



Evergreen Catholic Local #44

November Agenda

November 19, 2014
 SPA (PLC Room) – 4:30 p.m.

New website: <http://local44.teachers.ab.ca>

- 1) Prayer (Tara Pylko)
- 2) Additions /Deletions to the Agenda : [Motion to approve agenda Darryl](#)
- 3) Minutes: October [Minutes approved](#)
- 4) Information Items:

A. AGM/Induction and Retirement (February 5, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.)

a) Induction/Retirement:

This year we have 5 inductees in our district and 3 retirees.

- i) Verify that we did not miss anyone and everyone on the list needs to be inducted.
- ii) Double check the spelling of the names (for certificates)

Holy Spirit	
Gerard Redmond	Bert Johnson
St. Gregory	
St. Mary	Katelyn Lesburg Janna McLean Dan Krwyko
Evergreen Out Reach	
St. Joseph	
St. Marguerite	
St. Thomas Aquinas	Kate Gauthier
St. Peter the Apostle	Taylor Clelland
John Paul II	
Retirees:	James Fraser, Marg and David Considine

b) Election:

Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer

i) Place Poster on staff room bulletin board (Handout)

ii) Please ask staff (or consider yourself) if interested in running for a position.

B. TBAC Meeting: December 8, 2014

Our TBAC committee met and chose the following topics to discuss at the TBAC meeting with the Board:

1. What does the Board see as its priorities as we continue our efforts to develop the entire child for the 21st century of learning.

2. Curriculum Redesign/Inspiring Education

The Provincial ATA has learned that Curriculum Redesign and Inspiring Education has been slowed down and/or revised. What has the Board heard?

3. Student Learning Assessment Implementation

4. Positive School Initiatives:

i. Kagan structures (K-3)

ii. Literacy (4-6)

iii. Little Green Thumb

iv. Grade Level Project Based Learning focusing on our district theme 'Sharing our Light of Faith'. (St. Marguerite)

iiv. Flex Time (St. Peter the Apostle) Note: Short description needed.

Staff Reps: Please speak to administrators, learning coaches or teachers and ask if they have a new initiative they would like to share with the Board. (Short description needs to be sent in by December 3rd.) [Discussion about all points above, looking forward to the meeting.](#)

C. Professional Learning Opportunities (J.C. Couture, Associate Coordinator, Research)

uLead Pre-Conference - March 15, 2015 There will be two full-day pre-conference workshops at the Banff Springs Hotel prior to the opening of uLead 2015. Corinne Gannon and a team of early childhood education experts will lead a full-day workshop on Leadership for Early Childhood Education that will provide delegates with a broad range of information, ideas, and strategies for the development of powerful and transformative early childhood education programs in your school. This is a standalone full-day event which you will want to send your kindergarten and pre-kindergarten teacher-leaders to. Registration for that event is open now at: <http://tinyurl.com/uLead15-PRECONFERENCE> with more details being added to the site in the days to come. An additional full-day workshop on school redesign will be added on the main conference site in the days to come.

uLead Conference - March 15-18, 2015 A unique opportunity awaits. Join educational leaders from around the world in the beautiful world heritage location of Banff, Alberta, at Canada's premier conference for school-based leaders, district-level leaders, and provincial and state education leaders. Join us in March, 2015 for a rare and historic dialogue with the world's leaders in education in a setting that has been called the jewel of

the Rockies. A wide array of world-class keynote speakers will animate the dialogue of those attending and there will be myriad opportunities for spouses and family members to explore one of the most pristine wilderness areas in the world during the conference. uLead 2015 is sponsored by the Council for School Leadership, a specialist council of the Alberta Teachers' Association. We are expecting 800 principals, assistant principals, district leaders, education ministry representatives from around the world and national ministers of education to attend. This conference will be memorable and ground breaking. Find out more at www.ulead.ca or register at: tinyurl.com/ulead2015

School and district leaders from across Canada and beyond will gather to share their school leadership stories with colleagues from around the world. A unique opportunity awaits. This event falls shortly before the International Summit on the Teaching Profession, also held in Banff, so we are also expecting a wide variety provincial and national ministers of education to join the principals and assistant principals who will be in attendance.

