

Liaison Meeting December 1, 2009

ATA Kudos/Positives

- Extended break in November appreciated by teachers
- PD Support for new administrators and Beginning Teachers' Conference
- Attendance at Induction and Retirement

BRSD Kudos/Positives

- Invitation to Induction and Retirement
- Consultative process, Forum participation
- Results Review process
- Video from last liaison meeting
- MERLA awards in Improvement and Achievement
- H1N1 response
- Working Together in changing landscape

ATA Items

- ❖ Interim Reporting
 - Not a district requirement, Dr. Payne admitted he forgot about this item, will check into clarification on process through survey and report back
- ❖ Starting age for Kindergarten – Grade One
 - Maturity is an issue
 - Looking at an entry level age aligned with other divisions around the province
- ❖ New Assessment Policy for Report Cards
 - Draft at this point – Vice Principals will take and consider implementation and what supports are needed
 - At least 50-75% of teachers in AFL workshops, as more participate, there is a contradiction in the current procedure
 - Will be more outcome based gr. 1-9 on a 4 point scale; secondary has more challenges
 - Reporting: need to take “baby steps” across the Division but will allow different tools ie. Computer work at home
 - Comment banks will be developed
 - Goal to be rolled-out December 1, possibly a pilot first

- ❖ Battle River Project
 - Administrative procedure is still in development
 - No “food police”, the essence is common sense and modeling
 - Mental health aspect is difficult, “breaking new ground” in this area
- ❖ First Aid Training/OHS
 - CTS shops and other high-risk areas are the priority
 - Hopefully money for lower risk
 - Thanks to teachers for their cooperation

BRSD #31 Items

- ❖ Assessment Admin. Procedure – Vice Principals
 - Vice Principals will implement the responsibilities (Further supports, etc)
- ❖ Welcoming and Inviting Schools – Vice Principals
 - Promote healthy transitions between divisions/grade levels and creating a sense of belonging needs to be considered (driven by recent high-school initiation)
- ❖ Essential Outcomes
 - Expectations of Outcome Postings is viewed as professional autonomy of teachers
 - In essence, everyone should know what is expected in their learning
 - Should really be a site based decision as a TEAM!
- ❖ BRSD Vision
 - They reemphasize commitment
 - They will maintain

ATA AND BRSD #31 Item

- ❖ STOP THE CUTS
 - Collaboration, message to be “NO CUTS”
 - Trying to be prepared and proactive
 - Future? Education is essential and a priority
 - Balanced Books this past year
 - Local Governance – community elected

- Handout from Forum – Results
 - Common theme is that technology is important, parents don't want cuts but additions
- Developing funding scenarios for next year – if currently maintained, would run out of money in 4 years