

“News At 11”



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President's Message

Welcome back everyone to another school year! Hopefully you enjoyed your time away and are well-rested for another busy year. I would also like to welcome those new employees who are joining our different job classes and hope that your employment at the Board is a fulfilling one.

Our Bargaining Unit Executive has one addition this year and we welcome Brenda Streib as the new Vice President. Brenda is in Social Work and Attendance Services and I feel confident that Brenda will bring a lot of experience with her to this position. All job class representatives remain the same for this year and a list of names is provided on this page. Please feel free to contact these reps if you have any questions/concerns.

Negotiations will be a predominant issue this year. Provincial discussion meetings for sup-

port staff broke down at the end of June. Our Provincial Executive met with Ministry personnel again on September 11-12 to see if a Provincial framework could be agreed upon. There is a meeting in Toronto on September 19 to vote on a tentative framework. Craig Read and myself will attend to hear all about this tentative agreement. Locally, we have some dates set with TVDSB personnel and these discussions will occur September 24, October 24, and November 5,6,7. Our table team consists of Nancy McDougall, Craig Read, Deb McCart, Teri Sabourin, myself and Tom Byers will be our Provincial representative. The Ministry has given all school boards and unions a date of November 30, 2008 to settle all collective agreements in order to receive additional monies for salaries and whatever else that has been negotiated in



these Provincial frameworks. It shall be interesting to see how things unfold locally and throughout the Province. We will keep you posted on any further information.

The Pay Equity process will continue this year. Thank you to all who participated in completing the questionnaires and to those who attended the job class meetings to provide additional information. Training dates for those on the Job Evaluation Committee will commence September 16 and 17 with dates to follow to evaluate input from all job classes.



“Let us not take thought for our separate interests, but let us help one another.”

OSSTF Motto

Important Dates

November 13, 2008

New Members Dinner & Workshop
Best Western Lamplighter Inn
Registration opens online
October 22

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Health & Wellness Dinner & Workshop
Best Western Lamplighter Inn
Registration opens online
October 22

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Credit Integrity Dinner & Workshop
Best Western Lamplighter Inn
Registration opens online
October 22

February 26, 2008

Bishop Townshend Award Dinner
London Convention Centre

May 19, 2008

PSSP AGM
District Office

June 11, 2009

Retirement Dinner
London Convention Centre

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There have been a few department name changes within our Bargaining Unit and they are:

School Counselling and Social Work Services - (includes all of the 4 job classes)

Speech Pathology and Audiology Services

As well, there has been a job class name change to Social Work and Attendance Services.

Michelle Gilpin is now the temporary coordinator of Psychological Services until Dr. Barrie Evans is able to start this position as permanent coordinator. School Counselling and Social Work Services is being co-supervised by Marie Chambers and Rosine Salazer and it has been stated that a posting will commence for a coordinator for this department during this school year. Questions and concerns should be addressed to the appropriate coordinators. Patience will be the key to survival during this initial start to the year and it would be helpful to rely on the advice and support of our colleagues.

External partnerships are still a matter of interest to us and we would like members to continue to inform us of any new partnerships involving external staff providing services to our Board. One new initiative to be aware of is a project called Student Support Leadership and what this entails is a collaboration of TVDSB, London District Catholic School Board and 13 community agencies to work together to establish or enhance local partnerships to better meet the mental health issues of students and families. We do have a representative from the union who will attend upcoming discussions on strategies/actions for this project.

Please check your pay stubs to

ensure that you have all received a .7% increase as of September 1, 2008.

Some dates to remember for upcoming events for this year:

New Members Workshop: November 13, 2008

OSSTF Retirement Workshops:
February 17, 2009—OMERS
April 2, 2009—TPP

Please check out District 11's new and exciting website that is now up and running. There is a lot of information that you may be interested in as well as dates of upcoming events that you may wish to attend.

With all that is happening this school year, we at OSSTF will continue to keep you informed of what is occurring. Please don't hesitate to contact your job class rep or executive member if you need clarification of what is happening within our Bargaining Unit. I hope that everyone has a terrific year!

In Solidarity,

Jody Harris
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PSSP Members at the 2007-2008 New Members Workshop held at the Best Western Lamplighter Inn.