

PROVINCIAL AGM 2009

During the first weekend of this past March Break your thirty-five strong Dufferin-Peel Secondary Unit delegation once again represented the Unit at the 2009 Provincial AGM. Despite much debate and a very close vote there will be an increase of .12% to the annual OECTA fee. The OECTA fee is now an amalgam of \$950.00 plus .12% of a member's salary. In essence, the combination of these two components will represent an individual member's fee (the range of the increase will be from \$51.00 to \$107.00 depending on grid placement).

This fee increase – the first in four years occurred despite the sustained and significant efforts by our delegates who were actively involved in the fee debate. Our delegation's arguments were ultimately insufficient in swaying the prevailing sentiment. In the end the requisite number of delegates present at the AGM carried the day when it came to increasing the fee – the margin of the vote was 3%.

Also of great interest to the Unit was the fact that Kevin O' Dwyer was elected as first vice-president of OECTA provincial. Our delegation was very involved in his campaign and was led by a committed campaign team that included John Hynan, Peter MacDonald, Mary O'Connor – Lehoux and Brian Heimbecker. We continue to look forward to Kevin's continued representation at the Provincial Executive Table as he embarks on his full time release position with the energy and insight we have come to expect.

The Unit was also proud to be involved in the successful campaign that resulted in the election of Ann Hawkins to the Provincial Executive to the position of Councillor. Ann brings a wealth of experiences to bear in her new role and continues the fine tradition of Dufferin-Peel input on all matters of provincial import. With two DPSU members on the Provincial Executive, members will no doubt be strongly represented.

A special thanks goes out to the Unit Executive who attended namely, head of delegation Bob McCloskey, logistics person John Hynan, Maria De Berardinis, Brian Heimbecker, Ryan Dollimore, Peter MacDonald and Ann Hawkins, all of whom helped make for a smooth AGM for our delegation. In addition, a deep gratitude is owed to all of the members

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of the DPSU delegation for their professionalism, dedication and activism. This group admirably and selflessly gave of their March Break to represent us and deserve our thanks.

SURPLUS PROCESS

Here are the applicable clauses from Article 14.020 B of the Secondary Teachers' Collective Agreement that pertain to the declaration and placement of Surplus Teachers:

Article 14.020 B

- (f)** By the **fourth Friday of March**, the Principal shall have determined, after receiving the advice of the Staff Allocation Advisory Committee, the staffing requirements of the school, the staff who are declared surplus and the Teaching positions which are vacant.
- (g)** **In-school surplus staff for the following school year shall be declared by the fourth Friday of March. The President of the Dufferin-Peel Secondary Unit shall be notified in writing of the names of such in-school surplus Teachers and the relevant facts by which such determination was made.**
- (h)** **Teachers who are declared surplus to a school shall be notified by the Board in writing by the first Friday of April. A copy of this notification shall also be sent to the President of the Dufferin-Peel Secondary Unit at that time.**
- (i)** **Upon notification of surplus status, Teachers shall indicate to the Board the geographic areas (Family of Schools) to which they would prefer to be reassigned.**
- (j)** **By April 15th, or as soon thereafter as is possible, the Board shall have held a Boardwide meeting of Principals and senior administration, with the presence of the President, or designate, of the Dufferin-Peel Secondary Unit.**

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