

RETRO PAY -All Certificated Staff (contract and substitute)

Please note that all teachers who are receiving a pay cheque this month and who were working with the District before February 1, 2008, will be receiving their retro-active pay on the February cheque. You will also note that the ATRF deduction (-3.1%) that was in place for September to December will be re-instituted retro-actively to January 1, 2008. Teachers who have not earned wages during February will be receiving their retro-active pay in March, 2008. Please note as well that the lump sum payment will be processed for the May pay period. It is available to staff who are on contract on April 30, regardless of your current status (active or on any kind of leave.)

~Paul Gagne, Manager Employee Relations

2008 LOCAL TABLE OFFICER ELECTIONS

Nominations for the positions of President and Vice-Presidents of the Local opened on Wednesday February 13, 2008. Nomination forms are available from the Local office. Completed forms must be returned to the Local Office by 4PM on Monday, February 25 along with an 8 x 11 campaign poster to be copied by the Local and sent to the schools. Candidate speeches will be delivered at the Council of School Representative meeting on Tuesday, February 26. Please note that due to our term limits there will be vacancies in the office of President and at least one Vice-President position. Voting will take place from March 17-20 with ballots returned to the Local office by 4:00pm on Tuesday, March 25. The ballot count will occur on Wednesday, March 26. Call Gerry McHugh for more information: 451-1196.

GETCA LOCAL DISPLAY BOOTH - Come to visit and enter our draw!

All members are invited to stop by the Local's display booth at convention and enter our draw for a chance to win a Sub For a Day. We will have handouts and information about what the Local does for you as well as complimentary pencils and pens. We hope to see you there!

DELEGATES SPONSORED-SPICE AND BLUEPRINTS CONFERENCES

Once again the Local office will sponsor two delegates to attend SPICE (April 24-27) and one delegate to attend BLUEPRINTS (April 29-May 2) at The Delta Lodge, Kananaskis. This sponsorship will be for complete registration which includes accommodation (double occupancy), conference registration, materials and meals. Coverage for the cost of your substitute will be your responsibility. If you are interested in conference sponsorship from the Local, we ask that you print your name, the conference you wish to attend and your email address on your school's letterhead and fax it in to the Local office (454-1250) by Wed., March 5. The draw will be made at 9am on Thursday, March 6, 2008. Winners will be notified following the draw and registration forms will be faxed to the schools. Based on the number of applicants, preference will be given to those who have not received Local sponsorship for this conference in the past.

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

"Don't criticize the person who talks to himself;
 maybe he's the best company available." ~ P.K. SHAW

Included in this mailing: Nothing
Printed on reverse side: Draft Agenda for Council Mtg. #05, February 26, 2008

Meetings and Events

Monday, Feb. 25, 2008

Nominations close for Local elections.

Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2008

Council Meeting #05, 6pm,
 Auditorium, Barnett House.
 Sandwiches available at
 5:15pm. Local elections: Can-
 didates' speeches tonight!

February 28 & 29, 2008

Teachers' Convention:
 "Leaping Forward for
 Learning"

Monday, March 3, 2008

PD Book Share Mtg. #02,
 4:30pm, Room 410, Barnett
 House

Tuesday, March 4, 2008

Executive Mtg. #07, 4:30pm,
 Room 406, Barnett House

Wed., March 5, 2008

Trustee Dinner hosted by the Local

Wed., March 5, 2008

Draw deadline for Locally
 sponsored delegates to at-
 tend SPICE and BLUEPRINTS

Website:

www.local54.teachers.ab.ca

Council Dates:

Tuesday, Feb. 26/08

Tuesday, March 18/08

Tuesday, April 22/08

Tuesday, June 3/08

Thursday, June 12/08:

President's Reception