

COUNCIL MEETING #08-June 5, 2007

Council meeting #08 will deal with next year's budget and the election of Executive positions and committee chairs. Included in this week's mailing is a list of the duties and responsibilities of the Executive positions available, as well as a list of committees requiring chairpeople. Please take some time to consider becoming involved in the Local. If you are interested in an Executive position, complete the Executive information sheet sent out to schools on May 10 and fax it to the Local (454-1250).

HAVE YOU SENT THE LOCAL YOUR GRANT IN AID FOR REIMBURSEMENT?

A friendly reminder: To ensure your grant in aid for 2006-2007 is eligible for reimbursement from the Local, you must send your Grant In Aid form with proof of attendance at your approved conference along with your expenses **before Friday, June 8**. The financial year at the Local now closes on June 30. Grants received after June 8 cannot be processed.

OPPORTUNITY FOR NEWLY APPOINTED ADMIN!

The Educational Leadership Academy (ELA) will be held this summer from July 8-12 at the Banff Centre in Banff, Alberta. The Academy program is directed towards aspiring leaders whose goals are to achieve and maintain effective schools through strong leadership. Keynote speaker: Dr. Joseph Murphy presenting on *Learning-Focused Leadership*. The Local will sponsor one newly appointed principal or assistant principal to attend this worthwhile professional development opportunity. If you will be a new administrator in the Fall and are interested in attending this academy, please fax your name and email address to the Local office (454-1250) before May 31. We will draw one name from the submissions. The \$990 sponsorship fee covers tuition, a resource book, materials, meals, accommodation and GST. For more information concerning the Academy, please contact your school ATA rep.

ACTION FOR TEACHERS RE: UNFUNDED LIABILITY

Teachers are encouraged to immediately visit, email or write their MLA and Premier Ed Stelmach to voice concerns related to insufficient funding to education in the government's 2007 budget.

The Association will begin placing radio advertisements highlighting the funding issue on June 1, 2007. The ads will encourage listeners to visit www.budgetmore.com for more information about education funding and to send a message to the government.

Words of Inspiration

"Progress is like a wheelbarrow.
If you don't keep pushing it, it stops." ~ W.G.P.

Included in this mailing: Memorandum re: Employment Insurance online application. Please share with teachers holding probationary, temporary, interim contracts and substitutes (yellow)

Printed on the back: Message from the President

Meetings/Events

Tuesday, May 29, 2007

Emergent Executive Mtg.,
4:30pm, Room 410, Barnett House

Thursday, May 31, 2007

Deadline for entering the
draw for ELA Conference
sponsorship (newly appointed
admin only)

Friday, June 1, 2007

Application deadline for the
Bernie Lemay Junior High
School Technology Scholarship

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

Final Council Meeting for this
year! 6pm, Auditorium, Bar-
nett House. Sandwiches
ready at 5:30pm.

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Final Executive Meeting for
this year! 4:30pm, Room
406, Barnett House

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Council Dates:

Tuesday, June 5/07

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION:

Thursday, June 14/07

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The ATA's 90th Annual Representative Assembly took place this past week-end in Edmonton and numerous issues were dealt with which will serve to provide Provincial Executive Council with direction for the upcoming year. The Saturday morning address by Minister Liepert was instrumental in galvanizing the resolve of the 450 teachers present, by motivating them to become significantly more politically active in light of this government's apparent disinterest in working collaboratively with the Association to deal with the issues facing the parties. The Government's move to delay any solution to the UFL, until a "Task Force" meets and presents findings sometime next Fall, was not well received. The 3% increase to the Education Budget along with Minister Liepert's comment that the combined \$220,000,000 surplus held by Boards could be used to enhance salary settlements to meet inflation, was met with abject derision. It is now very obvious that the upcoming year will be fraught with the potential for labour unrest unless teachers are willing to engage in a campaign of action to encourage this Government to change its attitude about K -12 education.

I will be sharing with you a great deal more information over the next few weeks and I would like to sincerely thank those schools who have already had me out to speak to their staffs – I am both gratified and pleased that many have already begun their letter writing campaign!

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the 25 ARA delegates who gave up their May long weekend to represent the teachers of Edmonton Catholic:

Alana Graham - St Matthew

Angie Bober - Guardian Angel Program

Danny Kinal - Mary Hanley

Greg Chin - Archbishop Joseph McNeil

Jeff Johnson - St Brendan

Kyle Porter – Our Lady of Prairies

Lynn Koss – Bishop Greschuk

Markiana Cyncar-Hryschuk – St James

Pina Hackman – St Dominic

Ron Zacharko - St Benedict

Aaron Ball - St Leo

Margaret Jaros – Ben Calf Robe/St Clare

Amy Cooper – LSS

Azza Ghali - Father Leo Green

Floriana Bruni-Bossio – Grandin

Jeff Girard – Our Lady of the Prairies

Kathy MacIassac – St Francis Xavier HS

Lise Audet – Bishop Greschuk

Lynn Smarsh – St Joseph HS

Patti Clancy-Novosel – Holy Trinity HS

Ray Rouleau – St Mary

Sandy Gillis –St Basil

Lauren Podlubny – St Gabriel

Rob Jong - Louis Saint Laurent HS

Thank you everyone!

Shannon McElroy, President