

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT: Hello everyone,

We had an incredible turnout again last night at our final Council meeting that included the election of executive liaisons and committee chairs. Thank you to all school representatives who continue to take your roles seriously and play an integral part in the operation of our Local. Our question period is always interesting and last night a very pertinent question regarding our role as union or association arose. Mark Ramsankar, one of our provincial vice-presidents, gave an in-depth answer and I would like to add that almost all we do as a local group alongside our provincial association is related to professional development. In saying this, we also value to the highest degree, the work done with collective agreements, teacher welfare and working conditions. As teachers, we are in a very enviable position and, as such, we make every effort to support any worker who is unionized or attempting to do so. Our own Catholic tradition has much to say about the value of organized labor and our church played a significant role in the establishing of worker unions in the early part of the twentieth century. We might reflect on the role of the worker in light of the economic realities of our day and the effect of technology and outsourcing that is happening at an incredible rate. Even in our supermarkets we see the number of self check-out systems coming into play. Pet peeve coming up! For every self-serve, I see a displaced worker and, on one occasion, when I was approached to move to one because of a line-up at the "person checkout," I told the young man that I was a believer in unions and would not use the self checkout. He quietly said thank-you and, even though he was a union member, found that he was unable to talk about the proliferation of self checkouts out of fear of reprimand! Our next couple of Intercoms will focus on looking back on a year that has literally flown by. In this, the busiest month for us all, I urge everyone to step back at least once a day and find some quiet time to just "sit". Sit in stillness and be assured that your service to students and each other is cherished and the work you do is amazing. Take the second of time to pat someone on the back and say "Only 19 sleeps to go!" Take care, *Sandy*

SCHOOL OPENING MASS

The School Opening Mass is scheduled for Tuesday, August 31 at the Winspear Centre. We ask that staff gather for the welcoming at 8:30am so that the Mass can begin promptly at 9:00am. If you would like to volunteer to be an **usher**, please email: Azza.Ghali@ecsd.net or Daniel.Alba@ecsd.net Rehearsal for ushers, 5pm, August 30 at the Winspear. Anyone interested in joining the **choir** may contact: Raymond.McLellan@ecsd.net Rehearsals for singers, 6pm, August 29 at Romero High; 6pm, August 30 at the Winspear.

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION: June 22nd

This year's President's Reception will take place on Tuesday, June 22nd from 7-9pm at the Highlands Golf Club. Invitations have been sent to all who have served our Local this year. RSVP to: jan.bossmin@ecteachers.ca

MAKE YOUR VOICES HEARD!

How is reporting student progress online (or digitally) impacting your work?

Contribute your voice before June 30, 2010: www.dreporting.ca

The ATA, in collaboration with researchers from the U of A and the Alberta Assessment Consortium, is conducting a comprehensive analysis of the growing uses of online and digital student reporting platforms across the province. The goal of this study is to assess this growing trend and impact on teachers' workload and student learning, as well as on overall assessment practices. The survey will take less than ten minutes, and contribute to a deeper understanding of this issue.

JOIN OUR DRAGON BOAT RACING TEAM!!!

Our Local's Dragon Boat team is looking for a few more paddlers! If you would like to be part of the fun this summer (August 20-22nd), please email our Communications Chair: Christopher.Ferguson@ecsd.net

Meetings and Events

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

Executive members' dinner with the Minister of Education, 5pm, Barnett House

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Teacher Retirement Reception Committee Debrief Mtg., 5pm.

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Local Executive will attend the Trustee Dinner at 4:30pm, Catholic Education Services Building

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

7-9pm, President's Reception, Highland Golf Club.

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Last day of classes! Local office closes for the summer

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Included in this mailing:

1. Under separate cover: Invitations to this year's President's Reception.
2. Council Grants in Aid

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

"When you cease to make a contribution you begin to die."
~Eleanor Roosevelt

DECISION 2010!!!! Member involvement at an all time high!

How wonderful it was to see the democratic process in action at our Council meeting on June 8th! The auditorium at Barnett House was full of positive energy and enthusiasm as we elected our Executive and committee chairs for 2010/11. Sincere thanks to all teachers who let their names stand for election to one of the 22 positions available. Congratulations to the following individuals (We know that you will serve our members well):

Edmonton Catholic Teachers Local Executive for 2010/11

President: Sandy Gillis

Vice President: Greg Carabine

Vice President: Jonathan Sharek

Past President: Patricia Clancy-Novosel

Member Services Liaison: Sandra Esposito

Teacher Welfare Liaison: Wayne Prokopiw

Communications and Public Relations Liaison: Mark Martin

Governance Liaison: Darrin Bauer

Professional Development Liaison: Azza Ghali

Social Justice Liaison: Amy Cooper

GETCA Liaison: Christine Bowers

Substitute Teacher Liaison: Dolores Gillett

Executive Director: Kathy Maclsaac

Chairs of Standing Committees

Constitution: Darrin Bauer

Elections: Ron Zacharko

Communications: Chris Ferguson

Political Engagement: Janet Davies-Davis

Professional Development: Christine Bowers

Diversity, Equity & Human Rights: Lynn Smarsh

School Opening Mass: Floriana Bruni-Bossio

Teacher Retirement Reception: Denis Gauthier

New Teacher Induction: Melanie Mercier

Scholarships and Bursaries: Angie Bober

Social: Bert Facciotti, Jack Wrotniak

Representatives for Ad Hoc Committees

EAFEC (Edmonton Area Field Experiences Committee): Denise Adolf and Karen Lupul

CSJAFEC (Campus St Jean Area Field Experiences Committee): Kristina Kastelan-Sikora

Representatives for 2011 Teachers' Convention Committee (GETCA)

Jeff Girard, Christine Bowers, Marlene Forest-Wallace, Paul Begoray, Alex Buttgieg and Marcelle Labossiere.