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Invitees include the Premier of Alberta, Jim Prentice, and Alberta's Minister of Education, Gordon Dirks. Confirmed keynote presenters include Simon Breakspear (Sydney, Australia), Pasi Sahlberg (Harvard), Dr. Andy Hargreaves (Boston College), Dr. Dennis Shirley (Boston College), Pak Tee Ng (Singapore), Abdul Chohan (Great Britain) and talented educational leaders from Canada, Australia, Singapore, Finland, Norway, the USA, and Sweden.

D. Update profiles on ATA Website - Staff Reps and Executive Members please ensure home e-mail address is listed under your profile so it can be added to our web page.

E. Report of the Blue Ribbon Panel on Inclusive Education in Alberta Schools (Available on line)

<http://www.teachers.ab.ca/SiteCollectionDocuments/ATA/News-Room/2014/PD-170-1%20PD%20Blue%20Ribbon%20Panel%20Report%202014-web.pdf>

F. Great Parents and Great Teachers make Great Kids (Together we can build great schools)

Encourage teachers to check out the ATA's newest media campaign. On the **Better Education Together** website, there are opportunities for teachers to share their teacher stories; easy templates to write MLA's; easy access to all information on education issues, specifics on present and past media campaigns.

<http://www.bettereducationtogether.com>

[Discussion about excellent website for teachers and parents.](#)

5) Business:

A. Scholarships:

Each year, one \$500 scholarship will be awarded to one grade 12 student in each high school from Evergreen Catholic Local #44, entering a post-secondary institution the following school year, with the intention of pursuing a degree in education.

Motion: I, Darryl Feser, move that Evergreen Catholic Local #44 allow schools that do not have a recipient for the \$500.00 scholarship in any given year to award the scholarship to two recipients the following year.

Seconder: Pina

Debate on the Motion: [Discussion to clarify the motion, only for two years can not build up.](#)

Call the Question: [Unanimous passed motion](#)

6) Reports:

a. Local President: Laurette Nelson

i) DEHR Committee:

The Diversity, Equity and Human Rights (DEHR) committee promotes diversity, equity and human rights in Alberta schools.

Gary Hanna, President of Parkland Teachers' Local 10 has expressed interest in creating a joint DEHR committee with our local. Nicole Dittmer has agreed to work with myself, Gary and a rep from Parkland to set up the committee. Once the groundwork is complete, we will invite more members to join this important committee. [Discussion about the committee, open for more interest..](#) [What it might include for commitment.](#) [Discussion about the need for it.](#)

b. District Representative: Paul McCann

The BCTF - Moving Forward

The Alberta Teachers' Association offers of financial assistance to the British Columbia Teachers' Federation has been formally accepted. In a letter of appreciation, the BCTF indicated the loan portion might not be required, however. [At this time they think they will be ok, and will not need the loan](#) [Very grateful for the support.](#)

Have You Booked a Pension Seminar for Your Local?

Sherry Constantin is our region's pension consultant in Central North. She would very much like to be able to bring her knowledge and talents as a master teacher to your local colleagues, particularly those that may be considering retirement. Sherry's informative pension presentation can be booked through Barnett House, or by contacting her directly.

Sam Sellar is Coming Back to the Edmonton Region

On November 30th, the Government of Alberta will announce their new Accountability Pillar requirements for system reporting (public assurance). [(i.e.) the 'Tell THEM From ME' tool]. In conjunction with this public announcement, the ATA is pleased to be hosting an amazing professional learning opportunity for teachers, administrators, and system leaders.

Are You Registered to Attend the Professional Development Area Conference? (PDAC)

The November 28th, 29th PDAC will include a symposium on teacher efficacy. Dr. Robert Klassen and Dr. Jim Parsons will be presenting their latest research findings.

Hug a Grade Three Teacher Today – Student Learning Assessments Didn't Make the Grade

At a time when teachers took a multi-year, 0% wage increase, with the understanding that our Legislated Settlement promised to address teacher workload and classroom conditions, last month's attempt from Alberta Education to put PATs behind us has been a big disappointment for grade three teachers. For an education system that considers itself to be amongst the best in the world, there weren't kudos to pass around for the way that the SLA pilot project was handled.

