

KTТА News - January 4, 2017

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Next General Meeting - Tuesday, January 17, 2017 (Tentatively at 4:30 PM at NorKam Secondary Library)

Draft documents will be at www.kttta.ca in topics under General Meeting

BCTF AGM Delegates (13) elected at this meeting - please let us know if you intend on running

KTТА Elections Chair elected at this meeting - please let us know if you intend on running

Deadline for Nominations for Table Officers / PD Chair Positions - Friday, March 3rd

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A. Class Size / Composition Grievance Process

The KTТА will be meeting again with the district on Friday, January 6th to discuss the grievance filed regarding class size and composition breaches in the district.

We ask members to continue putting pressure on school administration about alleviating class size and composition issues in the school as that message is reaching the Board office and is putting pressure on them.

We have completed and sent to the district all known breaches of elementary class sizes and lack of specialist teachers. We are completing the letter for the middle school / secondary class size/composition portion of this grievance this week. Please continue to provide this information through the survey (links noted in **C. KTТА Survey**)

Breaches:

The KTТА has noted in excess of 220 breaches of class sizes and composition for elementary. The district will be providing us with all the information they have for 425 elementary teachers.

The nature of the breaches for all classes are:

- 1) *K or K/Primary Class Size*: class sizes that exceed 20 in Kindergarten or K/Primary classes
- 2) *Primary Class*: class sizes that exceed 22 in Primary classes
- 3) *Intermediate Single Grade*: class sizes that exceed 29
- 4) *Intermediate Split Grades*: class sizes that exceed 27
- 5) *Secondary Classes*: class sizes that exceed 29
- 6) *Science / English / Lab Classes*: class sizes that exceed 28
- 7) *Home Economics Classes*: class sizes that exceed 26
- 8) *Industrial Education Classes*: class sizes that exceed 24
- 9) *Class Composition*: any class with a student with designation are in breach of integration language as there was no plan prior to integration.
- 10) *Class Composition*: any class with more than three (3) designated students (high or low incidence)
- 11) *Class Size / Composition*: reduction of maximum based on number of low incidence students

The amount of information we are filtering through is large and we ask for patience while we are completing this process. We are also likely to have a number of meetings with the district regarding this matter.

B. Class Size / Composition Implementation Meetings

Kamloops Thompson language attached and at www.ktta.ca (link at top of the page)

The BCTF has been negotiating with government on the implementation of the class size/composition language since late November. Some new developments to report are:

- 1) Superintendents had conference calls with BCPSEA and government;
- 2) The parties agreed to send a series of questions related to local process language - ***locally we are meeting on Friday to complete this process;***
- 3) There are meetings scheduled daily between the BCTF and government on implementation of funding and setting out timelines for staffing.

The BCTF is pressing to have positions posted in January to alleviate the class size and composition concerns in members' classrooms.

The BCTF has also provided an overview of the Court Decision and discussions with government for members on **YouTube** at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TQ5k4NwHopQ>.

C. KTTA Survey on Class Size/Composition

If you have not already sent a survey regarding your class size and composition, please complete the survey that corresponds to your situation(s) through the links below.

If the link doesn't work, please cut and paste the link into the URL bar in a new browser screen.

ELEMENTARY:

Please complete **ONE (1)** survey for your class. If you have more than one class, please complete a SEPARATE survey for the other class.

<https://goo.gl/forms/ieTc18ALfPUIkgKy1>

SECONDARY:

Please complete a survey for **EACH** of your classes. If you have SEVEN (7) classes then please complete this survey SEVEN (7) times - one for each class.

<https://goo.gl/forms/g2UIPnnCf8ACRMpA3>

SPECIALIST TEACHERS:

Please complete **ONE (1)** of these surveys. This information will be used to determine the number of specialist teachers in the system vs. Is required under the pre-2002 collective agreement language.

<https://goo.gl/forms/l1XNzrW1veZc3N6k1>

ALTERNATIVE TO SURVEY:

If this doesn't work, email us back (president@ktta.ca) with the key information we need for each grade level or class, or FTE info if you are specialist teacher - which is:

Name, Assignment, Class Size, Composition

If you are a specialist teacher (i.e counsellor) then we need the following:

Name, Specialist Assignment, FTE, Students in School

D. Cheat Sheet / Info for Parents and Public

A "cheat sheet" is attached regarding class size numbers according to the pre-2002 collective agreement language regarding class size, composition, and specialist ratios.

Please copy one for yourself to determine if your classes so that you can have conversations with community members of parents noting what changes the Supreme Court of Canada decision will mean to their children's education.

The key points to re-iterate with the public and parents about the re-instated rights are:

- 1) This will mean smaller class sizes.
- 2) This will mean more 1:1 support for children.
- 3) This will mean school libraries are re-opened or open for longer hours.
- 4) This will mean more counsellor and special education support for children.