

KTTA News - March 14, 2017

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Volleyball Social (NorKam Sec / KCS) - April 8, 2017

Provincial Election - May 9, 2017

A. Two Week Spring Break

The School Board voted at its meeting last night to not continue with the extended spring break and carried the following motion:

"Approve a three-year calendar with an annual one-week spring break for all district schools with the exception of Sun Peaks; and approve a three-year, four-day week calendar, with an annual one week spring break for Sun Peaks Elementary, and direct senior administration to negotiate with the KTTA and CUPE 3500 to establish contract language that allows for a two-week spring break with no loss of instructional days from the approved calendars"

Voting In Favour of the Return to One Week were: Meghan Wade (mwade@sd73.bc.ca), Cara McKelvey (cmckelvey@sd73.bc.ca), Kathleen Karpuk (kkarpuk@sd73.bc.ca), Gerald Watson (gwatson@sd73.bc.ca), and Rhonda Kershaw (rkershaw@sd73.bc.ca).

Voting Against This Option were: Joan Cowden (jcowden@sd73.bc.ca), Joe Small (jsmall@sd73.bc.ca), and Denise Harper (dharper@sd73.bc.ca).

Although the motion states the two week option, it only accomplishes this if teachers give up non-instructional days (professional development) days and agree to place them in the summer months.

We want to thank all of you who attended the Board meeting last night and to those who provided feedback or participated in other ways to revive the discussion around the two week Spring Break.

Unfortunately, we didn't get the desired result outcome and more uncertainty continues about next year's calendar. We will hear what options are forthcoming from the district and will survey members again to get feedback. We have to also be cautious about the options brought forward because there was an intent to the motion that may not be favourable to teachers.

Rights lost are not easily regained as we witnessed over the past fifteen years. We have to keep this in mind whatever we do moving ahead.