



Beautiful Plains Teachers' Association

Wednesday, January 10th, 2024

4:30 pm at NMS

In attendance: Allen Hanke (HMK)

Loretta Keller (HMK)

Michelle Kolbe (NMS)

Kerry Turner (NACI)

Gary Salmon (CC)

Hylin McLaren (HMK)

Regrets: Robyn Forsman (Brookdale), Alexa Hulme (Twilight), Dale Swanton, (NACI), Laurie Robson (RJW), Marina Cewick (NMS), Julie Van Kommer (DO), Denise Selewich (NMS), Brent Boyle (CC)

1. Call to Order 4:34 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Moved by Gary and seconded by Kerry that the agenda be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes

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

CARRIED

4. Business Arising from Minutes

a) Executive members are to email Gary if you will be missing school for BPTA/MTS business. Four days have been used as of the January 10th meeting.

b) Provincial Council: May 23rd, 24th, and 25th

Delegates and alternates to be decided. Mikki, Gary, and Brent have expressed interest in going.

c) BPTA Binders – will be collected from past BPTA executive members.

5. Board Meetings Previously Attended

a) Dec 19th – Gary – the board package and a brief overview was provided.

6. Treasurer's Report – Robyn Forsman (absent)

Report and Motion tabled to the next meeting.

7. President's Report - Allen Hanke

Glenn Anderson email regarding the EI rebate. Allen will check with Shannon and report back on how it will affect us moving forward.

- Teacher Welfare is back to regular staffing complement

- Danielle Fullan Kolton's leave has been extended; Roland Stankevicius has been appointed interim executive director as Danielle recovers

- Regional meeting is on January 22nd in Dauphin .
 - possible AGM resolutions is a topic for this
- President's Council meeting is on January 27th in Winnipeg.

8. Committee Reports

a. Collective Bargaining – Gary Salmon

No report

b. Professional Development – Julie Van Kommer and Loretta Keller

- The February Inservice is on the 12th and 13th at the Yellowhead in Neepawa. A poster with a link to a survey is being sent out to all staff attending. They will be asked to fill out the survey before the training.
- The next PD meeting is on February 5th at the Division Office.
- Planning has begun for the 2024/25 school year.
- The Winter PD seminar is on February 2nd and 3rd, Julie will be attending.

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

- Alexa will be attending the ESJ Winter Seminar in Winnipeg on February 23rd and 24th.
- Alexa is in the process of completing a newsletter from the Fall seminar, it should be finished within the next week or two.

d. Liaison - Allen Hanke

No report

e. Workplace Safety & Health - Kerry Turner

No Report

f. Education Finance - Dale Swanton (absent)

No report

g. Indigenous Education Issues - Michelle Kolbe

(submitted report)

I attended the Indigenous Voice and Action Chairs' Fall Seminar on Nov. 24 and 25, 2024. The topics presented were:

1. Nehtho Law and Sovereignty, presented by Sylvia McAdam
2. Anishinabe Law and Sovereignty, presented by Dawnis Kennedy
3. Skirting Around Colonialism, presented by Sylvia McAdam
4. Group work collaboration of Indigenous Chairs to create an Indigenous Specific Racism Anti-Racism Protocol resource for MTS teachers, facilitated by Sheila MacLean
5. Red Dress Making initiative, hosted by Sarah Gazan, MTS

6. Wellness Workshop (Indigenous concept-based) hosted by Virginia Birch

The main focus of these 2 days were for Indigenous Chairs to be able to learn, listen, participate and collaborate about the themes presented.

An update was given to the BPTA regarding the “Call for Papers” for the MTS magazine, Spring 2024. Teachers, who identify as BIPOC are invited to share their contributions to the “Takeover” edition.

A further report and discussion was held amongst local BPTA members regarding the conversation that was held at the Fall 2023 Indigenous Chair seminar in which local Indigenous Chairs voiced their concerns and feedback about the “Takeover” proposal.

h. Public Relations – Brent Boyle (absent)

No report

i. Employee Benefits – Hylin McLaren

No report

j. Wellness – Marina Cewick (absent)

No report

9. New Business

No new business

10. Upcoming Board Coverage

Jan 16 – Hylin

Feb 6 - Loretta

Feb 20 - Mikki

Mar 5 - Kerry

Mar 19 - Brent

Apr 2 - Robyn

Apr 16 - Alexa

May 7 - Denise

May 21 - Dale

Jun 4 - Allen

Jun 18 – Kerry

11. Next meetings:

(Reminder: all meetings are at 4:30 UNLESS we change it to a Zoom meeting, which would start at 5:00)

Feb 7, location: NMS

March 6, location: CC

Apr 3, location: CC

May 1, location: CC

AGM: May 29, location NACI at 4:45

12. Next Meeting- Wednesday, February 7th, at 4:30 at NMS .

13. Adjournment 5:05 p.m.