



Con. Ed. Instructors District 11 President's Address

Welcome Back

I trust that everyone had a restful Thanksgiving weekend. There is currently a posting in Driver's Ed which will result in a new member there and we have a couple of new additions to International Languages. Also, we have seen 10 new hires in ESL and 2 in LBS. Along with an increase in hours for all those permanent staff who requested and accepted extra hours, our bargaining unit has seen a growth of 16 members since June and we hope to see this growth continue on into the future.

Executive Members

Our executive has already met twice this year. Veronica is back with ESL full time and will be more active in the London Rep role. Marilyn Light is still ill and we are looking to replace her as the Elgin Rep until she is well again. Please do send your support to her and Stacie Pouliasis as they continue to struggle with health issues.

Web Site

District 11 OSSTF is proud of its new website which is up and running. You can see this newsletter on the website along with important updates and dates. Take the time to check it out at <http://www.osstf11.com/>

Negotiations

- We have met with the board twice so far and have five more dates set for negotiations.
- The Provincial Discussion Table (PDT) agreement was ratified by the Support Staff presidents at a special meeting in Toronto. The parameters set out in the agreement limit what we will be able to achieve through negotiations and lock us into an agreement until 2012. As we are in resumption of bargaining, further communication on the content of that agreement will come from our Provincial Negotiator Karl Dean.
- Our table team has changed slightly with the withdrawal of Doug Pattyson for personal reasons.
- We have a deadline of November 30th to reach an agreement with the TVDSB. This date, set by the province, if exceeded will result in a decrease in the funds allocated to the board for increases in salary etc.

Dates

New Members workshop November 13, 2008