

FCTA Winter General Meeting

Minutes

February 12, 2014

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Regrets: Lunde, Hrynyk, Peters, Lane, McLachlan

A. Call to Order

1. Approval of Agenda: Asdal/Stewart, carried.
2. Approval of Minutes: January 8, 2014: Wilkins/Araki, carried.

B. School Reports

CEB: Carnival on Feb. 13

Kent: 3 part-time positions just posted

Silver Creek: Lack of services as Counsellor and ESL position not filled.

Coquihalla: 9 SEA's; high needs SpEd students. FSA: 25% plus did not write.

HHES: Not present.

Student Services: New 1- month international ESL programs at AESS. Difficulty in filling ESL assistant position.

HSS: Discussion around the difficulty in retaining shop teachers at HSS.

C. Committee Reports

1. President:

HSS: Met with superintendent following concerns raised at last executive meeting re difficulty in keeping shop teachers. Summarized that conversation in an email to executive. Since then a non-certified teacher has been hired.

Bill 27/28 Court Decision: The Government is appealing the decision. They may apply for a stay which will stop the new language being put in place until the appeal is heard.

Bargaining: No progress at the bargaining table after one year. The public is now more aware of the unconstitutional actions of the government. Press coverage has been in our favour. BCTF is proposing a 3-stage action plan similar to last year: phase 1 - withdrawal of some services, eg supervision, phase 2 – rotating 1-day strike and phase 3 – full strike. Timing of vote to be decided by BCTF executive. There will be a vote before phase 1 and 3.

2. Pro-D Chair:

MOTION: To re-evaluate and change the current mentorship program: Koopman/Macintosh; carried.

MOTION: To change the pro-d amount given to part-time teachers to \$350. Koopman/Macintosh.

MOTION: To request \$1000 to be put aside to pay for teachers' lunch at the district pro-d day. Koopman/Wilkins. To be discussed: Should the money come out of the pro-d budget or dues?

MOTION: That the FTCA Teach-Meet be organized for Aug. 25 held at Hope Secondary. Koopman/Perna.

3. Treasurer

Current Funds: Chequing: \$38,607.95; Savings: \$20,333.07; Term Deposit: \$51,966.38; Shares: \$42.90; Total:\$110,950.30

4. District Committees:

Tabled

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D. Any Other Business

None

E. New Business

BCTF AGM: March 15-18, 2014.

Truls Asdal and Lynne Marvell are automatic delegates; need two more.

Jon Polishak and Natasha Roste were nominated and elected by acclamation.

Election of First-Vice President: former FVP resigned; Shannon Perna elected by acclamation.

School Calendar: FCTA vote next week. Three options:

1. Status Quo,
 2. Year around (three months on and one month off),
 3. 3-week winter break, returning one week early after summer
- The option that gets 50% + 1 vote will be negotiated with the board.

Appointment of Special Education Co-coordinator: Discussion.

MOTION: Direct the president to investigate the appointment of a non-teacher supervising teachers. William, Wilkins; carried.

F. Next Meeting: FCTA AGM

Date: **Thursday, April 10, 2014**

Time: **5:00 p.m.**

Location: **Harrison Hot Springs Hotel**

MOTION to adjourn: Stuart, Wilkins. Carried.