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COMMUNICATION COMES ALIVE!

"Stand Up" for Real Learning

Kudos to Chris Ferguson, Local Communications Officer and teacher at St Francis Xavier High School for organizing our Local's first ever comedy night entitled "Real Learning: No Laughing Matter" which was held at the Walkabout Pub on Whyte Avenue last Monday evening. In addition to an upbeat presentation by Dr Stephen Murgatroyd on how we, as committed professionals, can move Alberta schools forward, teachers and their guests were entertained by the superb comedic talents of one of our very own---teacher Matt Wojicki--- from Holy Trinity High School.

For information about the ATA's Real Learning First initiative, go to

www.reallearningfirst.ca

Also, be sure to check out this website about the future of Alberta schools:

www.gopetition.com/online/35101

THE DRAGON ROARS AGAIN!

If you would like to paddle the North Saskatchewan this summer and have not yet signed up to be a part of the Local's Dragon Boat team, be sure to email chris.ferguson@ecsd.net for all the details!



Message from our President

Hello everyone,

Congratulations! You made it to the end of another wonderful, but very taxing year. As we go into a summer of rest and renewal, may you all experience many moments of relaxation and rejuvenation. Many of us are beginning anew in other communities in September and I am sure that the uneasiness we feel will be swept away as we are welcomed by colleagues who care for us. To all of our temporary folk who we lovingly refer to as TCs who have not yet been placed... I wish you calmness of heart as you await news in the fall. To those who will not be with us in the new year for whatever reason... I wish you peace. To all our retirees... may your coming years be fruitful and lingering; may you find joy in all you do and be blessed with memories of a job well done. You have been part of the most important of professions and touched countless lives. When you get a moment, sign on to the website and stay in touch.

Until we meet in Eucharist on August 31st--- stay safe and enjoy every minute. Take care and thank you for all you are and do! ~Sandy

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LOCAL 54 ON THE MOVE!



Come September, visit us in our new (temporary) digs on the 5th floor of Barnett House as the renovations to the whole building continue.

AMAZING EFFORTS IN 21ST CENTURY LEARNING

How can we be not amazed by the quality of teaching and dedication of teachers in our Local?

With the increasing workloads and demands on our time, so many continue to take on responsibilities that they believe will benefit children. The following tries to capture one such project and I hope that by including the names of the "leads" involved, we will all be impressed and thankful for their efforts. Last week I attended, along with one group of the lead teachers and administrators, the year end wrap-up of the first year of the AISI Inquiry's 21st Century Learning project.

For the longest time AISI has been one of those frustrating four letter words ☺ that has consultants and school districts scrambling every three years to make every effort to keep the momentum going. In year one of this inquiry project, lead teachers were asked to build the foundations and understanding of how inquiry-based learning strategies are a catalyst for 21st century learning goals. Those lead teachers worked at internalizing these understandings by implementing inquiry-based strategies and methods in their classrooms within a focused subject area.

Along with the listing of teams, we acknowledge the work of our consultant teachers: Carol Durnford (Science), Heidi Dempsey (Social Studies) and Joe Estephan (Mathematics).

Principal	Lead Teachers	Principal	Lead Teachers	Principal	Lead Teachers
Lesia Huk	Lydia Murphy Karol Wawrykowicz	Reny Clericuzio	Michael Leskow Marianella Amador	Dwain Tymchyshyn	Andrew Patan Karen Campbell
Susan Makale	Kristen Granger Sandra Gallucci	Lucille Charrois	Jennifer Gluwchynski Peggy Kehoe	Boyan Yarovenko	Sophia DeRose Meghan St. Pierre
Melanie Mazurek	Darlene Payne Dan Meunier	Dan Haley	Susie Haracsi-Rotella Sarah Van't Veld (Doiron)	Felicia Iacchelli	Amber Morgan-Manchuk Danny Forestier
Danielle Fortier	Marie-Claude Laplante Anita Ostapek	Corinne King	Stephanie Saban Sheila Crane	Jackie Dahlen	Danny Forestier Michelle Robinson
Danita Power	Chris Pardell Elizabeth Devlin	Theresa Antonakis	Angela Rozycski Kim Mallon	Dan Friedt	Yvonne Zalewski-Evoy Helen Hohmann
Michelle Dupuis	Janice Barton Christine Kennerd	Dean Sullivan	David Plante Paula Driscoll	Anne Marie Duvoid	Fran Toohey-Connolly Peter Medina
Genevieve Keleman	Salvador Galdamez John Moskalyk	Irene Washytk	Kim Nisbet Laura Usenik	Santo Saporito / Don Andrews	Nadine Emsley Christina Fielden
Darrin DeForge	Karen Martinovic Theresa Guzzo	Marilyn Landreville	Kristy McCoy Pam Porter	Kathy Dekker	Rita McKinnon Norm Bartel
Eugenia Kowalczyk	Craig Bialowas Warren Letchford	Sheron Jonzon	Lindsay D'Agostini Gina Hanevich	Cyndy Wosnack	Lindsay Abel Lorlie Hamstra
Joanne Friedt Mark Sylvestre	Jenny Fata Sharon Brodie	Rhonda Lang	Colleen Sibley Anne Malcolm	Ursula Kernaghan	Karen Sacobie Mark Martin
Ida Poulin	Tony Martino Nina Stevens	Maria Suchocki	Artemis Hartt Audrey Huculak	Dan Donnelly	Jeremy Hohmann Janet West
Terry Volk	Brad Starratt Richard Harris	Barb Brochu	Brian Elgie Curtis McCann	Agnes Olansky	Jennifer Kellington Eugene Hirniak
Mona Dombroski Joe Naccarato	Robert Tait Krista Long	Nancy Bergeron	Nicole Cunningham Natalie Harasymiw	Patrick Lema	Karen Robinson Mellisa Mall
Suzanne Szojka	Jackie Flynn Lisa Yaworski	Simon Pryma	Tamara Horpyniuk Patti Fleger	Wendy Robinson	Lydia Heesing Bob Boyechko
Sandy Gillis / Karen Craig	Brad Tyler Michele Nash	Marie Whelan / Margo McGee	John Korassa Susanna Nigro	Phebe Switzer	Jennifer Zubot Greg MacDougall
George Antonakis	Monica Murphy Connie Roy	Mike Kovacs	Mary Kate Edmondson Caroline Henderson	Nicoletta Papanicolas	Melissa Custodio Krista MacGregor
Brett Mackey	Leanne Aura Pablo Haro	Leo Letourneau	Sarah Fedoration Gail Jenkins		Leana Perri Paul Martel
Kathy Sosnowski	Bernie MacGregor Valerie Sandford	Doris Leboldus-Campbell	Vince Isaac Lori Lundeen		
Jeff Fillion	Corinne Peacher James Stuart	Ken Pyra			
Troy Davies	Renee Shevalier-Lavin Monique Mouallem	Bev Smitten	Brian Birch Twyla Wyllie		
Kim Brophy	Jennifer Deforge Brooke Kuntz	Cathy Kaup	Barb Brilz Maria Kantolic		
		Lorraine Pense	Dianne Laurensse Reno D'Astous		



YEAR END" TRIVIA CONTEST

Over the course of the year, you---our teachers-- have given your time, energy, and support to the Local in so many ways. THANK-YOU!

-Of the approximately 2000 Edmonton Catholic teachers, how many got directly involved in Local committees, events and activities during the 2009/10 school year?

To win dinner at a local restaurant, be the first to email Kathy with the correct answer at:

kathy.macisaac@ecteachers.ca

