



Beautiful Plains Teachers' Association
Wednesday, November 1, 2023
4:30 pm at NMS

In attendance: Allen Hanke (HMK)
Loretta Keller (HMK)
Michelle Kolbe (NMS)
Dale Swanton (NACI)
Brent Boyle (CC)
Gary Salmon (CC)

Kerry Turner (NACI)
Robyn Forsman (Brookdale)
Denise Selewich (NMS)
Hylin McLaren (HMK)
Alexa Hulme (Twilight)
Laurie Robson (RJW)

Regrets: Julie Van Kommer (DO)

1. **Call to Order** - 4:35 p.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion: Moved by Kerry and seconded by Denise that the agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion: Moved by Gary and seconded by Hylin that the minutes for October 2023 be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

4. **Business Arising from Minutes**

a) BPTA/Board supper – Feedback was positive from our executive and from Superintendent Young and the Board members.

b) Wellness Chair - name put forward

Motion - Moved by Mikki and seconded by Denise that Marina Cewick be appointed the Wellness Chair for the remainder of the 2023-24 year.

CARRIED

c) Executive are to email Gary if they are missing school for BPTA/MTS business.

d) BPTA meeting schedule for the remainder of the year. Location and times were set.

Neepawa – September, November, December, January, February

Carberry – October, March, April, May

AGM will be held in Neepawa on May 29th at 4:45 p.m. Location TBD.

If a meeting was to move to Zoom due to weather conditions. The meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m.

5. Board Meetings Previously Attended

a) Oct. 17 – Gary – the board package and a short summary was provided. Topics included contract negotiations, audit, and the upcoming Trustee convention.

6. Treasurer's Report – Robyn Forsman

Motion: Moved by Robyn and seconded by Dale that the Treasurer's report for October be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

7. President's Report - Allen Hanke

(report submitted)

- Southwest/Parkland Regional President's meeting Oct 16, 2023
 - Some issues brought up
 - Extended day in small schools (RRSD)
 - Class sizes creeping up (TM)
 - Teacher assaulted by 2 students (SW)
 - Talked about Provincial council and preparing members to be part of the bigger meeting (will discuss further under New Business)
- President's Council meeting October 21, 2023
 - TW has two more staff officers on leave, and our analyst has left MTS to work for the NDP
 - 7 of 12 staff officers have been on leave in last while
 - Questions around why so many staff officers going on leave?
 - MTS and PX are actively working on this to try to find out if there is some identifiable cause
 - EI rebate issue
 - PD was on power and privilege in Canada (Dr. Amy Tan; handout to be emailed to executive)
 - Interesting looking at this – realize how much privilege a person has

8. Committee Reports

a. Collective Bargaining – Gary Salmon

No report

b. Professional Development – Julie Van Kommer and Loretta Keller

Loretta will be attending the Fall Seminar in Winnipeg on November 3rd and 4th. The divisional PD meeting will be held on November 20th at the Division Office.

c. Equity & Social Justice – Denise Selewich and Alexa Hulme

Alexa will be attending the Fall Seminar on November 17th and 18th in Winnipeg.

d. Liaison - Allen Hanke

No report

e. Workplace Safety & Health - Kerry Turner

(report submitted)

Annual School Inspections were conducted on Oct. 25, 2023 in the South end (CC, RJW and Brookdale). Some areas of concern were the amount of paper on the walls. The allowable percent in the hallways is 5% of wall area and the classroom is 20% of wall area. Restrict paper to bulletin boards and fasten at all corners. In hallways and classrooms: decorations for events/projects, above the allowable percentages, are temporary and should be removed as soon as the event is completed.

Next **WSH Division meeting** is **Dec. 5** via ZOOM. If you have any questions or concerns regarding Workplace Safety and Health, please contact your school's WSH representative, Allen Hanke, or Kerry Turner.

f. Education Finance - Dale Swanton

The October provincial meeting has been moved to November 4th.

g. Indigenous Education Issues - Michelle Kolbe

The provincial Fall Seminar will be on November 24th and 25th.

h. Public Relations – Brent Boyle

- April will be the next newsletter.
- Bookmarks have been ordered to hand out to students either at Christmas parades or schools.

i. Employee Benefits – Hylin McLaren

The fall seminar was in October. The highlights from the event can be found in the newsletter.

j. Wellness – vacant

This position was filled earlier in the meeting through a motion.

9. New Business

- a) Provincial Council: information on delegates and alternates was provided. Thursday afternoon and Saturday afternoon sessions have been added to this year's AGM.

10. Upcoming Board Coverage

Nov 7 – Robyn
Nov 21 – Allen
Dec 5 – Mikki
Dec 19 – Gary

Jan 2 -
Jan 16 – Hylin
Feb 6 - Loretta
Feb 20 - Mikki
Mar 5 - Kerry
Mar 19 - Brent
Apr 2 - Loretta
Apr 16 - Alexa
May 7 - Denise
May 21 - Dale
Jun 4 - Al
Jun 18 – Kerry

11. Next Meeting- Wednesday, December 6th, 4:30 pm at NMS

12. Adjournment 5:30 p.m.