



## Support Staff Liaison Committee (SSLC) News

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This newsletter outlines topics discussed at the SSLC meeting on February 19, 2010.

**Vacation Pay Vote - Results and Next Steps**

In November 2009 non-unionized 10-month employees and non-unionized Educational Assistants voted on timing of payment of outstanding vacation balance and vacation accrual. The SSLC committee agreed to have a re-vote on these two topics. Human Resources Director McAlinden and Area 1 SSLC representative Coombs will distribute an informational package to schools in early **June 2010**. The vote will take place from **June 7-11, 2010, closing on June 11, 3:30 pm**. Be sure to watch for the information package to be sent to your school in early June 2010.

**Educational Assistant (EA) Handbook**

The committee was provided with a progress report of the draft version of the handbook. The committee provided recommendations for additional items for the handbook. McAlinden will provide an update at the May 2010 meeting.

**Long-Term Disability (LTD)****• Area 1 LTD**

The SSLC committee reviewed the quote from Mercer for LTD benefits for Area 1 non-union support staff. Area 1 representative reported there is lack of interest. Therefore, no further action is required.

**• Area 4 LTD**

Human Resources Director McAlinden informed the committee that the Area 4 LTD plan is complete. No further action is required.

**Cost of Living Allowance (COLA)**

The SSLC committee forwarded a letter of request to the Frontier School Board of Trustees for a 3% COLA increase effective July 1, 2010 for all non-unionized support staff in the Division.

**Additional meeting items included:**

- non-union support staff employee concerns from Area 1 and Area 2 schools,
- vacation and sick leave reports,
- Educational Assistants and substitute teaching,
- expense claim reimbursement turnaround time for SSLC representatives, and
- co-curricular days.

Some of these topics will be discussed further at the May 2010 meeting. Please review the meeting minutes or speak to your Area, Division office, or School Representative for details.

*The next SSLC meeting is May 10, 2010 at the Division Office in Winnipeg.*