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### District Representative Meeting Dates

04 04-05: Provincial Executive Council

05 02: Lakeland Catholic LC

04 08: ARA Resolutions Meeting

05 02-03: Provincial Executive Council

04 09: Greater St. Paul constitution and LC meeting

Wow! What happened to the meetings?☺

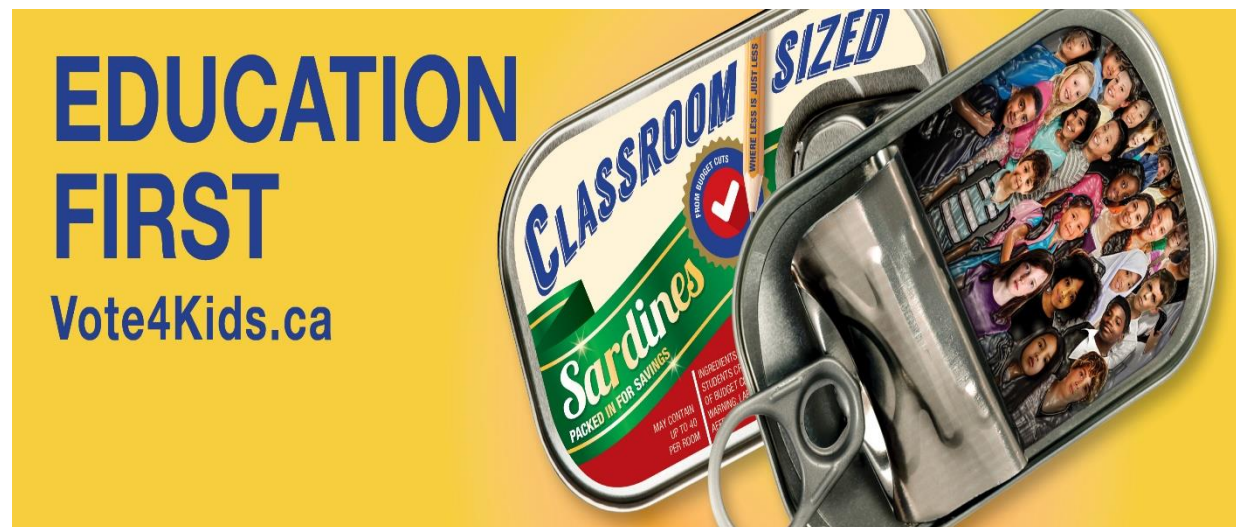
04 11: Lakeland Catholic LC

04 12-13: Teacher Welfare Area Conference

04 26: Convention Validation & Implementation Symposium

04 26-27: Professional Development Area Conference

04 29: School Leaders Issues and Concerns Committee



## Government

- Two committees underwent a name change:
  - Indigenous Education Committee replaces the Committee on First Nations, Metis and Inuit Education
  - School Leaders' Issues and Concerns Committee replaces School Administrators' Issues and Concerns
- I will be taking more sardine campaign leaflets to the ARA resolutions meeting tomorrow for distribution to locals. Any feedback on the reception of this campaign?
- The ATA Magazine will undergo a refresh.
- The ongoing relationship we have with advertisers as a result of consistent investment allows us to access advertising exposure way beyond the money we pay. An excellent example would be the *Face of Education* ad during the Alberta Leaders debate on Thursday.
- Please read the education platform of the United Conservative Party. Understand that it is rare for the ATA to engage in criticism of political parties during election campaigns. We are non-partisan. However, principals are members of or association and we will not stand by idly when a political party makes indication that principals would be removed from the association.
- Our Growing Up Digital (GUD) project is receiving international attention.
- 1300 Alberta schools have registered for Student Vote.
- In recent polling, education was the fourth most important issue in the provincial election campaign.

## Professional Development

- ❖ Diversity, Equity and Human Rights and Well Being of Children and Youth will host a joint conference on April 11-12 at Barnett House with grant in aid for three delegates per local. **Who is attending??**
- ❖ Twenty-three sessions for Leadership Quality Standard certification were held during the convention season with 2700 teachers attending.
- ❖ Our new convention association has been named: Endless Skies Teachers' Convention Association.
- ❖ It is important to note that there has been NO decision made regarding implementation of new curriculum K-4.

### **Member Services**

- The issue of aggression against teachers is growing. We are examining this through committee in an effort to understand the issue before taking action. Two pieces of the complexity of this problem are a) workplace culture of ignoring, minimizing or expecting violence against teachers to be part of the job; and b) financial pressures that undermine the transmission of information regarding violence in schools.
- The demand for presentations in the MS section has increased.
- Tim Jeffares was hired as Executive Staff Officer.

### **Teacher Welfare**

- ✓ The integrity of bargaining unit general meetings (BUGM) must be protected. There is no communication with employers during closed meetings.
- ✓ BTPS Ministerial Order from the framework agreement where the school district was to reduce the workload of teachers will go to an appeal by judicial review in June. This decision will set the bar for other jurisdictions/locals in the province.

### **Upcoming:**

Teacher Welfare Area Conference, Calgary

Professional Development Area Conference, Calgary

**Have you voted on the mediator's recommendations for central bargaining?**

**Please vote in the upcoming provincial election. Please encourage others to vote.**

**Thanks!**

**Have you heard of or had any experience with the device AngelSense?**

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