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KTTA JOINT LABOUR LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday, June 9, 2016

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

Administration: R. Schoen, Associate Superintendent - Human Resources
S. Olsen, Manager - Labour Relations
S. Bowers, Director - Human Resources
G. Reilly, Principal - Arthur Stevenson Elementary
K. Brewer, Principal - TREC

Trustees: M. Wade, Vice-Chair
G. Watson, Trustee

NEXT MEETING:
September 8, 2016 in the Board Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Dalgleish called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 21, 2016 meeting were adopted as circulated.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was amended to show Junior Secondary Literacy Evaluation added to New Business.

OLD BUSINESS

Beattie SKSS Relocation

A KTTA representative reminded the committee that teachers were requesting an extra day for the move. A letter was recently sent to the Superintendent. A management representative advised the issue was discussed at EOC, and questions were raised around the need for the extra day as teachers are responsible for packing their room only. Everything else will be moved by other staff. The feeling at that time was that there was enough time given for the staff to do the job. At Stuart Wood the administrative day will be designated for moving.

Curriculum Change - Supplies

A KTTA representative advised that one issue with the curriculum change is that teachers feel there are not adequate supplies. There was some discussion about putting money from the Ministry towards technology and resources, and the union would advocate that some of that money could be used to purchase supplies, as, for example, textbooks will be obsolete and there are certain materials that teachers will need to purchase to reflect the new curriculum. Management agrees resources will change, and expects schools will come up with a plan as to how the money will be spent. Management asked specifically where this is a concern, and the KTTA representative advised that rural locations are particularly in need of technology, although textbooks are a

need everywhere. The KTTA representative provided specific examples where concerns have been raised, and Management asked if these needs have been brought to the attention of the administrator. A principal representative advised that one concern on the part of administrators is that resources are still being developed, and they don't want to make a commitment too early.

NEW BUSINESS

Government Funding:

A KTTA representative inquired about the \$680,000 being returned to the District, and advised their understanding is that some can be allocated towards supplies/resources, etc. The KTTA representative suggested they would advocate that it could be used to save some programs in certain schools were the Education Fund did not go far enough in addressing the needs. It was also suggested that perhaps some additional staffing could be added to schools to address those needs. Management supports this position and hopes it can be used indirectly to alleviate some of the pressures. Both parties agree staffing should be allocated based on student numbers first, and then tweaked. Management commended the union on their hard work and support in the allocation of LIF funds early so schools have support in place starting on September 6.

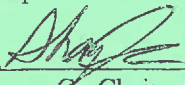
Junior Secondary Literacy Evaluation

A KTTA representative advised an executive member raised an issue around literacy assessments for Grades 8 and 9. The representative was unsure of the specifics, but believes there is a test that is given and there is concern around what the evaluation means. The question being asked is how can you assess someone who has not yet done the course and how can teachers prepare students for that test. The principal representative advised that if the member is referring to the Non-Fiction Reading Assessment this evaluation is used as a snapshot to start planning.

Adjourned 3:19 p.m.

SIGNED:  Chairperson

and

 Co-Chairperson

Labour/Management Liaison Committee