Grade three teachers are to be applauded for the grace and patience they portrayed in being the lightning rod for a poorly implemented program. Their list of legitimate concerns include;

- the capacity of classroom technology and infrastructure to deliver what was expected
- a badly designed assessment package
- poorly prepared teacher scoring/assessment guides/rubrics
- a lack of support for grass roots in properly preparing school boards and teachers for the pilot project
- a lack of support in providing teachers with adequate time to assess student responses
- the challenge of grade three classrooms currently being weeks behind in program delivery for the 2014-15 school year

- just exactly how teachers will be able to place a positive spin on student results, as they are required to report to parents in the coming weeks
 - how the workload of grade three teachers was negatively impacted, with no tangible results
 - the lack of value/insight that this type of diagnostic assessment is expected to provide on the average grade three student
 - why Grande Prairie Catholic is the only school division to withdraw from the SLA pilot program after the ATA expressed serious delivery concerns prior to the administration of the SLA pilot program
- [Discussion about SLA being the way we want to go, not returning to the PAT testing. There is alot of work to do, so hug your grade three teachers.](#)

ATA Fall Media Campaign is Underway

This year's fall multimedia campaign can now be seen and heard across the province. Television, radio, print, Internet, grocery stores, theatres, and bus shelters are all places where you may find our ads. The theme is "Better Education Together". [<http://www.bettereducationtogether.com>]

For a full picture of the complete campaign, click on the link on the top right hand side of the ATA website. [<http://www.teachers.ab.ca>]

And the Winner is... ATA Elections - 2015

Election Day for positions on the Provincial Executive Council has been slated for Monday, March 23, 2015. This year's voting will be conducted electronically. Those teachers who are eligible to vote must register (log in) with the Alberta Teachers' Association, online. Upon confirmation of being registered, teachers will then be directed to a secure sight, where they can cast their ballot(s).

[Discussion about school reps talk to their staff members about being regi/tered.](#)

[Discussion about the importance of having an election at the local levels instead of having names just stay/put forward.](#)

[TWAK- discussion about the meetings and the](#)

[Questions- Darryl- The new weighting about the provisional exams. It is a proposal the final decision will make the final decision. 70/30 new split, could be ready for January if not for June.](#)

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c. Treasurer: Carmen Markowski

[Discussion about Chantelle Rufange reviewing our books. Our income was about \\$76,000, we aimed to over spend, we spent about \\$117,000. We over spent by about \\$30,000 which is grat. Our current surplus is about \\$50,000. We currently have about \\$60,000 in the bank.. Great!](#)

d. Professional Development Chair: Pina Martinovich

-Laurette and Pina will be attending PDAC on November 28th and 29th at Barnett House

-PD committee met on October 27th . Minutes of the meeting will be put on the website

-There is still a bit of money left over to apply to attend conferences

e. Local Communication Officer: Susan Kirk

- I attended the LCO meeting on Friday, October 24 at Barnett house. On the agenda was the new ATA ad campaign that is coming out. It will be in local papers as well as the TV and radio. Make sure you watch for it.

- Advocacy- now is the time for our voices to be heard while the provincial government is under changes and willing to possibly listen to our concerns.

- Staff reps need to encourage their staff to log onto the ATA website and wrtie stories about great teachers they have had.

- Rhonda and I also attended the webpage design workshop with Gregory Romaniuk at Barnett House on Tuesday, October 28 in the afternoon. Make sure you go to check out our new update website.

Discussion about our new website. Discussion about not having access to change our school representatives and having two reps. Same problem with executive members but a different contact at ATA. navigation on the screen to show all the aspects of our new website. Discussion about the Collective agreement missing a page on the ATA webpage.

