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Agenda



Monday May 5

Special Meeting of Council of Presidents
Toronto Jim and Judy 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday May 7

Collective Bargaining Committee
All day—OECTA Office

Friday May 9

Health and Safety Roundtable
Mississauga — Brian McMahon,
Laurence Vignola and George Giovinazzo
representing Wellington OECTA

Monday May 12

Executive Meeting
OECTA Office 4:15 p.m.

Wednesday May 14

Catholicity Council
OECTA Office 12 to 4 p.m.

Collective Bargaining Committee
OECTA Office 4:00 p.m.

Friday May 23– Saturday May 24

Collective Bargaining Workshop
Toronto

Monday May 26

Reps Council 4:30 p.m.
Executive to follow

Wednesday May 28

“In Appreciation” Banquet
Italian Canadian Club

Thursday, May 29, 2008

Officers meeting with HR Dept.
Board Office 3:30 pm

Healthier Lifestyle Workshop
“Finding the Joy in Daily Living”
Our Lady of Lourdes 4:30 p.m.

Please note: there are also several tentative dates re
collective bargaining not included above (see page 2).
These dates are subject to modification based on
various local and provincial events.

WELLINGTON “In Appreciation” BANQUET Wednesday May 28

Wellington OECTA’s “In Appreciation” Banquet will be held on **May 28th** at the Italian Canadian Club. At this banquet we honour our retirees, and 25 year members as well as those who have served as OECTA Reps and Committee members. In addition, we present our various Awards for our members and friends in the community.

As of May 1, the list of honorees includes:

Retirees

Joan Bloomfield	Karen Brooks Nelson	Joanne Guidoccio
Mike Hamp	Nancy Hebert	Jean Mansfield
Adele Pecore	Peter Scott	Nancy Scott

25 Year

Mary Beth Bilodeau	Antonella Cenedese
Penny Larue	Peter Maich

Awards Recipients:

Reps were given award nomination forms at the Reps Meeting. Award winners will be finalized by the executive on May 12th. Please feel free to nominate people prior to that date for the following awards:

Award of Merit - Community Member

Award of Merit - OECTA Member

25 year in one Award

Salami Award (political faux pas award)

Winner will be announced at the banquet.

Additional tickets may be purchased from the OECTA office.

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President Jim Whitechurch
Elementary VP Judy Mullen
Secondary VP George Giovinazzo
to provide important information
to members

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Wellness Workshops Final Workshop - May 29

One workshop remains in the 2007-2008 Wellness Program. These Personal Growth and Well-Being Workshops are designed to explore many aspects of wellness and health promotion.

Be sure to mark your calendars with the remaining workshop dates:

Thursday, May 29, 2008

Our Lady of Lourdes High School

"Finding the Joy in Daily Living"

These wellness workshops are brought to you by the Board's Health and Wellness Committee in partnership with the Board's EAP provider, Catholic Family Counseling Centre.

Health and Wellness Workshops include OEFTA sponsored refreshments and snacks.

To register your attendance at these workshops, please remember to contact Joanne Gibson at Ext 217 or e-mail her through the Board e-mail system.

Collective Bargaining Update

The Collective Bargaining Committee is continuing its busy schedule in preparation for upcoming negotiations. Discussions at the provincial level are ongoing with the Ministry of Education, provincial representatives of Board Trustees and our provincial bargaining agents, i.e. OEFTA Provincial.

Locally, the committee has completed its review of the member surveys, and is conducting a clause by clause review of the current agreement. It will be meeting shortly with provincial staff. Once the committee finishes its work, the proposals will be presented to the membership. After that, the Collective Bargaining Team (a smaller sub-group) will take over the actual negotiations with the Board team.

If you have any further ideas about what should be in our next contract please contact either George or Judy at the Unit Office.

Wellington's Bargaining Committee consists of a balanced group of teachers from a range of teaching experiences, including secondary, elementary and occasional teachers and a balance of members at large and executive members.

The committee is made up of the following members:

Elementary

* *Judy Mullen—co-chair*

Allan McInnis

Kathy Carere

**Lynda Franchetto*

Ed McAnany

Secondary

**George Giovinazzo—co-chair*

Peter Marzo

**Laurence Vignola*

**Mike Topolie*

Marty Bell

Occasional

**Nancy Baker*

Roy Coughlin

*(*indicates executive members)*

In addition, Jim Whitechurch, as President and John Maschio, long time member of negotiating teams are non-voting resources to the committee and team.

Tentative (and very fluid) schedule of future meetings:

Wednesday, May 7 - CB Committee and Provincial Staff David Church (full-day)

Monday, May 12 - Executive Meeting

Wednesday, May 14 - CB Committee 4pm

Thursday, May 15 - General Meeting 4:30
- Presentation of Proposals

Tuesday, May 20 - CB Team Meeting 4pm

Wednesday, May 21 - CB Team—all day with Board Team - Hampton Inn

Tuesday, May 27 - CB Team—all day with Board Team - Hampton Inn

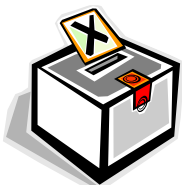
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ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

MONDAY June 9 4:30 p.m.

