

Bulletin

OSSTF Education Forum Features District Initiative

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Janet Scott, TBU Educational Services Officer, has her article on District 20's Teachers Helping Teachers initiative published in the most recent issue of Education Forum. (Page 46)

On hold through the fall sanctions, District 20's most successful professional development initiative thus far is the Teacher Helping Teacher project. Started in 2010-2011, the Teachers' Helping Teachers Project is a partnership between OSSTF District 20 Teachers and the Teacher Credit Union. Release time coverage for small teams of teachers to work collaboratively on curriculum based projects is funded for a half day.

Janet Scott writes: "The desire and demand for quality self-directed professional development are clear. And the response to the project demonstrates the importance of dedicated, collaborative planning time."

Teachers Helping Teachers Returns!

OSSTF District 20 will sponsor release time for groups of 2-3 teachers to work on self-directed *collaborative planning* projects. Teachers may apply for up to 1 half day of release.

This initiative is funded in part through a contribution from Teachers Credit Union. Funds are limited! Approval for projects will be based on the number of applications submitted taking into consideration the schools and subject areas represented.

The application is on the website: www.osstfd20.ca. Submit them no later than Friday, April 5th, 2013.

District 20 Website Wins OSSTF Provincial Award



OSSTF District 20 was awarded the Amie Website Award at the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Assembly (AMPA) on March 11. Congratulations go to Doug Thompson, TBU Communications Officer, who created and maintains the site.

The Amie Website Award is presented annually at AMPA to recognize the efforts of districts and bargaining units for the excellence of their websites. All districts and bargaining units with an active link on the OSSTF/FEESO Provincial Office website's Districts and Bargaining Units page are automatically eligible and entered each year.

OSSTF Election Update

Ken Coran Retires, Paul Elliott Elected

The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Assembly held March 9-11 featured the elections for the Provincial Executive 2013-2015. Results:

- President - Paul Elliott
- Vice Presidents - Harvey Bischof, Cindy Dubue
- Treasurer - Earl Burt
- Executive Officers - Jo Dean, Sue Doughty-Smith, Rob Gascho



District 20 Teacher Delegates Attend Provincial Assembly March 8th-11th

Thanks for giving of your time!

The Halton Teachers' Bargaining Unit sent a full slate of delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Assembly – March 8-11, 2013.

Stephanie Briggs, Victor Disyak, Kelly McCarthy, Cindy Gage, John Watson, Jim Young, Janet Scott, Ginger Major, Brad Fisher, Julie Scott-Trask, Steve Spisak, Bonnie Cummings, Eugeni Nicolov, Michelle Neumann and Bob Hepburn represented

The TBU Delegates met March 5 to discuss procedures, motions and candidates for the Provincial Executive Elections. AMPA was held at the Toronto Sheraton Centre.

Highlights of AMPA included: the election of the 2013-2015 Provincial Executive, passing of the Budget, formation of the new Health and Safety Committee, and the adoption of an OSSTF Policy endorsing one publically funded education system serving in English and French.



Teachers' Bargaining Unit Annual General Assembly

Tuesday, April 23th
4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Galaxy Club
475 North Service Rd E,
Oakville, ON

See your Branch President to sign up as a delegate!

Maternity/Parenting Workshop

Monday April 29th @ 4:15 pm

4:15 pm to 5:30 pm

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