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UPCOMING EVENTS:

General Meeting of the Bargaining Unit scheduled for Tuesday, January 15, 2008 4:30pm at the Mayfield Inn and Trade Centre, 16615-109 Ave.

GENERAL MEETING OF THE BARGAINING UNIT

Just a reminder that there is a General meeting of the Bargaining unit scheduled for Tuesday, January 15, 2008 beginning at 1630 at the Mayfield Inn and Convention Centre, 16615-109 Avenue. Registration will begin at 1530 in the Convention Centre. ALL MEMBERS MUST REGISTER in order to receive ballots for voting. Members will be voting on two proposals, the first will be the Memorandum of Agreement between the Local and the School Board and this will be followed by a vote on the Unfunded Liability Agreement with the Province.

Please be prompt and bring the Memorandum of Agreement which you received prior to Christmas.

The first vote will be counted at the meeting and the results announced, the second vote will be counted at the end of January at Barnett House. ~Gerry McHugh, Executive Director

ATTENDANCE AT TEACHERS' CONVENTION-Your professional obligation

This year the Greater Edmonton Teachers' Convention will take place on February 28 and 29, 2008. Information regarding convention booklets, bus passes and sessions will be published in the Intercom on a regular basis. Please note: It is a professional obligation for teachers to enhance their individual competence, teaching as a profession and the cause of education. Teachers are expected and urged to consider convention dates as a priority in planning for the school year and as a link to the Teacher Professional Growth Plans. Teachers failing to obtain permission to be absent during convention from their Convention Attendance Committee may be subject to investigation and sanctions under the Code of Professional Conduct.

LOCAL PD - INTERVISITATION OPPORTUNITY

The Local's PD Committee is offering 70 Intervisitation opportunities for members to observe a colleague in an educational setting. The Local will cover the cost of a substitute teacher for one half day. If you are interested in this professional opportunity, please complete the form which is printed on the reverse side of this week's Intercom and fax it to the Local office (454-1250) Attention: Jan. Once your form is received an email will be sent to you with your grant number. If you have any questions regarding the Intervisitation Grant, please phone Jan at the Local office (451-1196). All assigned Intervisitations must be used by Friday, June 13, 2008.

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

"A great many people think they are thinking when they are merely rearranging their prejudices." ~ william james

Included in this mailing: ARA Electoral Ballots...one per school rep... (canary) ...please post and share **Printed on reverse side:** 2008 PD Intervisitation Grant Form

Meetings and Events

Tuesday, January 15, 2008
General Mtg. of the Bargaining Unit scheduled for 4:30pm, Mayfield Inn and Trade Centre, 16615-109 Ave.

Thursday, Jan. 17, 2008 Political Engagement Committee Mtg., 4:00pm, Room 402, Barnett House

Tuesday, January 22, 2008
Council Mtg. #04, 6pm, Auditorium, Barnett House.
Sandwiches available at 5:15pm.

Monday, January 28, 2008 PD Book Share, 4:30pm, Room 140, Barnett House

Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2008 Executive Mtg. #6, 4:30pm, Room 406, Barnett House

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Council Dates:

Tuesday, January 22/08

Tuesday, Feb. 26/08

Tuesday, March 18/08

Tuesday, April 22/08

Tuesday, June 3/08

Thursday, June 12/08-President's Reception