



Local 1 ATA Meeting Summary. March 07, 2016

1. Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week is March 14 – 18th. If you have a substitute teacher in your room during Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week, please consider leaving them a note or a treat to show your gratefulness for the job they do.
2. **Please consult** school policy when completing Incident Report forms. Your administration may have a policy in place that they expect you to follow.
3. Local 1 ATA Annual Golf Tournament, May 28th at Par 3. (Date may change due to a conflict). MLAs will be invited so that you can meet them and discuss concerns or talk about their view on issues that are important to you. More information to follow as it is confirmed.
4. **The ATA Local** is looking for feedback regarding a Wellness PD Day (on an already scheduled District PD Day) during the next school year. We would like to know if you are interested, when you would prefer it to be and what kind of Wellness sessions you would like to see available.
5. Please update your **teacher profile** on the provincial ATA website. You will need your teaching certificate number (available from the district HR department or TQ services at the ATA) to create an account if you have not previously logged into the ATA website. This will be necessary due to the fact that the ATA **will** be using electronic voting for bargaining related items in the near future. ATA Membership cards will not be issued by the ATA. You can print a membership card from your profile on the ATA website.
6. **TEACHERS and SOCIAL MEDIA – PLEASE** be **VERY CAUTIOUS** about what you post on social media. You wear your teacher's hat 24/7. Everything you post can be scrutinized by anyone and could lead to dismissal. In addition, when you are upset about an issue in education, specifically something that is a school board policy; teachers **CANNOT** criticize any policy of the school board that you are employed. This can also be grounds for dismissal.
7. **Do not get caught** in the media frenzy around teacher salary and bargaining. This process has barely started so we (teachers) need to let this process play out. If you would like to listen to Frank Bruseker's (Calgary Public ATA Local President), rebuttal to the CTF article, please use this link to access his radio appearance on the Calgary Eye Opener - <http://www.cbc.ca/player/play/2684895975>
8. **The EPC** would like to thank teachers for their input through the recent survey. A large number of teachers took the time to fill out the survey. EPC members will meet in March to compile data and generate an opening proposal for local bargaining.