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HOURS OF ATTENDANCE

Hours of attendance remains an issue in some sites. For the purposes of pay and leave, the working week is 36hrs 45minutes in length. The daily hours of 8:30am to 12:30pm and 1:30pm to 4:51pm are for the purposes of pay and leave only and must not be confused with hours of attendance.

These times are only to be used to complete DET's part-time roster. Part-time teachers and their supervisors should also be aware that hours of attendance and face-to-face teaching hours are to be calculated on a pro-rata basis. See Table of Part-Time Hours on previous e-Bulletin page [click on Back button].

The attendance time required at each school site can be negotiated on an individual or collective basis, as detailed in Clause 144 of the Enterprise Agreement 2009-2011. The AEU position is that a full-time teacher's attendance time on site will generally be 32 hours and 30 minutes per week unless some variation is negotiated under Clause 144.2. This equates to a minimum working day of 6 hours and 30 minutes. In keeping with the terms of the Enterprise Agreement (EA), there are professional responsibilities that teachers must meet and expectations that teachers attend a variety of meetings beyond the base time. Section CC of the EA (starting on page 63 at <http://aeuact.asn.au/info-centre/working-conditions/documents/SchoolsEA.pdf>) outlines the expectations and includes the important point that attendance time on site is to be negotiated either individually or collectively with the principal. It is critical that teachers are aware of the options available to them under this section with regard to monitoring and managing workload. The AEU's Community Campaign, which will be outlined in sub-branches shortly, will see teacher members evaluating workload.

Professional Learning requirements (5 days per year for full-time teachers) are also pro-rata for part-time teachers, and the composition of the teacher's Professional Learning Days should be negotiated at the school level.

Further, part-time teachers should negotiate a number of Professional Pathways goals and a number of playground (or other) duties that fairly reflects their part-time status.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ACT BRANCH MEMBERS

2010 Branch Returning Officer Appointment at March Council [20 March 2010]

In accordance with Rule 6A[a] of the Federal Branch Rules, I hereby call for written expressions of interest for the position of 2010 Branch Returning Officer. Nominations should be forwarded to the Secretary and arrive at the Union office no later than 4:30pm on 18 March 2010. Nominations can be faxed to 627301828 or posted to PO Box 3042, Manuka ACT 2603.

Branch Rule 6 - Conduct of Elections

6A[a] A Branch Returning Officer who need not necessarily be a member of the Union shall be appointed by the Branch Council at its first meeting each year for the conduct of any Branch elections that may be held within the Branch throughout the ensuing year for the Executive positions, Branch Council positions, Branch TAFE Council positions, Sub-Branch Executive positions, Federal Conference Delegates, National TAFE Council Executive positions and Federal Executive Member positions in accordance with the Federal Branch Rules.

Any enquiries in relation to this position should be directed to Sue Billington at the Union office on 6272-7900.

PENNY GILMOUR - Branch Secretary

