

## **KTTA News - March 15, 2017**

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

**Staff Rep Council (KTTA Office - 4PM)** - April 18, 2017

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### **Spring Break Message**

We are wishing you all a well deserved and restful spring break. The dedication that you demonstrate towards students cannot be overstated. As a greater number of demands are placed on the job, a long rest is vital.

Thank you all for all you do.

### **A. Class Size / Composition Summary**

The BCTF provided locals with a summary of what the implementation agreement with BCPSEA and Government entail. This document notes all of the class size and composition limits for classrooms and the ratios for specialist teachers.

The summary is attached to this newsletter but some of this information is provided below:

#### **Class Sizes:**

K = 20

K/1 = 20

Grade 1-3 = 22

Grade 1-3 Split = 22

Grade 3/4 Split = 25 (School Act = 24)

Grade 4-7 = 29

Grade 4-7 Multi / Split = 27

Grade 8-12 = 29

Secondary Industrial Ed = 24

Home Economics = 26

Science Lab = 28

English = 28

Band/Choir/PE = 29 (unless teacher requests more)

Secondary Case Load = 196

**Class Composition:**

Any Grade = 3 Students with IEPs (low or high incidence)

**Specialist Teacher Ratio:**

Counsellors = 1:693

Learning Assistance Teachers = 1:397

Specialist Education Resources = 1:342

Teacher Librarians = 1:695

ELL Teachers = 1:74

**B. 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](mailto:mwade@sd73.bc.ca)), Cara McKelvey ([cmckelvey@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:cmckelvey@sd73.bc.ca)), Kathleen Karpuk ([kkarpuk@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:kkarpuk@sd73.bc.ca)), Gerald Watson ([gwatson@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:gwatson@sd73.bc.ca)), and Rhonda Kershaw ([rkershaw@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:rkershaw@sd73.bc.ca)).

Voting Against This Option (wanting an extension of the existing Letter of Understanding) were: Joan Cowden ([jcowden@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:jcowden@sd73.bc.ca)), Joe Small ([jsmall@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:jsmall@sd73.bc.ca)), and Denise Harper ([dharper@sd73.bc.ca](mailto: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.

### **C. Annual General Meeting**

***Tuesday, May 16th (NorKam Library - 4:30PM)***

The KTTA Annual General Meeting will be held at NorKam Library on Tuesday, May 16th at 4:30PM.

Attached to this email are By-Law and Policy changes that the Table Officers are bringing to the KTTA Executive Committee and Staff Rep Council meeting prior to being brought to the AGM. This is notice of those changes to the AGM and will also be included on the KTTA website once the Executive Committee has had an opportunity to discuss them.

#### **Draft Agenda:**

- 1) Call to Order, 4:30 PM, L. Balogh / G. Hafeli
- 2) Acknowledgment of Aboriginal Territory / Commitment to Solidarity
- 3) Adoption of the Agenda
- 4) Adoption of the May 18th AGM Minutes
- 5) Union Service Awards, Recognition of School Union Reps and Executive Committee
- 6) Elections for KTTA Executive Committee Positions
- 7) KTTA 2017-18 Budget
- 8) Annual Committee Reports
- 9) Policy / By-Law Recommendations
- 10) Doorprizes - Gift Certificates / Year-End Dues
- 11) Adjournment - 6:30 PM