

AGM 2024 – Local President’s Report

This report highlights the activities and engagements undertaken by Parkland Teachers' Local 10 over the past year, focusing on central collective bargaining, school visits, incident and safety committee meetings, and various other key initiatives and events.

Local and Central Collective Bargaining

The Parkland Teachers’ have been actively engaged in the central collective bargaining process within the province. During the past months, school visits have been conducted to connect with teachers and administrators, gather feedback, and advocate for improvements both locally and provincially. These visits have been instrumental in understanding and addressing the unique needs and challenges faced by each school community.

Incident and Safety Committee Meetings

Ensuring the safety and well-being of students and staff has been a top priority. The newly formed Incident and Safety Committee held its first meeting in April, collaborating with district officials, educational assistants, secretaries, and other stakeholders to address concerns related to school safety and reporting. Recent efforts have focused on updating the reporting response protocols. The work here has just begun...

Professional Development

- Choose Your Own PD Day Adventure: Offered diverse professional development opportunities, including a workshop titled "Killer Water" with filmmaker Brandi Morin, exploring environmental and societal issues, and an AI workshop at Woodhaven, highlighting the integration of artificial intelligence in education. Our hope as a local is to do more of this work on our self-directed afternoons next year. (we believe there will be 6 afternoons)

New Teacher Induction

- Celebrated the achievements of new teachers joining the community, with a special induction event welcoming them into the teaching family.

DEHR and WIL

- These two committees continue to thrive and work well not only together but in their initiatives to help support the work of our local teachers association, and provincially as well. We had opportunities to gather together for PD, workshops and symposiums. We also received a Community Relations Grant that allowed us to give back to single moms and their kiddos at an event called Love You Mama - ran by a charity called Kaleo Collective.

Guest Teachers

- As we wrap up another academic year, it is with immense gratitude that we reflect on the invaluable contributions of our guest teachers. Your dedication, flexibility, and unwavering commitment to providing quality education have played a crucial role in the success of our schools.

Honoring Our Retiring Teachers

- As we conclude this academic year, we take a moment to honor and celebrate our retiring teachers who have dedicated countless years of service to our schools and community. Your commitment to educating and nurturing students has left an indelible mark on countless lives. Through your hard work, passion, and unwavering dedication, you have inspired generations of learners, fostering a love for knowledge and a spirit of curiosity. Your contributions have been invaluable, and your presence will be deeply missed. As you embark on this new chapter of your life, we extend our deepest gratitude and best wishes for a fulfilling and joyous retirement. Thank you for your extraordinary service and the lasting legacy you leave behind.

Annual Summary

Throughout the year, Parkland Teachers' Local 10 has made significant strides in various areas:

- **Collective Bargaining:** Successfully advancing central and local bargaining efforts, advocating for fair working conditions and resources.
- **DEHR Committee Events:** Promoting diversity, equity, human rights, and organizing events to support these values within the educational community.
- **Women in Leadership:** Encouraging and supporting female educators in leadership roles, fostering a more inclusive and balanced representation.
- **ARA Committee:** Recognizing the hard work and dedication of the ARA committee throughout the year, including the long weekend in May.
- **Administrative Support:** Special thanks to Regina, our office assistant, for her tremendous efforts in keeping the organization running smoothly and maintaining effective communication with members.

Conclusion

The Parkland Teachers' have been fully engaged in advancing the interests and welfare of members, promoting excellence in education, and advocating for safe and supportive learning environments. Through collective bargaining, school visits, committee meetings, and various events, the commitment to serving as effective representatives and champions for the Parkland Teachers remains steadfast.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our table officers for their unwavering commitment and dedication throughout the year. Your consistent participation in our monthly meetings has been instrumental in setting the direction for our local. Your willingness to engage in thoughtful discussions, make tough decisions, and prioritize the well-being of your fellow teachers is truly commendable. Your care and concern for others have not only strengthened our community but also ensured that we continue to advocate effectively for the needs and interests of all educators. Thank you for your hard work, your passion, and your steadfast support. Together, we have made a significant impact, and I am deeply appreciative of each one of you. Thank you for helping to make my job easier and the late night phone calls.

President's Message: As we move further into the new year, let us continue to foster an environment of growth and learning. Together, we can overcome any obstacles that come our way. Your efforts make a significant impact on the lives of our students, and your dedication is deeply appreciated.

Thank you once again for your unwavering dedication to our students and our profession. Together, we will continue to make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

Respectfully submitted,

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