

**Briefing Notes of Regular Meeting of
PARKLAND AREA RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (PARTA)
May 7, 2019**

These briefing notes serve as the highlights from the PARTA Regular Meeting, May 7, 2019. This summary does not serve as the official minutes of the meeting. If you have questions or concerns about any of the information contained within this report, please use the contact information on our website to speak with a PARTA Executive member.

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The President called the meeting to order with 21 members present.

The Secretary-Treasurer read the Treaty 6 Acknowledgement Statement.

The Treasurer presented the Financial Report.

Business Arising from Minutes

- Proposal to increase PARTA Annual Membership Fees from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per year will be discussed and voted on at our Annual General Meeting on June 4th, 2019.
- A Merit Travel representative will be present at our October meeting to talk about the 2020 Badlands excursion as well as other opportunities and methods of travel.
- Record and send number of minutes and type of activity results for the Wellness Challenge to our Vice-President after June 4th. Information is available on the ARTA website.
- Two PARTA members will accompany members of the Executive to the 2019 ARTA Organizational Excellence Retreat in Canmore on May 26-29.
- The President shared a thank you letter for PARTA's contribution to the 2019 Second Wind Conference.

New Business

- The President's term is up for renewal in June, 2019.
- Proposed Wellness Workshop in early 2020 will include In Body Machine, A1C and possibly other disease testing and two attending nurses. More information to come in future.
- Proposal to make a \$150.00 contribution to the Charitable Foundation to be discussed.

Announcements

- ARTA's 7th annual Photo Contest is open to all ARTA members. Details online.
- Scholarship opportunities are available through ARTA-TW and ATA Local 10.
- May 14th - HARTA Mini Conference at Drayton Valley.
- June 30th - Fiddling Concert fund raiser for Spruce Grove Agricultural Society.
- September 5 – Second Wind Conference Chateau Louis, Edmonton.

President's Report - Highlights from ATA Local Meetings on April 3rd and May 1st:

- Mediator recommendations were accepted. Dispute settled with 1 year contract remaining.
- New Report Cards are being designed for 2020.
- Transportation at 6 district schools is affected by changes made to the PSD budget.
- Attempt to help teachers understand difference between Central and Local Table when there are issues to resolve.
- Redistribution of the behavioral programs in the Division. Schools now hosting programs are: Forest Green, Copperhaven, Connections for Learning and Millgrove.

Next PARTA meeting: PARTA's Annual General Meeting will be held June 4th, 2019

The meeting adjourned.

Presentation: "Our Website So Far – A Tutorial"

Lunch and Visiting