

September 2024 Table Officer's Report - Kerri Williams, Vice President

Re: Parkland Teachers Local 10 Retreat Day - Sunday, August 25, 2024

On the last Sunday of Summer Break, Table Officers hosted a Retreat Day at the Pioneer Museum in Stony Plain. 23 members joined us at the Pioneer Museum including our District Representative, the Chairs of our Local Committees, our Local Committee members, and our Table Officers. We also had 1 virtual attendee. Thank you to Morgan who was able to join us online so quickly after her move up to Fort Chip!

The first part of our day was spent with Local President Sarah Cresswell and Past President Archie Lillico, sharing messages of thanks for the time and dedication that our local members put into Public Education and our Local Committees. We also heard updates on Provincial Bargaining from our District Representative, Rick Kremp, and our local Bargaining Committee. Vice President, Vanessa Boer, also shared an update on Political Engagement from Summer Conference. These updates were continued in the afternoon in relation to Mentorship for New Teachers, Women in Leadership, Wellness, and DEHR. Much of the information shared will also be shared at our Local Council Meeting by the chairs of these committees.

We then moved into the planning and collaboration part of the day in which we brainstormed ideas to increase member engagement, as well as ways to support our Staff Reps. We spoke at length about the difficulty in engaging all teachers and sharing information more efficiently. Through Round Table Conversations we have come up with a list of a variety of ideas and suggestions that may help to better support our reps and colleagues. We also spent time discussing our Division's Self-Directed PD times and ways that our local could support teachers by providing PD opportunities during those afternoons. Through this work our local has compiled an impressive list of PD topics and events for our PD Committee to consider.

We, as Table Officers, are so grateful for the effort and energy that everyone brought to this day. We know that the Sunday before school starts may not be the ideal time for a retreat, but we are so thankful that you took the time to work with us. For our first Retreat Day (as far as I know), we have been blessed with valuable contributions and exciting ideas to lead our local into the future. Thank you!

Respectfully Submitted,

Kerri Williams
Vice President

