

## LOCAL ACCEPTS MEMORANDUM BY 98.3%

Thank you to all who attended the General Assembly of the Bargaining Unit on Tuesday, January 15 at the Mayfield Convention Centre. By our calculation there were 1018 votes cast in favour of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Local and Board. The UFL memorandum votes were returned to the ATA offices where they will be counted on or about January 31, 2008 if all 62 bargaining units are settled. At present there are 35 bargaining units that have memorandums. We wish to express our appreciation to all who attended for their promptness, their patience and their cooperation and assistance as we dealt with such a large group. You impressed us, our guests and our visitors. ~Gerry McHugh, Executive Director

## GETCA BUS PASSES - limited availability

Two day bus passes for use during teachers' convention Feb. 28/29 will be available at both the January 22 and February 26 Council meetings at a cost of \$7.00 each. We ask the reps to purchase passes needed by their staff members. Substitutes may pick up passes at the Local office after January 22, 2008.

## MAURICE LACROIX, Local President 1998-2000 Passes Away

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Past President Maurice Lacroix. An avid golfer and computer techie, Maurice retired from teaching in 2002 and continued working on both his game and tech skills. During his many years with our Local he was highly involved in GETCA activities. As President he was greatly concerned with teacher wellness. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time.

## ATTENDANCE AT TEACHERS' CONVENTION-Legal obligation

This year the Greater Edmonton Teachers' Convention will take place on February 28 and 29, 2008. Please note: In addition to having a professional obligation to attend convention, Alberta Teachers have a **legal** obligation. Section 97 (1)(d) of the School Act defines "teaching day" to include the two days per year on which teachers' conventions are held which are "authorized by the ATA". Teachers are required to attend convention for the same time they would be paid on a regular teaching day. Teachers who are absent w/o permission may lose 1/200 of their salary for each day absent and may be subject to disciplinary action by their employer. Teachers have been suspended as a result of non-attendance.

## 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 was printed on the reverse side of last 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

"Aspire to inspire before you expire." ~Anonymous

## Meetings and Events

### Thursday, Jan. 17, 2008

Political Engagement  
Committee Mtg., 4:00pm,  
Room 402, Barnett House

### Week of Jan. 20-26, 2008

Week of Prayer for  
Christian Unity

### 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

### Monday, Feb. 4, 2008

Political Engagement  
Committee Mtg., 4:30pm,  
Room 410, Barnett House

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[www.local54.teachers.ab.ca](http://www.local54.teachers.ab.ca)

## 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