f. NCTCA Convention: Renee Lapointe / Janet Close

- ATA Staff Officer distributed a Pension Plan pamphlet. School Reps - Please take one to photocopy to give to each of your staff members
- Financial Statements and Review Engagement Report for Treasurer
- Partners in Education Luncheon registration opens on December 1st at www.mynctca.com
- Alternate PD is now open and applications will be accepted until January 16th
- Feature Speakers will include:
 - Clara Hughes - Mental Health
 - Dr. Alex Russell - Raising Resilient Kids
 - Looking for sponsorship so presentations can occur at a parent night for the locals of NCTCA
 - Dav Pilkey - Author of Captain Underpants,
 - Kathy Anett - Teaching a Second Language
 - Will be delivering a session for parents at the Arden Theatre on the evening of February 4th on the topic of inclusion in second-language classrooms
 - Molly Burke - Me to We
 - Yves Nadon - L'écriture
 - Pierre Lavoie - Le défi Pierre Lavoie
- Website should be up and running for attendees at www.mynctca.com. Use last year's username and password. If you forget your login information or if it doesn't work, go to "Forgot my password" or register a new email and password.
- When setting up your schedule through the website(which is optional), use an alias if you don't want your name to show up on the site. Sched.com is the secondary site that is used to for listing and scheduling the sessions and it is a public site. You can view the sessions without signing in at Sched.com as well.
- Encourage any staff who are interested in presenting a session at Convention to submit a proposal at www.mynctca.com
- With the addition of Le Conseil Francais, more sessions will be in French and the website is being translated so people can have the website information in French.
- We will not be asking teachers to chair sessions this year...unless they want to of course. Undergrads and student teachers from various post secondary institutions will be chairing the sessions. If teachers are interested in chairing, please let your staff know to contact Renee or Janet with the information for the session they are interested in chairing.
- The Planning Committee is planning on bringing Eva Olsen back. She is a 90 year old Holocaust survivor and outstanding speaker
- New venue for Wednesday Pub Night - Craft Beer Market (upstairs will be reserved) or 100 Bar (Full bar will reserved). Drink and food specials for attendees. Stay tuned for further information regarding this great venue change!!!

Discussion about all the points above. Chairing the sessions this year will be done this year by undergraduates.

g EPC Chair: James Hansen

EPC Report November local ATA meeting

- EPC meeting was held October 20, 2014 at Barnett House with ATA Staff Officer Lisa Everitt, who is assigned to our bargaining unit.
- It was a very productive and informative session in which we have set the direction for the next round of bargaining.
- Teacher Welfare Area Conference was November 14 and 15 with Brian Allan, Laurette Nelson and James Hansen attending for Evergreen Catholic Teachers.

h. Joint C2 Committee Chair: Réal VanBrabant

- An email has been sent with the C2 Survey question to each school - for the schools that informed me of their C2 communication reps, I sent it to them directly, for the schools that did not inform me of their rep, I have sent it to the principal.

- We are asking that every school devote a few minutes of their staff meeting time to have teachers answer the question and return the surveys to me.
- The email also has a link to the C2 Portal page where teachers can find a list of jurisdiction-initiated tasks, a summary of what C2 had done so far, and any other documents that we want to share with the teaching staff.

i. ARA Committee: Laurette Nelson/ Roz Andreiuk/ James Hansen (No Report)

j. Political Engagement Officer: Kim Gibbon

7) School Reports:

a. Administrators: Ray Cote

b. St. Peter the Apostle: Vanessa Bjorge /Theresa Lotz

Graduation Information - Grad photo's will be taken this year Dec 15-18.

-Parent Grad Information meeting at the school on Tuesday Nov 25, beginning at 6:30pm. At this meeting we will review grad dates, timelines and expectations, as well as the requirements and criteria for graduation.

Exam Schedule- The first semester exam schedule is ready and will run in January 2015

Athletics – Our Senior Boys as well as our Junior Varsity Boys and Girls Volleyball teams all finished with in the top 4 of League games.

-Our Senior girls volleyball team won silver in League play. Our Junior (grade 9) girls and boys volleyball teams are just beginning play offs.

-Basketball try outs have started for both girls and boys

Coats for Kids -Throughout the month of November the Leadership class will be collecting gently used winter items to help out those families in our community that need our support.

Free to Be- students attended WE Day in Calgary on Monday, October 27.

-They will be attending the Mustard Seed on Thursday, November 26, 2014

Model UN club will be practicing and preparing to attend the U of A Model UN conference in Feb 2015.

Report Cards – Were distributed Monday, November 3rd, 2014

Parent/Teacher Interviews – Were held the evening of Tuesday, November 4 and Wednesday, November 5, 2014.

c. St. Thomas Aquinas: Lori Green

[November 29th is the Christmas craft fundraiser at the school.](#)

d. St. Mary: Darryl Feser

Elementary:

-Grade 2 held their friendship party on Oct. 22

-Grade 4 visited the landfill on Oct 9, and had bibles presented Oct. 8

*Report cards go home Nov. 27

Jr. High

-Volleyball tourney for all Jr. High players Nov. 20

-*Hoja!* -in concert, Nov 14

-Grade 8 class retreat with Mike Landry Nov. 26

-Leadership course now offered, led by Ms. Lesburg

Sr. High

-Rotary Club 'WE DAY' Youth Conference -in Calgary --attended by 2 students (Grade 10, Gr. 12) --very well received. [Good word to Mike for his amazing work and for recommending the students to We Day.](#)

*Catholic Youth Group to be underway by January

-U of A Presentation Oct. 27 for Gr. 11, 12 students

*Grade 12 Grad retreat held at Camp Encounter. led by Mike Landry --fun, fellowship, and faith formation for all!

