**Report on the CTF Meeting July 12-14**

**Intro:** There are 15 provincial and territorial member associations across Canada that attend. As well, the Ontario Teachers Federation comes as an associate member and SETPF, a Francophone organization attends as an associate member.

Total delegates were 105, while total CTF membership is now 232,000. The CTF Board of Directors held 2 regular meetings during the year and convened a special videoconference call in October to discuss sensitive items. In 2020, CTF will be 100 years old.

CTF links to a network of over 400 teacher organizations from 170 countries and there is a commonality of goals and interests all over the world including promoting children’s well being and learning, the status and safety of women, and women’s leadership and participation in their organizations. Privatization and commercialization in schools is also a concern.

The annual CTF budget for the coming year is about 6.5 million, 93% of which comes from annual fees. The fee for next year will be raised by one dollar to $29.30 per member.

CTF Secretary General, Cassandra Hallett, listed 4 areas of emphasis: goal setting, governance, partnerships, and visibility/profile.

**Heather Smith, CTF President—important issues**

. Building partnerships and meaningful relationships with allies and like-minded groups.

. mental health of students and teachers

. educational funding

. alarming increase in violent incidents in schools

. potential repeal of Section 43 of the Criminal Act

. Copyright legislation and the rising costs

**Six Concurrent Sessions discussed various concerns**

Standardization and personalization

Privatization

Depersonalization and DE professionalization

Educational Technology and datafication

**General and Common Concerns of the Provincial/Territorial Organizations**

. Under funding/school closures/program cuts

. Health and safety/ physical state of schools/work place violence

. Poverty, hunger, social isolation

. Mental health and well being of students and teachers

. Privacy/digital reporting/standardized tests

. Introduction of new curriculum with no teacher input

. Class sizes/no caps

. Women’s equity

. Sensitivity to Indigenous issues/ Truth and Reconciliation

. Adapting to technology

. Sick leave/LTD/replacement of absent teachers

. Provincial funding/ pension plans

**Specific Area Concerns**

**Nunavut**

. Has 820 members in 44 schools in about 25 communities

. Suspicious fires destroy schools

. Inadequate housing for teachers

. High staff turnover

. Workplace harassment allegations

. Student behavior problems

. Inadequate teacher salaries/ low morale

**BC**

. Expressed joy over recent provincial election/ prepared a binder for the new Min. of Ed.

**Alberta**

. Mildly positive about the NDP government/ new model for collective bargaining

**Saskatchewan**

. Deficit budget- cut by 1.2%

. No salary increases for 3 years

. 18 3P schools opening

. Government popularity is plummeting.

**Manitoba**

. Court challenge to wage freeze

. New Conservative Government very draconian

**OECTA—Ontario Catholic Teachers**

. 9/10th of teachers exposed to or witnessed classroom violence

. Weapons appearing even at elementary level

. 25% of teachers report being actively discouraged from reporting incidents

**CUPAC—Quebec**

. Impacted by austerity in last 10 years, even though there have been govt. surpluses

. Violence survey is coming in the fall

**NB**

. 5 professional days added along with guarantee of full prep time

**NS**

. Difficult year/court challenge

. Thankful for support during their rallies

. Right to strike but no work to rule

**PEI**

. No school closures as was expected/ 27 new positions added

**Yukon**

. Encouraged by the new premier, a former school teacher

**Ontario Teachers Federation**

. Pleased with the success of the Pension Plan

. Significant increase in public complaints to the College of Teachers

**CTF**

. Concerns over “Bridge International Academies”—low fee for profit schools

. Poor families are disadvantaged

. Support for Bill C-262 calling for the laws of Canada to be in harmony with the United Nations Declaration of Rights of Indigenous people and recommended that all Affiliates and Associate members support this as well.

**Elections**

The new CTF President is Mark Ramsaker, from Alberta who emphasized the need to fight privatization and the right wing.

Vice Presidents elected include:

James Dinn—NFL

Sam Hammond—ETFO, Ontario

Clint Johnston—BC

Francine Leblanc-Lebel—AEFO, Ontario

Bethany Macleod—PEI