

March 6, 2024 Table Officer's Report - Kerri Williams, Vice President

Re: Teacher Board Advisory Meeting (TBAC) February 16, 2024

These meetings consist of updates from both the School Board and our local. It is also an opportunity to ask questions and discuss concerns brought forth by our members. In attendance from the School Board were Superintendent Shauna Boyce, Deputy Superintendent Mark Francis, and Board Trustees: Lorraine Stewart, Anne Montgomery, Eric Cameron, and Paul McCann.

Updates from the division included:

- CAAMSE becoming CUPE in January
- Board statement regarding the Government of Alberta's Gender Identity Proposed Policy
 - can be found on the PSD website
 - PSD will continue to do as they have always done until it becomes official policy
 - They will do what's in the best interest for kids
- 2024 Guarding Minds Survey
 - Collected data that has been valuable for planning
 - We will be doing this again in the spring (approx. April), encourage members to complete
- AI Steering Committee
 - High school teachers are currently doing initial ground work for this committee
 - Will explain next year to include more teachers from more grades
 - Looking at 4 key areas:
 - Student Use
 - Teacher Use
 - Policy and Procedures
 - Technology Infrastructure

Topics for Discussion

- GSA/LGBTQ2+ PD and Supports for Teachers
 - Teachers want more PD to help support our students
 - 24% of Students at Grant MacEwan identify as queer
- Self Directed PD sponsored by our Local - March 22nd
 - Killer Water Documentary at Landmark Cinema
 - AI PD Presented by Danny Maas of the Provincial ATA at Woodhaven
- PD Framework / Calendar Communication
 - Questions regarding how the 2024-2025 calendar was communicated to all stakeholders
 - PSD will be asking for feedback re: designation of self-directed and site-directed time
 - Would like to have PD days finalized by April
 - Will be very steadfast in PDs days being spent as designated with no changes to self/site directed time.
- ATA and Janitorial Schedules
 - All school sites have times where there is no janitor onsite
 - Questions regarding the responsibility of cleaning up messes, concerns re: OH&S, proper training for dealing with biohazards, etc.
 - Cleaning would fall to admin or secretary, not teachers, when no janitor available
- Employee Risk Acknowledgement

- There is a new draft document that has gone out to schools regarding Human Rights and respecting school staff.
- It is still in early stages and more is to come
- Central Bargaining
 - Shared by ATA as information for board members
 - All teachers were sent survey to complete
 - Biggest concerns: class size/configuration and trauma in classrooms
 - Intro videos being shared in schools along with school visits by Sarah

Next TBAC meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kerri Williams
Vice President