



MEMORANDUM

Date: 10 January, 2012
To: Board of Trustees
From: Tim Monds - Superintendent of Schools
Originator: Kelly Wilkins – Deputy Superintendent
Subject: **EDWIN PARR AWARD**

Recommendation

1. That the Board of Trustees establishes a submission deadline of February 15, 2012 for schools to nominate a first year teacher for the Alberta School Boards' Association's Edwin Parr Award; and
2. That the Board of Trustees identifies three Trustees to sit on an Edwin Parr selection committee for 2011; and further
3. That the Board of Trustees' selection committee announces its Edwin Parr Award submission March 6, 2012 for submission to the ASBA before April 1, 2012.

Background

Edwin Parr homesteaded in the Meanook area near Athabasca in 1920. Prior to 1925 he began his long career in educational affairs as a member of the board with the George Lake School District. He served as chair of the board with the Athabasca School Division and was on the council of the County of Athabasca from its formation in 1959 until his death in January 1963. Edwin Parr was president of the Alberta School Trustees' Association from 1956 to 1962. Ed Parr, as he was known to all, instituted an "Annual Teacher Award" in his school system. Each year a member of the teaching staff was chosen to receive a gold watch and an appropriate certificate for long and meritorious service.

In searching for a way in which his memory might be perpetuated and to honor the profession he so dearly respected, the Alberta School Trustees' Association established the Edwin Parr Teacher Award in 1964.

Criteria

- Any first year K-12 teacher is eligible for nomination.
- A minimum of 100 full-time equivalent days of teaching within the current school year is required (ie) September 2010 to June 2011.
- May have up to 120 days of teaching service prior to signing a full-time contract (modified in 2004 from 60 days to 120 days).
- An intern teacher is not eligible during his or her internship period but may be eligible in a subsequent year.

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