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DPSU Annual General Meeting

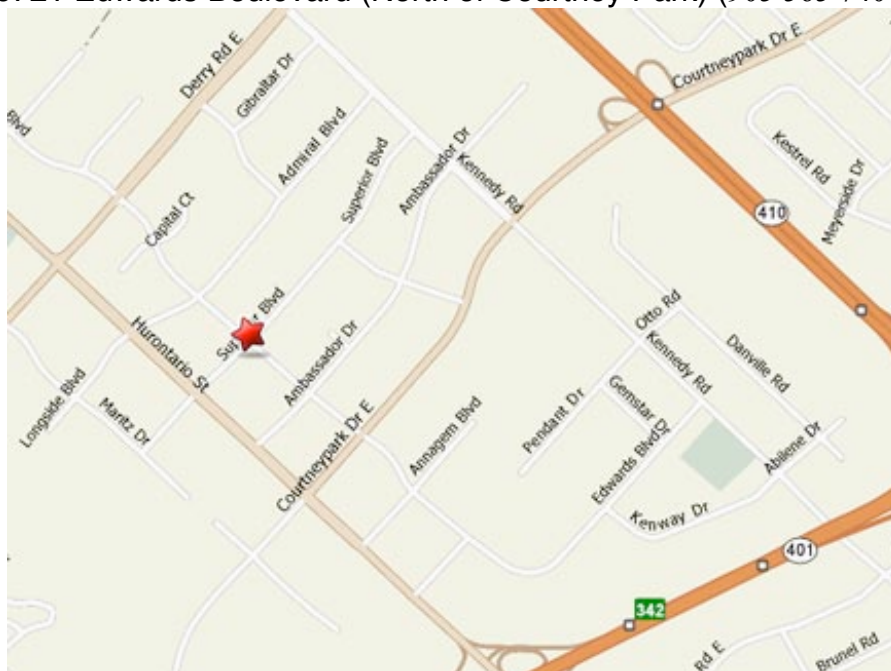
The Unit's Annual General Meeting will be held on May 14, 2009 at the Versailles Convention Centre (see map below). This is the third year at this location. The location is situated very near to the Unit Office and as such is much more centrally located and easily accessible. As always members will have the opportunity to participate in the Unit Elections as well as debate and vote on any proposed by-law, policy or procedure changes. The election polls will be open from when candidate speeches end to 6:00 PM.

DPSU Annual General Meeting

Thursday May 14, 2009 @ 3:45 PM

Versailles Convention Centre

6721 Edwards Boulevard (North of Courtney Park) (905 565 7400)



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Unit Elections – New Elected Release Officer – 1st Vice-President

This year, as per the Unit By-laws, the position of 1st Vice-President will be an elected position that will result in a 3rd officer release position at the DPSU office. A bit of background on the genesis of the position – which is analogous to that of the Teacher Welfare Officer - and the required skills and knowledge that will be central to the role should prove useful to all who will be exercising their franchise on May 14, 2009.

When the position was presented to the membership at last year's AGM it was envisioned as a membership service position that would enhance and supplement the service that the Dufferin-Peel Secondary Unit provides. Consequently, members should be aware of the key elements to the position when they are considering any and all prospective candidates for the position of 1st Vice-President.

First and foremost, a strong facility with, and intensive knowledge of, the Secondary Teacher's Collective Agreement will undoubtedly be an asset to any candidate who may successfully attain the position of 1st Vice-President. In a labour environment that includes a four-year Collective Agreement, it is imperative that a successful candidate be expected to navigate the content of the Collective Agreement with both members and the employer. The 1st Vice-President will be expected to consult on grievances and help negotiate interim agreements as part of a team-based approach.

A burgeoning area that the Unit is intending to explore and develop is the in-servicing and professional development of members from a union perspective. Therefore, the successful candidate will be expected to conduct a number of workshops and in-services including: Beginning Teachers, Pension, SSAC and Staff Representatives, as well as develop new workshops that may be necessary.

In addition, a successful candidate will be expected to develop language and communicate information with sensitivity as well as counsel with empathy in areas of professional and personal import to our members including: Performance Appraisal, Staffing, Maternity, Retirement, Interest Based Solutions, Professional Relationships, Harassment, Salary, Benefits, LTD, Medical Absences & Return to Work.

Finally, you are all encouraged to attend the AGM and cast an informed vote and hopefully the information presented here will be helpful to you all in this regard.

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