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KTTA JOINT LABOUR LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday, October 13, 2016

PRESENT: KTTA: D. Komljenovic, President - KTTA
A. Jensen, Vice President - KTTA
T. Dalgleish, Liaison Rep.

Administration: S. Bowers, Director - Human Resources
B. Hamblett, Assistant Superintendent - Secondary
K. Brewer, Principal - TREC

Trustees: D. Harper, Chair

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Dalgleish called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 8, 2016 meeting were adopted as circulated.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as circulated.

OLD BUSINESS

Curriculum Implementation:

The KTTA representative inquired where the curriculum implementation stands. A meeting is scheduled for October 19th. The representative advised the issue around resources continues to come up during the KTTA school visits and is a source of stress for members. The KTTA is advising members it doesn't make sense to purchase resources until they know what things will look like.

Secondary Calendar:

The KTTA representative advised their understanding was there was a meeting with school administration to determine what's being done in the different schools around the period of time between the semester end and report cards. At the secondary level teachers are expected to assess until almost the last day, leaving little time to compile marks and get them to the office. These dates vary by school, but are an issue at a few schools in particular where there is only a 2-3 day turn around. A management representative advised that there is flexibility depending on the size of schools and needs of the students. The expectation might be to assess every day but that's not always necessary. Management understands some of the angst and believes there needs to be some flexibility. The KTTA clarified the question is around the last few weeks of school, as teachers are looking and thinking it will be largely discussion-based, which won't necessarily be for marks, and worrying about what will draw students to come if that's the case. Complaints came from specific locations, and management will look into those locations.

NEW BUSINESS

Reporting/Fresh Grade Status:

A KTTA representative advised it is their understanding that the district is moving in to FreshGrade and in speaking with the Director of Instruction it is their understanding it's meant to replace MyED in elementary next year. Management is not aware of this and will report back at the next meeting. At secondary teachers are saying it's not ready to use. Elementary teachers are saying they'd like to move to something different. Management understands there may be some free trial versions, which is perhaps what teachers have used. Management reported that FreshGrade is supposed to be up and running shortly, but there have been some issues around the student portal. The KTTA representative asked if elementary teachers will be able to use FreshGrade as an alternative to MyED. Management isn't sure that the system is ready to issue report cards using FreshGrade. It was the understanding of the Board that FreshGrade is meant to be used as a communication tool with parents. The representative asked if elementary teachers could use FreshGrade for all but the final report card and if it will be in place this year, and management will report back.

OASIS Programming - E-mails:

A KTTA representative advised the issue has come up in the last few rounds of postings that members have been finding issues with applying on jobs in OASIS. A few members state they've gone in and applied and the applications were not received. Management clarified that members need to be careful not to un-select the jobs listed under "Previously Applied For" as this will withdraw their application(s). The KTTA inquired if OASIS can send confirmation e-mails to members. Management will confirm with the service provider.


Turn Around Days/Reporting Timelines - Secondary:

See Secondary Calendar.

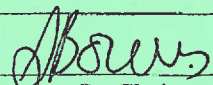
Adjourned 4:05 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

November 16, 2016 in the Board Room

SIGNED:  Chairperson

and

 Co-Chairperson

Labour/Management Liaison Committee