School with Rebecca Turnbull and Amanda Hicks in conjunction with high school students. This is a community event and it is free!
- We have a committee of 3 at this point

#### 4.3.9 Teacher Efficacy, *Raymond Blanchette-Dube*

- May 22 - last C2 meeting
- See report emailed out
  - Discussed sharing info that principals need to be kept abreast what is going on with C2. Raymond will notify principals.
  - Same group of people in each community have been on this committee for two years, and new representation would be great. Getting some new perspectives and voices out is important.
  - Discussion:
    - Kelly will be stepping down from this committee and we will need someone to fill this position.
    - Across the province, the C2s are prospering in a variety of degrees. Ours is working at the moment. To keep it going we need to ensure that continues in the future.
    - Consider this position: there are only 3 meetings and it is very interesting and very important discussions happen around the table.
  - Next meeting is October 16, 2015. ATA stuff will be put together before that. If you have any concerns from your staff, please forward to Raymond, Kelly Smith or Kurt Scobie.

#### 4.3.10 Teacher Board Advisory Council, *Stuart Nish*

- **No Report**

## 5. Old Business

- 5.1 Summer Conference (3 spots left)
  - Shawn, Amelia, Raymond and Kelly are going so far
  - Room for 3 more teachers.
    - Teacher Welfare courses - EPC members may go
    - LCO
    - Deadline is June 8, 2015
- 5.2 Healthy Interactions Workshop
  - August 24-25 free workshop and food is provided but travel and hotel is not provided.
  - Email Kelly if you would like more information.

## 6. New Business



### 6.1 Local Scholarship Committee Recommendations

- Revamp scholarship requirements to get money out to more students.
  - Give according to applicants rather than regions
  - First - must be a graduate
  - will give priority to first year students who are entering an education degree
  - Consider children of children and grand children of ATA Evergreen Local #11 teachers
  - Essay is given serious consideration.
  - Students who have not gone directly to post-secondary education
- Access forms: attached to the Policy and Procedures document. It is also on our website and GYPSD website under scholarships.
- Main point of the re-vamp is to get money out to students in GYPSD who are furthering their educations
- Up to teachers, principals and councillors to get this info out to students.
- New form will be forwarded by Kelly.
- Essay question: Discussing what lead you to the discussion to pursue education etc. This would need to be revised if the motion is carried. to incorporate students who are not going into education field.
- Discussion:
  - how long until this can be put into policy? Today we will vote and immediately change it.
  - **Russ Keating makes a motion to accept the new format for the scholarship. Seconded by John Warenycia. Carried.**

### 6.2 Grande Cache Area Grant

- John would like to request an area grant in Grande Cache. About 22 people so far have indicated they would like to attend. **John Warenycia made a motion to request an area grant, seconded by Russ Keating. Carried.**

### 6.3 Thank You from Robert Twerdoclib

### 6.4 ATA Educational Trust (Shawn)

- Congratulations to Shawn for getting a \$700 bursary to help him with his Masters degree

### 6.5 Beginning Teachers Conference

- September 24-26 in Edmonton, and October 4-5, 2015 in Calgary
- This does not come out of PD fund. Teachers pay for everything and then get reimbursed
- If you want to go to Calgary, teachers must get prior approval.
- For teachers who have not gone yet, even if they came mid-year this school year.

## 7. School Reports

7.4.1 Sheldon Coates Elementary: **Stephanie Woloszyn**

7.4.2 Grande Cache Community High School: **John Warenycia**

- **How will the** 1% be paid out next year? You will be paid according to your contract or paid leave.

7.4.3 Summitview Middle School: **Marina Hagler**

- Contract issues in the school this year. Is there a specific date continuing contracts must be given by? No there are not (Kathryn Howe) You must have your contract before you start work in September. You could be on something that ends on June 30 and yet given a new contract for September, your summer pay may be unusual.
- Note of Caution- If teachers are feeling uncomfortable please contact Barnett House. It is not School Reps job to council, please tell people to call Barnett House. 1-800-
- Are there specific dates that Permanent Teaching Certificates must be taken care of?
  - Evaluations must be done before Permanent certification can be taken care of. Principals must do two evaluations. Recommendation must come from superintendent. Application will becoming an online application process and transition is happening now. Access to that sight will be coming.
  - This is a Barnett House issue. Phone Barnett House for help.
  - Paul will look into this.
  - Kelly will talk to Cory and let him know that teachers would like some blanket info on the matter.

7.4.4 Fulham Elementary School: **Jenna Otway**

7.4.5 Evansview Elementary School: **Bonnie Perrett**

7.4.6 Niton Central School: **RaeAnne Hall**

7.4.7 Grand Trunk High School: **Brett Watt**

7.4.8 Wildwood School: **Diana Guignon**

7.4.9 Jasper Elementary: **Shawn Arsenault**

7.4.10 Jasper Junior/Senior High: **Amelia Bird**

7.4.11 A.H. Dakin: **Bobbi Semotiuk**

7.4.12 Evergreen Elementary: **Fiona Fowler**

7.4.13 Parkland Composite High: **Jan Wiens-McKenna**

7.4.14 Pine Grove Middle School: **Russ Keating**

7.4.15 Westhaven School: **Gurgot Minhas**

7.4.16 Crescent Valley School: ***Megan Jones***

7.4.17 Mountain View School: ***Jessie Smeall***

7.4.18 Harry Collinge High School: ***Kristin MacDonald***

7.4.19 The Learning Connection: ***Jessica Westergard***

#### **8. Adjournment at 7:04 pm**

Next Meeting: September 14, 2015 in Hinton at Mountain View School

**Future Mtg. Dates: June 6, 2015 - Executive mtg: TLC, Hinton AB 10:30 am**