

Greetings from Local 48!

President's Message

Budgets, Elections, Agreements, Oh My!

On March 26th, all eyes and ears will be focused on the Legislature when the Provincial Budget will be presented. Will education funding be cut? How would cuts impact my students? my school? my district? So many questions To stay informed be certain to check www.teachers.ab.ca

Election results for Provincial Executive Council elections will be announced on March 23rd. If you haven't voted but have registered on the Provincial website, you have until March 22 at 5pm to vote for Vice Presidents and District Representatives.

Our Provincial Association is getting ready for a possible spring Provincial election. Teachers, I can't stress enough the importance of becoming informed on the issues and fulfilling your democratic right by voting. As an Association, we are non-partisan. Our Local will be organizing a candidate forum once the election date is announced.

The new collective agreements can be found on our Local's website, <http://local48.teachers.ab.ca/> and on both District websites. Be certain to read it over!

Nancy Ball

President

PD Report

The committee received just under 300 responses to its survey about ATA workshops. Based on those responses, research by the committee, and feedback from our ATA PD advisor, 20 workshops were chosen to be scheduled for Teacher's Institute 2015. The PD Committee is also looking at other organizations to fill in some of the gaps such as 2Learn and Fit For Life.

There are two PD grants available for cycle two. Teachers may submit their applications to local48PD@gmail.com.



PEC Forum March 7th

Important Dates:

April 3-10 Spring Break

Apr 16-18 Middle Years Council Conference

Apr 23 Webinar-Addressing learning disabilities in the inclusive classroom



STANDING UP TO THE ALBERTA DISADVANTAGE

An evening with Dr. Trevor Harrison

The Fort McMurray Labor Council and the Alberta Teachers' Association Local #48 cordially invite you to join us for an evening as we host Dr. Trevor Harrison from Parkland Institute.

When: April 24, 2015

Where: Sawridge Hotel Conference Center

Cocktail Hour in the Sawridge Conference Lobby: 6:30pm - 7:30pm Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Presentation: 7:30pm - 9:30pm

Parkland Institute is an Alberta-wide, non-partisan research centre situated within the Faculty of Arts at the University of Alberta. Parkland Institute studies economic, social, cultural and political issues facing Albertans and Canadians, using the perspective of political economy. The Institute shares the results of its research widely and promotes discussion of the issues its research raises. Within post-secondary institutions, Parkland Institute includes those who are involved in interdisciplinary and socially-engaged thinking. In the broader Alberta community, Parkland Institute works with religious organizations, professionals, trade unionists, the arts community, non-profit organizations, environmentalists, feminists, social movement activists, private sector individuals and other interested individuals. The composition of the Board of Parkland Institute reflects these diverse publics.

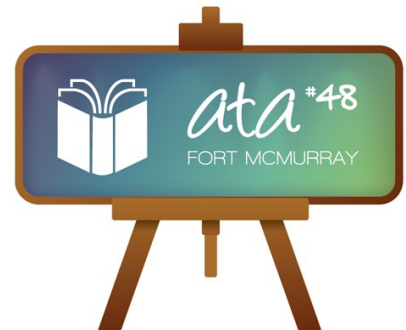
Please consider attending this event to meet your fellow union and professional association colleagues, as we continue to advocate for all Albertans, under the umbrella of public services.

This is a free event but tickets are limited so please contact Sheldon Dahl at sjdahlmail@gmail.com to reserve yours.



PEC Forum Crowd

***“Intelligence
plus character is
the goal of true
education.”***



Dr. Trevor Harrison

University of Lethbridge, Director of the Parkland Institute

Dr. Trevor Harrison was born and raised in Edmonton. He holds a B.A. from the University of Winnipeg, an M.A. from the University of Calgary, and a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Alberta. His areas of specialty include political sociology, political economy, and public policy.

He is currently a Professor of Sociology at the University of Lethbridge and Director of the Parkland Institute. Previously, Dr. Harrison was a visiting professor at the University of Alberta



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An evening with Dr. Trevor Harrison (continued)

Dr. Harrison is best known for his studies of populist politics in Canada and the political culture of Alberta and the Canadian west in particular. In addition to numerous journal articles and book chapters, he is the author, co-author, or co-editor of eight books dealing with politics, economics, and sociology, including most recently, *Against Orthodoxy: Studies in Nationalism* (University of British Columbia Press, 2011). His op-ed columns frequently appear in national newspapers.



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Local Website News—local48.teachers.ab.ca

Check out our local website for instructions for voting in the PEC election and links to candidates websites. We also have a calendar of upcoming events and meetings.

PEC Forum was a Successful Evening!

Thank you to all of the members who came out for a wonderful candidate forum on March 7th at Composite High School. There were many great questions, tweets, and prizes!

*“A teacher takes
a hand, opens a
mind, and touch-
es a heart.”*

