

KAMLOOPS THOMPSON TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION
Emergency Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, January 23rd, 2017, KTTA Office
Minutes

Present: N. Penney, B. Brown, G. Hafeli, K. Scott, A. Jensen, David Komljenovic, S.Konkin, F. Jorgenson, R. Bonderud, S. Stella, L. Macpherson, L. Balogh, A. Jensen, (B. Celsta, D. Martin and T. Dalglish via phone, L. Rachey- recorder

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m., N. Penney- Chair.

The Chair acknowledged the First Nation Territory and recited the Commitment to Solidarity.

Komljenovic/Jorgenson
That the agenda be adopted.

Carried

Strategic Plan-

After numerous date changes, A. Jensen will meet with Superintendent Sidow on January 31st. The Table Officers are not attending the 'wind up' SP Committee dinner this Wednesday. The Superintendent mentioned she may attend a KTTA Executive Committee meeting after the Strategic Plan is adopted.

Extended Spring Break-

The School Board of Trustees voted 4-3 against having a 2 week Spring Break in the next 3 year School Calendar. Petitions against this have gone out to all schools. The president will speak to this at the next School Board meeting. Some parents are writing letters to the Trustees, and students have started their own petition. Points discussed at today's meeting:

- remind teachers not to sign more than one petition
- compare us with other districts voting in favour of a 2 week break, ie how do they contend with the claims of this causing hardship re childcare, poverty.
- focus on the 'rearrangement' of mandated time, not gaining 'extra' time
- contact DPAC, what are they doing?
- caution members not to speak against the employer
- note that we are 1 of 7 districts not to have a 2 week break
- what was the educational value of programs available during prior 2 week breaks?
- district is ignoring survey results and not paying attention when seeking the perspective of teachers

- if kids are missing extra class time apart from the one week break, teachers are having to prepare lessons etc., (ie hockey tournaments, vacations lasting more than the scheduled break)
- if there is a lack of daycare when school is not in session, the District should provide extra programming
- remind the Trustees they said 'learning outcomes' were not altered with a 2 week break
- the table officers should have a presentation with DPAC at the next Board meeting, and the parent should not be a teacher spouse nor a teacher
- is year round schooling in the works if 2 week break is reinstated?
- work with all PACs, provide a letter to the DPAC Chair to engage in discussions
- commission a survey to find out the legitimacy of the community's perspective

Hafeli/Balogh

That the Executive Committee authorize the Table Officers to investigate the costs associated with conducting a survey of community members regarding the 2 Week Spring Break.

Amendment

Balogh/Hafeli

...Break, and that the Table Officers conduct an email vote of the Executive Committee for approval to move forward with the survey, referencing the applicable budget line(s).

Carried unanimously

Motion as amended- Carried unanimously

Komljenovic/Brown

That the Executive Committee's Plan of Action regarding the reinstatement of the 2 Week Spring Break be guided by the following:

(get points from David's computer)

Carried unanimously

Priority Measures Postings-

Komljenovic/Scott

That the meeting move into committee.

Carried

The meeting rose from committee and reported that Priority Measures Postings were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.