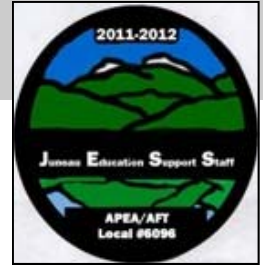


March 2012

JESS Newsletter



SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

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Its here!

The JESS Semi-Annual Meeting is April 14th.

This meetings main agenda items will feature counting returned ballots for open executive board positions and voting to accept or reject our tentative agreement with the Juneau School District.

The Executive Board positions that are up for election are President, Secretary, Parliamentarian, and Employee Representative Coordinator. Nominations have been received and ballots go out via mail on Monday, March 26th.

SEE YOU THERE!

JESS Semi-Annual MTG

SATURDAY

April 14th

9am

Thunder Mountain HS

JESS Executive Board 2011-12

- **PRESIDENT:**
Cricket Curtain
- **VICE-PRESIDENT:**
Billy Richardson
- **TREASURER:**
Pamela Tippetts
- **SECRETARY:**
Molly Hillis
- **PARLIMENTARIAN:**
Jennifer Johnson
- **COMMUNICATIONS:**
Jennifer Knaggs
- **EMPLOYEE REP COORD:**
Denise Scanlon
- **APEA/AFT REP:**
Pete Ford

JESS Website (and TWITTER?!?!?!?)



What is TWITTER?

According to Wiki-pedia, "Twitter is an online social networking service... that enables its users to send and read... posts of up to 140 characters, known as 'tweets'."

What is the JESS Twitter account Name?

@JESSUnionNews (<http://twitter.com/#!/JESSUnionNews>)

Do I have to have a Twitter account?

Nope! Just access our page with the link below and you can see the Twitter feed without even signing up.

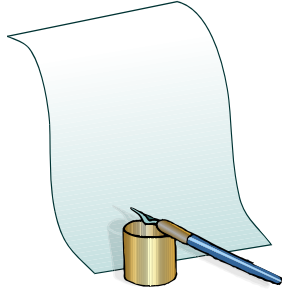
Don't forget the JESS website! The state AFT group is hosting it on their server.

You can access the new site at:

<http://ak.aft.org/JESS/>

<http://twitter.com/#!/JESSUnionNews>

DEAR JESS



Dear JESS,

When can members expect to receive communications in their personal emails?

— Empty Inbox

Dear Empty Inbox,

Thank you for your question. Our Communication Officer, Jennifer Knaggs, will be sending out periodic emails with updates and important information. The latest email was a link to the JESS website article with the PDF of the tentative agreement with the Juneau School District.

If you have not received this email on your work or home email (we used both the JSD JESS email group and the home emails this time), please let Jennifer know. She can be reached at Jennifer_Knaggs@jsd.k12.ak.us or JESSCommunications@gmail.com or 907-723-1602.

Thank you for your patience as we continue our efforts to improve communication.

~ JESS

Please send Dear JESS questions in care of Molly Hillis at:

molly_hillis@jsd.k12.ak.us or to Dzantki'i Heeni.

*Dear JESS responses are a collaborative effort, no one person claims to know-it-all.

IDEAS to STAY INVOLVED:

- **ASK TO BECOME AN EMPLOYEE REP** (Contact Denise Scanlon: moosepower@gci.net)
- **Go to School Board Meetings** (wearing JESS apparel, buttons, or your lanyards)
- **Wear** your buttons and use your lanyards
- **Introduce yourself as a JESS Member**
- **Invest** in a union shirt, sweatshirt, jacket, or mug. And then remember to WEAR IT TO WORK once a week. http://www.cafepress.com/jess_local_6096

Buy JESS Gear at CaféPress:

http://www.cafepress.com/jess_local_6096

A few examples of the designs available for printing on TShirts, Sweatshirts, and Totes:

JESS
Local #6096
APEA/AFT



Tentative Agreement Reached

The JESS Negotiation team has reached a tentative agreement with JSD in the collective bargaining process.

Take a look at the document before the semi-annual meeting and the vote to accept or reject the tentative agreement:

- 1) Please follow this link: <http://ak.aft.org/JESS/>
- 2) Click on the article titled "Tentative Agreement reached between JESS and JSD in collective bargaining"
- 3) You can open up the 67 page PDF by clicking on "JESS Tentative Agreement with JSD 20March2012" (Under Additional Resources)

* Or click here: <http://ak.aft.org/JESS/index.cfm?action=article&articleID=01481881-494c-4e22-af0e-2ca476983226>

Getting and Staying Involved

Upcoming E-Board Meeting:

Semi-Annual Meeting—Saturday, April 14th, 9am, TMHS

* Return and Count Ballots * Ratify Contract with JSD *

JESS Website:

<http://ak.aft.org/JESS/>

* Latest article has a PDF of the Tentative Agreement on Collective Bargaining Agreement with JSD so that you can review the document before the Semi-Annual Meeting.

JESS on TWITTER:

<http://twitter.com/#!/JESSUnionNews>

* Quick news and union related updates.

JESS Member Home Emails:

We are still collecting home emails so that you can receive JESS updates on your home email from the new JESS communications gmail account.

* JESSCommunications@gmail.com

MORE VALUE FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERS KNOW

FAMILY MATTERS



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For more information about this and other savings, go to:

aft.org/members



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