Athletics:

-Sr. Boys Volleyball: Sharks have finished with silver medals in Barrhead, Boyle and Redwater, plus bronze at their home tourney

-Grade 7 / 8 and Grade 8 / 9 teams both boys and girls have competed in Barrhead and in Athabasca

-Congratulations to the Boys 7 / 8 team who won the gold medal at the Barrhead Jr. Jags Tourney on Oct. 25.

Band:

-Annual Talent show Dec. 4, and the High School Wind Ensemble will play Sunday mass at St. Patrick's, Edmonton, on Dec. 7..

e. St. John Paul II: Rita Villeneuve & Angel Haugen

f. St. Joseph: Jennifer McMorrow / Tammy Nielson

November 4-5 Rocks and Rings Curling

November 4 Fun Hockey

November 7 Peace Celebration

November 10-12 Fall Break - No School

November 18-19 Grade level PFLC Meetings

November 19-21 Priest Visits

November 21 Staff Volleyball Tournament

November 24 Report Cards go home

November 25 Staff Meeting

November 25 Fun Hockey

November 25 School Council Meeting

November 27 Lockdown Drill

November 28 PD Day

g. St. Marguerite: Amanda Carrobourg

- November 3-4 Swimming lessons continued
- November 4 Rainbows program
- November 6 First Communion registration
- November 7 Remembrance Day liturgy
- November 13 Crazy Hair Day (Terry Fox reward)
- November 21 Hosting ATA Volleyball tournament
- November 25 Grade 2 Crock a Doodle
- November 25 Rainbows program
- November 26 ECS Telus World of Science field trip
- November 27 Report cards go home
- November 27 ECS Telus World of Science
- December 2 Rainbows program
- December 9 Rainbows program
- December 10 Grades 1 and 3 Christmas concert
- December 11 Grades 2 and 4 Christmas concert
- December 16 Rainbows program
- December 20-January 4 Christmas break

h. Holy Spirit: Renee Lapointe

- November 7 - Remembrance Day Celebration
- November 18 - Grade 5 Vaccinations
- November 18 - Hosting Boys Districts Tournament
- November 19 - Volleyball Pep Rally and play the teachers
- November 21 - PJ Day
- November 25 - School Mass
- November 27 - Twin Day

i. Gerard Redmond: Rozalia Andreiuk

Oct 1 Grade 11 retreat at Our Lady of the Foothills Church

Oct 7 PAC AGM meeting

Oct 9 Thanksgiving Liturgy at GRCCS

Oct 21 Photo retakes

Grade 6 Monthly Mass

- Oct 22/23 Parent Teacher interviews
- Nov 5 Grade 10 retreat at Our Lady of the Foothills Church
- Nov 11 Remembrance Day Celebration at GRCCS
- Nov 12 Grade 9-12 Term 2 begins
- Nov 14 Wake-a-thon from 7pm-7am topped out at \$4000.00, all proceeds to Green Eggs
- Nov 18 PAC mtg
- Nov 22 Silent Auction for Europe Trip at Spring Break

j. St. Gregory: Janet Close

- We had our Remembrance Day Celebration November 6.
- Our report cards go home Wednesday November 19.
- Parent teacher interviews are November 5 and 6.
- Grade 4 Green Eggs bake sale November 19.
- Staff mass Thursday morning November 27.
- Stuffed Animal Day -- Bring your favorite stuffy to school November 28.
- Monthly awards and school walk November 28.
- December 3 we have our Advent mass at the church.

k. Out Reach: Chantelle Rufiange

We did get the social justice grant of \$1500. So our students will be going to the Good Samaritans once a week for 7 weeks.

8) Action Plan: Rhonda Reid

- 1) C2 survey to Real
- 2)

9) Adjournment: Door Prize

******Please submit all reports by 4pm on the Tuesday prior to the meeting.**