

AGENDA

Group/Committee Name:	2016-2017 Pine Creek Teachers' Association
Date and Time:	Thursday, March 9th, 5:00 pm
Location:	Riverdale Colony (Forest Home School)
Those In Attendance	Jason L., Cam W., Mary H., Steven W., Ardin M., Wilf L., Nicole L., Mark B., Krystal N., Alana M.,

Regrets: Diana Mae Boychuk, Joshua W., Mike T., Tim K.,

1. Items for Decision

- .01 Adoption of Agenda – Wilf/Nicole “That the agenda be adopted.”
- .02 Adoption of Minutes (last regular meeting) – Jason/Ardin “That the minutes be adopted as circulated.”

2. Items for Discussion

- .01 Policy findings – look through to find concerns, errors, or outdated information
 - Alana - Motion to donate to Forest Home School for hosting supper for this meeting \$150 – Krystal Seconded it.
- .02 TRAF – It’s important for as many people to go as possible – not only young or new teachers – Glen Anderson takes concerns, changes or questions back to TRAF
- .03 MTS Workplace Surveys – do these surveys and hand them in please. Need as many as possible.
- .04 PCSD Budget – what are your thoughts on budget night? – was a fairly well presented.

3. Items for Information

- .01 President

Presidents Report 2017/ March 9th – Cameron Watson

I have addressed a number of member concerns about the, PCTA administration, PCSD payroll, PCSD Policy administrations issues, TRAF and EF Tours.

I added up the emails (75), texts (15), meetings (17), and phone calls (2) I have addressed or participated in since our last meeting. I met with the Superintendent, about a few issues, attended the TRAF presentation and budget Night. I also met with our student services coordinator about possible changes to special needs funding.

- .02 Vice President

Vice President - Nicole Lehmann

Since our last meeting:

*I attended the TRAF presentation at WMCI in March 2nd

*I've met with the President numerous times to discuss matters pertaining to PCTA and our membership

*I have taken part in gathering the Workload surveys for my school, making sure that I completed my own survey as well.

*I have spoken personally with Glen Anderson from MTS regarding the perceived hysteria around pensions for our members.

*I have spoken with several members regarding issues they have encountered, and offered support when necessary.

.03 Treasurer

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

Activity since last meeting:

- Deposited \$7 966 – union dues
- Paid sign rental at Stride Normac Centre - \$160
- Reimbursed Cam Watson for Provincial AGM hotel rooms - \$1267

I have a draft copy of our financials from Hambly McKay. I am meeting the accountant on Tuesday to finalize the review. I will have the final review to approve at our next meeting.

- Budget Report

.04 Committee Reports

ESJ – Tim Klein

Since our last executive meeting . . .

- I have attended the ESJ Winter Seminar at McMaster House on Friday, February 24th and Saturday, February 25th.
 - Participated in 'Circle and the Box' activity designed for participants to better understand what it was like to have children taken away to residential schools and better understand how colonial systems are organized different than First Nation systems.
 - Participated in 'How to Stay Sane in a post Truth World' presented by Lynne Fernandez of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.
 - Explored 'Speak Truth to Power' a resource for teachers.
 - Received information about the Indigenous Land Based Masters Program undertaken in Hawaii by masters' students from the University of Saskatchewan
 - Part of a focus group to previewing the 'Every Teacher Project Recommendations Toolkit' (Table it)
 - Regional Meeting with Western
- I will be attending *Our Human Rights Journey: Educating for Action* on April 20th and 21st.
- Researched ESJ Grants available from MTS – still waiting on update to pass on to membership
- Non ESJ related – updated PCTA Website to include January minutes

Bargaining Chair – Mike Toews

No report.

Nicole and Wilf are going to attend for Mike

Benefits Report: Diana Mae Boychuk

The meeting on March 2 went well. Thanks go to Cam for grabbing last minute refreshments.

After 27 RSVPs to my invitation email, and 29 registrations on the mbteach.org website, we had a good turnout of about 30-35 people. There was at least one member of Turtle River SD in attendance and one member from Beautiful Plains. Notices and posters had been distributed through both divisions' schools.

It was an informative presentation.

Professional Development Report – Krystal Nicholls

Some inquiries have been made about the PCTA PD funds, but nothing has been accessed/applied for.

I attended the Winter PD Chair Seminar on February 10 and 11 in Winnipeg. Highlights:

- Follow-up to the focus groups with researchers from summer seminar. One researcher shared some of their findings that they are discovering and trends that are happening across Canada.
- Discussion with Diane Beresford about PD clauses in CBA and contract guest teachers
- **FYI: Anyone wishing to facilitate a LIFT session in Brandon should email btalift@gmail.com. Facilitators are paid \$400/day.**
- **I will be sending out a link to do a short online re: PD and PD needs. (Similar to the last year one) It should take about 5 minutes. Please take the time to fill this out. Last year we only had 15 people do this.**

At some point, I plan to make a more user-friendly document about the information on the PCTA PD fund and application form.

I attended the PCSD budget night.

Upcoming meetings:

- ✓ Joint PD committee meeting in early May
- ✓ Regional PD Chair Meeting: Monday, April 24 in Brandon
- ✓ Summer seminar will be August 21-23 at Hecla.

Ed. Finance – Jason Lucas

February 11, 2017

Meeting in Winnipeg, which I attended.

Materials were discussed, but because there was little information from the government, there was only speculation to what might happen.

Since the meeting:

The government has released the numbers, and the decline to the funding of education.

The local divisions have been doing their presentations.

Pine Creek did their public consult on Feb 28. The budget in my opinion was a good one. When the government cut funds the board; kept teachers, taxed the local population and kept funding programs they feel benefit Pine Creek students, and employees.

There is talk of changing the funding of education through a new formula, this will be rolled out in the years to come.

Public Relations – Alana Madson

- Sympathy card and flowers were sent to Norm – he talked to Cam and thanked all
- Forgot samples for clothing.
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Workplace Safety and Health Report – Steven Williams

WPHS made a visit to MCI with deadlines to complete tasks. Committee meeting coming up and discussions will take place then about what needs to be done

.05 Correspondence:

4. Business arising from minutes

- Send \$250 towards provincials to WMCI and MCI– Alana/Jason
- Wellness fair – purchasing books and scissors –
- Report Card day - a care package will be handed to schools for teachers writing reports

5. New business -

6. Regional Changes –

8. Bargaining Seminar –

9. Every Teacher Project Recommendations Toolkit – (table it)

10. In Camera - Motion: Mark - “To move into camera” Carried.

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11. Dates of Next Meeting: May 11th @ GES @ 5:00

12. Possible AGM date June 13th @ Austin Hall

13. Adjournment – Krystal/Ardin - “That we adjourn the meeting.”