Hospitality Committee Annual Report

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To: Council of School Representatives
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Several meetings were held, both virtually and in-person, to plan four major events—Fall Special New Horizons Banquet (for teachers who retired in 2020 and 2021), New Teacher's Induction, Annual Representative Assembly, and the Annual New Horizons Banquet.

Stand for Education Rally Transportation
2022 October 22—Legislature Building, Edmonton

The Hospitality Committee was thrilled to be a part of planning the transportation to the Stand for Education Rally in Edmonton. Three buses were stocked with ample snacks and drinks to sustain the many passengers who travelled to and from Edmonton to attend the rally.

Special New Horizons Banquet
2022 October 28 –BMO Centre, Calgary

Teachers who retired during the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years were unable to celebrate their retirement due to disruptions caused by COVID-19, but due to the incredible generosity of CSR, we were finally able to acknowledge our 2020 and 2021 retirees with an elegant evening that recognized their hard work, dedication, and years of service. The retirement banquet, at the BMO Centre, included a champagne reception, dinner, slide show, and a congratulatory procession line. Leaders from the ATA (Provincial and Local) and CBE offered speeches of congratulations and recognition.

New Teachers' Induction
2023 April 27 – The Royal Hotel, Calgary

Once again, we welcomed new teachers into the profession at our annual New Teachers' Induction. Co-emceed by Sandi Nichol and Caitlin McDermott, Vice Presidents of Local 38, the event took place at the Royal Hotel. Attendees enjoyed an engaging program and a delicious dinner. The program included welcome messages from Stephani Clements, President of Local 38; Laura Hack, Chair, Board of Trustees; Christopher Usih, Chief Superintendent of CBE; and Provincial ATA Vice-President, Greg Carabine. The Edwin Parr nominee, Chantelle Clairmont (Sir John A. MacDonald), delivered a memorable address to the new teachers. Kevin Kempt, District Representative, led the induction and pledge of the teachers new to the ATA. Teachers also played some games and won a variety of prizes.

Annual Representative Assembly
2023 May 19-22 – JW Marriott ICE District, Edmonton

81 delegates attended ARA during the May long weekend—some traveling in a comfortable coach bus, while enjoying delicious snacks and good company, while others selected their own

independent transportation. During ARA meetings, delegates enjoyed opportunities to engage in professional discourse and debate with members of other ATA locals. In the evenings, delegates networked and socialized with members of ATA locals from all over the province in the Hospitality Suites (Local and Provincial), which were hosted in the Jari Kurri Ballroom. The Hospitality Committee provided snack bags to delegates again this year which were filled with a variety of treats, door prize tickets, special notes from students, and a fun Bingo card; fresh fruit was also passed around. The Hospitality Committee also hosted a luncheon for delegates on May 21.

New Horizons Banquet
2023 June 16 – BMO Centre, Calgary

Plans are underway to celebrate the many teachers and administrators who are retiring from CBE during the 2022-2023 school year. We will acknowledge our retirees with an upscale event that recognizes their hard work, dedication, and years of service. The June New Horizons Banquet will take place at the BMO Centre and will include a champagne reception, a photobooth, dinner, slide shows, and a gift presentation. Leaders from the ATA (Provincial and Local), CBE, and Board of Trustees will offer speeches of congratulations and recognition.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Penner, Chair
Hospitality Committee

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