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WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to school. We would like to welcome back all returning members and extend a warm welcome to our new members. We hope everyone had a restful and relaxing holiday with your family and friends despite the rain, clouds and cooler than usual weather. Now that the September sun has arrived, we hope that your startup will be smooth and enjoyable.

Please don't hesitate to contact us at the District Office if we can assist you in any way.

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LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

OSSTF held its annual Summer Leadership Conference titled "Leaders of Tomorrow" from August 22-26, 2009 at the Sheraton Toronto North in Richmond Hill, Ontario.

As a District we recognize the importance of ensuring our Member Services Officers and Executive Members are well trained. Steve Newstead, President, Teresa Marrello, District Officer and Tiffany Myers, Instructors' Bargaining Unit Vice-President attended the specialized training on August 22 and 23, 2009. They were joined for the remainder of the conference by David Herrington, Teachers' Bargaining Unit Chief Negotiator, David Mathers, Teachers' Bargaining Unit Secretary, Stewart Williams, District Treasurer and Sy Golosky, Occasional Teachers' Branch President from August 24-26, 2009.

This year's delegates participated in a variety of workshops including Bill 212 Implementation and follow up, New Member Workshop Pilot, Classroom Management, Greening our Union, Human Rights at Work, Assessment and Evaluation That Protects Professional Judgment, Certification, Addressing Mental Health Issues In The Workplace, Education Finances and Effective Staffing and the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Education Workshop.

RETIREES

On June 9, 2009, members, families and friends gathered at Mino's Village to honour our 2009 OSSTF Limestone District 27 retirees. Congratulations to each of our retirees on a successful career and we wish you all the best in the next phase of your lifelong journey.



back row: Steve Newstead, Brian Millard, Sheila Anthony, John Blaine, Craig Alderson, Jim Young
 middle row: Jennifer Millard, Susan Airth, Deborah Fenton, Teresa Marrello
 front row: Susan Brecht, Linda Blake, Kathleen Toth-Valentini

Retirees not attending the dinner: Sandra Baxter, Melodie Gummer, David Henshaw, Brian Hughes, Anna Maria Marshall, Elva McGaughey

ASSESSMENT & EVALUATION



In June 2009, OSSTF Teachers participated in an Assessment and Evaluation survey. Results from the survey were reviewed in late June by the President and District Officer. With the hope of affecting some change for September 2009, survey results were presented to Senior Management of the Limestone District School Board on June 26, 2009—the last day of school.

Survey results will be presented and discussed at the Teachers' Bargaining Unit Executive on September 17, 2009. Survey results will be available in worksites following this meeting.

Annual Meeting of Provincial Assembly 2010 Video Proposals

As a celebration of OSSTF/FEESO's 90th Anniversary, the AMPA 2010 Video will be made by the Members for the Members. The Provincial Executive has approved this new approach to further engage all Members, especially new ones and to encourage OSSTF/FEESO involvement and activism.

The Provincial Executive invites all interested members to submit proposals for the creation of the AMPA 2010 video. The topic is "What the Union Means to Me" and the winning entry gets to keep up to \$5000 in video equipment.

Please forward any questions to Lori Foote, Director, Communications and Political Action Dept. 1-800-267-7867.



SPOTLIGHT ON ...

Have something to say, a best practice to share, a concern you feel is not addressed, a colleague you would like to recognize? Forward submissions of 250 words or less to osstf@kingston.net.

Important Dates

Retirement WorkshopFeb. 3, 2010
 Annual General MeetingMay 19, 2010

OSSTF Re-Branded

At Leadership the new OSSTF/FEESO logo was unveiled with the slogan "Protecting and Enhancing Public Education." This new graphic will replace the OSSTF/FEESO logo that many of you are familiar with.