

AGENDA

Group/Committee Name:	2016-2017 Pine Creek Teachers' Association
Date and Time:	Thursday, January 26th, 4:30 pm
Location:	MCI
Those In Attendance	Mark B., Mary H., Nicole L., Joshua W., Jason L., Cameron W., Diana M. B., Tim K., Steven W., Mike T., Krystal N., Alana M.

Regrets: Wilf L., Ardin M.,

1. Items for Decision

- .01 Adoption of Agenda - Jason/Tim "That the agenda be adopted."
- .02 Adoption of Minutes (last regular meeting) – Mark/Mike "That the minutes be adopted as circulated."

2. Items for Discussion

- .01 Pre-Paid Credit Card – working on cards for next year – What dollar amount are we looking at? \$1000?
- .02 Prep Time – not getting enough prep time – speak out if you know of teachers within our Division who feel they don't get enough scheduled prep time
- .03 Dental Plan – should have received Blue Cross Dental cards by now
- .05 Western Presidents – not being funded by them – PCTA will fund for this – Diana M. B. moved "ongoing funding for PCTA" / Krystal seconded it
- .06 Policy/ Wilf – Are the policies being updated on a regular basis.
- .07 TRAF – March 2nd is TRAF – you can find more information in MyProfile
- .08 PCSD Budget – Jason L. Cameron W. were part of it – SDL – (Student Directed Learning) – they want to look more into SDL

3. Items for Information

- .01 President – constitution – all divisions will have the same templates
- .02 Vice President -
- .03 Treasurer
 - Budget Report

.04 Committee Reports

Presidents Report 2016/ December 1st – Cameron Watson

I have had a slower December/ January than expected. I have addressed a number of member concerns about the dental plan, PCTA administration, administrations issues, storm day policy, TRAF, EF Tours.

I added up the emails (37), texts (3), meetings (9), and phone calls (6) I have addressed or participated in since our last meeting. I attended the Western President meeting on January 18th to discuss regional issues and solutions. In addition to the Western Presidents meeting, I attended a President's Council meeting in Winnipeg on January 21st.

Bargaining Chair – Mike Toews

No Report

Benefits – Diana Mae Boychuk

Below is the letter from Glen that I received on Dec 9th regarding the TRAF Early and Mid-Career Pension Sustainability seminars for teachers. To date, we have 27 Pine Creek staff that have RSVP'd, and Glen has assured me that the Teachers' Association of the neighbouring school divisions will be included in the memos to be sent out "late January".

Hello,

At the request of Pine Creek TA we have added another Early Mid-Career Pension Sustainability Seminar to the schedule. It will occur in Gladstone, at the Collegiate, on Thursday March 2nd from 5:00 to 7:30 pm. As your members are within the vicinity the seminar will also be open to your members. At this time please feel free to let your members know of the seminar, as often as you want and through methods available to you, even though the actual memos to colleagues and posters for schools will not be sent until late January. The registration site will be live Monday December 12th and can be accessed through 'my profile' on the MTS website.

As mentioned I will be sending out memos to the Secretary Treasurers for dissemination in late January along with posters for schools.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns

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On January 24, there was an update from Billie Couture regarding the Benefits Regional Meetings. The intent of the meeting is to inform members of each region on:

- the new MPSE benefits trust
- provide info on the Preferred Pharmacy network
- describe the status of the Disability Benefits plan
- provide info on the disposition of resolutions B14 and BA 4 from the 2016 AGM
- Give a synopsis of the Early and Mid-Career Pension Sustainability seminars.

Professional Development Report – Krystal Nicholls

PD report

Carlee Blyth accessed the PD funds for \$200. We need to get a cheque to her.

There have been inquiries about accessing the PD funds so hopefully we will see this being used further.

I will be attending the winter PD chair seminar on Friday, February 10 and Saturday, February 11.

No committee meeting until April or May. (Date to be determined after spring break.)

Vice President's Report – January 26, 2017 – Nicole Lehmann

Since our last Executive meeting, I have:

- Been involved in discussions with PCTA President on a variety of topics
- Had discussions with the Past President regarding questionable PCSD policies
- Had discussions with the Ed Finance Chair regarding his recent presentation to the Board.
- Addressed some questions from PCTA members

TREASURER'S REPORT: January 26, 2017 – Mark Bjorgford

Activity since last meeting:

- Paid ad rental to Gladstone Arena - \$150
- Met with Santos Vithanage at Hambly McKay. I am still waiting to receive his review and financial statements.
- I was scheduled to meet with Ruth at Stride Credit Union before Christmas to discuss the logistics of a PCTA credit card or cash card. The meeting was cancelled due to snow storm. I am meeting with her on Friday.

ESJ Report - Tim Klein

I will be attending the ESJ Winter Seminar on February 24 and 25. I had applied to the PD Committee about attending the Educating for Action Conference and I will be one of the attendees from Pine Creek. I will be attending the Educating for Action Conference on April 20 and 21 – I have signed up for several ESJ related topics.

I have been looking into information for teachers concerning the ESJ Grant available from MTS. Groups of 3 or more MTS members can apply for up to \$800.00 for an ESJ related projects. Information on the MTS website is from the 2016/2017 School year and I have been in touch with MTS about when Grant

Applications will be opening for the next school year. Closer to the date that MTS will be accepting applications; I plan to send an email informing Pine Creek teachers.

PCTA website has been updated. Dec minutes have been added.

Workplace Safety and Health Report – Steven Williams

- Attended Western Regional meeting in Brandon on January 18th.
- The provincial MTS Workplace Safety and Health seminar is being held on Saturday, February 25th. It will be held at the Holiday Inn in Winnipeg.
- Attended a Workplace Safety and Health Committee Meeting on January 19th. (Refer to WSH report)
- Attended Committee Basics training on January 19th.
- Asbestos report will be presented to the new Maintenance Supervisor and will be brought to each school.

Ed. Finance – Jason Lucas

Meeting on Tuesday (24th) with the School Board, presentation on the education finance. We presented three ideas to them to increase staffing in areas of SDL, student services and planning for EAL students new to our division. The feeling after the meeting was a mixed one as the board asked a bunch of questions about SDL.

Funding announcement by the province will be sometime between now and Feb 15th. PC will see after the announcement what they can afford to do with budget requests.

Winter MTS Education Finance meeting in on Feb 11 in Winnipeg, I am attending.

Public Relations – Alana Madson

Wellness Fair – held in Austin – books will be purchased to hand out children

Clothing will be available for next meeting to look at purchasing.

.05 Correspondence: Norm news – lost both of his parents recently – send a sympathy card and flowers from the association. Mike motioned/Jason seconded.

Lesley Nichol – funding model change – have any issues come up with funding?

4. Business arising from minutes -

5. New business

6. In Camera - Motion: Nicole/Krystal “To move into camera” Carried.

Motion: Jason/Diana “To move out of camera.”

7. AGM – attendees - Mike, Cameron, Nicole, Diana, Jason, Krystal

8. Dates of Next Meeting: Thursday, March 9th @ 4:30 at Forest Home

9. Adjournment – Mike/Nicole “That we adjourn the meeting.”