

NOTE TO COUNCIL REPS: Dec. 2 Council mtg. will begin at 5pm.

During the month of November no Council meeting is scheduled. We would like to remind all Council reps to mark your calendars and plan to join us for the December 2 Council meeting followed by a Christmas Cheer Social. Each rep is encouraged to bring a staff member to this annual event. **A Christmas social will FOLLOW Council - sandwiches will not be available before the meeting.**

PRE RETIREMENT WORKSHOP IS SCHEDULED!

Heather Johnson will be presenting a Pre Retirement Workshop in January for interested teaching staff. The sessions will include dinner and will run from 6-9pm on Monday, January 12, and Monday, January 19. Those 40 teachers who previously emailed their interest to the Local will have guaranteed seats. This workshop is free of charge, sponsored by the Local, and is limited to 75. Anyone else who is interested is asked to email Jan to register: jbossmmin@telusplanet.net

SUBSTITUTE MEETING #2, Thursday, December 4, 2008

The Local's Substitute Committee is pleased to offer an introductory session to SMART Boards on Thursday, December 4, 2008, beginning at 7pm, at St. James School (7814 - 83 Street). Space is limited to the first 25 who call the Local to register: 780-451-1196. Please be advised that only those registered will be allowed in the session due to limited classroom space.

ECONOMIC POLICY COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO JOIN

Patti Clancy-Novosel, Chair of the Economic Policy Committee, invites you to become a member of this committee and help plan the projects that will enable the Local to be ready for bargaining in 2012. With the pressure of bargaining reduced by the five year deal, your committee will now have time to do the research necessary to support the issues your bargaining unit will want to bring to the table in the next round.

Interested teachers are asked to email Patti: bn1987@telus.net or Gerry: gmchugh@telusplanet.net The first meeting of the EPC is scheduled for Tuesday, November 25, at 4:30pm, in Room 302, at Barnett House.

INTERVISITATION GRANTS

The Local has received a number of inquiries regarding whether or not the half day Intervisitation Grants are available. The PD Committee, with this year's budget in mind, will announce whether this opportunity will be available after January. Details will be posted in the Intercom. For your information, if code 40 (Intervisitation) is used before the monies are budgeted, the code will be changed to 84 (School to pay).

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

*"Education is simply the soul of a society
as it passes from one generation to another."*

~GK Chesterton (1874-1936) English writer

Meetings and Events

Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2008

Economic Policy Com. Mtg.,
4:30pm, Room 302, Barnett House

Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2008

PD Book Share, 4:30pm,
Room 140, Barnett House

Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2008

Council Meeting #03 will
begin at 5pm. Bring a friend
to join us for Christmas
Cheer immediately following
Council.

Thursday, Dec. 4, 2008

Substitute Meeting, 7pm,
St. James School, 7814-83 St.
Limited to 25; registration
required by phoning the
Local 780-451-1196.

Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2008

Executive Mtg. #04, 4:30pm,
Room 406, Barnett House

Dec. 22 - January 2, 2009

Local office closed for the
Christmas holidays!

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Council Dates:

Tuesday, Dec. 2/08-
Christmas Cheer

Tuesday, January 20/09

Tuesday, Feb. 24/09

Tuesday, March 17/09

Tuesday, April 21/09

Tuesday, June 2/09