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Ottawa-Carleton
District 25
Teachers' Bargaining Unit

Update from the Office: 729-7211

June 2007

From Your Release Officers:

Kerry Houlahan – President
Kerri Ferguson – Chief Negotiator
Louise Derry – Membership Services Officer



Offence Declaration

Most teachers have probably completed their Offence Declaration. Completing the declaration is a condition of employment with the Board. The declaration is only available through the Employee Web Inquiry site, the same site used to access the electronic pay stubs.

Teachers who DO NOT have a new criminal code conviction to declare should follow the instructions on the Employee Web Inquiry site.

Teachers who DO have a new criminal code conviction to declare or who are unsure whether they have a declaration should phone this office for advice before completing the declaration.

OCDSB Budget

The Board approved the 2007-2008 operating budget in the amount of \$634.8 million on June 14 2007. The Board has stated its intent to repay the 2007-2008 deficit of \$6.2 million by the end of the 2009-2010 school year and to operate within its ongoing funding by the end of the 2008-2009 school year. The Board has also stated its commitment to work in partnership with the provincial government and stakeholders to resolve ongoing education funding issues. In addition, the Board requested that the Province address shortfalls in funding including those described in recommendations 23 to 27 in the Special Assistance Team report.

2007/2008 District 25 Teachers' Bargaining Unit Executive

President –	Kerry Houlahan	Secretary –	Danielle Guertin
Chief Negotiator –	Kerri Ferguson	Treasurer –	Graham Satterthwaite
Membership Services Officer –	Louise Derry	Communications Officer –	Margie Barkley
1 st VP – Political Action –	Stephanie Kirkey	Executive Officer –	Craig MacDonald
2 nd VP – Educational Services –	Dan Maxwell	Provincial Councillors -	Bob Hayes
			Stephanie Kirkey

Congratulations and we look forward to a great year!

Awards and Retirement Dinner

June 7 was a wonderful evening with almost 200 people in attendance to celebrate this year's group of retirees, 25-year pin recipients and award winners. The retirees in attendance left ringing their OSSTF bells as they look forward to completing the year and heading off into retirement. Those with 25 years in education were presented with an OSSTF pin to wear proudly. The following well-deserving teachers were honoured with OSSTF awards recognizing their work and dedication to the union, teaching and education:

Award of Excellence: Michael Harrison and Vera Seychuk

Award of Merit: Kimberly Appel, Evan Cooper, and Dan Maxwell

SGB Robinson Memorial Award: Al Hempel

Educational Services Award: Ruth Crabtree

Honorary Membership: Greg Dargavel, Patrick Holloway and Dianne Langlois

Dr. SGB Robinson Travelling Fellowship: Janet Nadeau and Joanne Swim

President's Awards: Branch – John McCrae, Subject Council – Technology



Traveling out-of-country this summer?

Take your ManuAssist card with you! Out-of-country coverage for emergency medical treatment is provided under the Board's Healthcare Plan, (ManuAssist). Your group policy, certificate # and member I.D. are on the card. ManuAssist is a 24-hour emergency contact to assist you and your dependents in the event of a medical emergency or unexpected illness while traveling out-of-country or province. Call 1-800-265-9977 for pre-trip assistance too!

Summer-time

As another school year comes to an end we wish everyone a fantastic summer. Issues requiring OSSTF advice do occasionally arise over the summer. Kerry, Kerri and Louise check their email and voicemail regularly throughout July and August and you can usually expect to get a response within 7 to 10 days. If you have a matter that is more urgent, consult with our receptionist, who may be able to reach us in an emergency, or call the provincial OSSTF office at 1-800-267-7867.

Please take a minute to thank the members of your branch executive who have worked on your behalf this year and consider putting your name forward for the 2007-08 school year.



Enjoy your summer!