ORCHARD PARK OFFICES — IGNATIUS CENTRE

Highway # 6 North



All OEFTA members are encouraged to attend this important meeting

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS — May 20th

LOCAL NEWS—MISCELLANEOUS

Young Authors' Awards - 2008 - Local Recipients

Many thanks to all those teachers and students who participated in this year's Young Authors Contest. Local winning "authors" will receive a certificate and a gift certificate. Winning local entries have been forwarded to the Provincial Competition. Provincial Award recipients will be officially announced at the June Council of Presidents meeting (June 7 an 8). We congratulate the following Young Authors and their teachers:

LOCAL WINNERS

Grades 1-2

Short Story

"Green Striped Pink and Purple?"

by Alice Kennedy St Mary (Elora)
Teacher: Claire McElhinney

Nonfiction

"Carol and Dave Came Back from China"

by Olivia Miotto Holy Trinity
Teacher: Luciana Pizziola

Grades 3-4

Short Story

"The Mathasin"

by Kaylyn Heine St. Mary (Elora)
Teacher: Carla Hodgkiss

Poem

"The Cobra"

by Matthew DaVette-Johnston Holy Trinity
Teacher: Chris Bilodeau

Nonfiction

"My Grandfather's Courage"

by Veronica Kosir St. Peter
Teacher: Joanne Geremia-Baggio

Grades 5-6

Short Story

"The Three Guardians of the Old Oak Forest"

by Madeleine Hughes Holy Trinity
Teacher: Mary Nettleton

Poem

"Peace"

by Kayla Teeter St Mary (Elora)
Teacher: Heidi Cassano

Nonfiction

"My Friend Nick"

by Dawson Heyworth Holy Trinity
Teacher: Mary Nettleton

Grades 7-8

Short Story

"The Christmas Cup"

by Mark Ongarato Holy Trinity
Teacher: Maria DiReto

Short Story (French)

"Le Voyage de Etoile en Or"

by Katrina Ashbourn St. Mary (Elora)
Teacher: Nancy Scott

Grades 11-12

Poem

"Stand in My Shoes"

By Kristie Forshaw St James H.S.
Teacher: Linda Neff



Election Review Committee completes Review of Unit Election Procedures.

As directed by the membership at the 2007 annual general meeting, the unit has conducted a thorough review of its election procedures. A special committee was established and its recommendations were recently finalized and approved by executive.

As per the motion of the AGM, the new procedures will be in effect for this year's elections. Reps have been provided with and requested to communicate the details of these changes to members. There are a wide range of procedural changes among the recommendations in the areas of voting process, nomination process, meeting site, meeting format & procedures and communications.

Key among these changes are:

- A fixed nomination deadline for all executive offices—i.e. May 20 this year.
- Provision for advance voting
- Use of voting lists by school/site
- Set time for voting at the meeting
- Candidates meetings, Q&A , modifications to length of speeches

The members of this committee were Christine Conversano, Roy Coughlin, David Derewianko, Bernard MacDonell, and Jim Whitechurch. They did a very thorough job of reviewing the unit's elections procedures and made 16 recommendations to the executive – all adopted. Thanks to the members of this important committee.

"School Effectiveness" Input Sought

The unit office has been asked to encourage members who have been involved with the School Effectiveness Framework, and particularly those from the OFIP schools to provide feedback on the initiative.

Reps will be provided through email with a feedback form and asked to encourage input.

Please forward your input to the Ministry as per the form and also provide the unit office with a copy. Please also feel free to provide any other input by email to the unit.



STAFF AND VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION**May 12, 2008 – River Run Centre**

On Monday May 12, the Board will recognize volunteers and staff for their contributions to Wellington Catholic in a variety of categories. We would encourage other members to come out and support their colleagues who are being recognized by the Board. Along with several volunteers, the following OECTA members and other Board employees will be honoured:

Catholicity

<i>Gerry Gemin</i>	<i>Bishop Macdonell High School</i>
<i>*John Maschio</i>	<i>Central Office</i>
<i>*Laurie Young</i>	<i>St. John Brebeuf School, Erin</i>
<i>*Ed McAnany</i>	<i>St. Joseph School, Guelph</i>
<i>*Mary Ellen vandenBroek</i>	<i>St. Mary School, Mt. Forest</i>
<i>*Patricia Gloor</i>	<i>St. Michael School</i>
<i>*Patricia Tessaro</i>	<i>St. Patrick School</i>
<i>Susan Reinhart</i>	<i>St. Peter School</i>

Organizational Improvement

<i>Sheila Manera</i>	<i>Mary Phelan School</i>
<i>Marion Gray</i>	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes High School</i>
<i>*Betty Boyd</i>	<i>St. Joseph School, Fergus</i>
<i>*Jeanette Ondercin</i>	<i>St. Paul School</i>

Quality In Our Community

<i>*Albert Tschirhart</i>	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes High School</i>
<i>*Rob Martin</i>	<i>St. James High School</i>
<i>*David deBurger</i>	<i>St. John School, Guelph</i>

Student Achievement

<i>*David DellaCroce</i>	<i>Bishop Macdonell High School</i>
<i>*Jeff Mawhinney</i>	<i>Holy Rosary School</i>
<i>*Bernadette Wells</i>	<i>Holy Trinity School</i>
<i>Ginny Brice</i>	<i>Sacred Heart School</i>
<i>*Cristina Billings</i>	<i>St. Francis of Assisi School</i>
<i>Karen McGivney Pellin</i>	<i>St. James High School</i>
<i>Christopher Lane</i>	<i>St. John School, Arthur</i>
<i>*Heidi Cassano</i>	<i>St. Mary School, Elora</i>

* indicates OECTA member

**CONGRATS TO ALL!!!****Wellington OECTA Annual
General Meeting and Elections**

Our local Annual General Meeting will be held Monday June 9. The meeting will include consideration of proposed changes to unit by-laws and the elections of the executive for 2008-09.

The location of the meeting will be confirmed following the Nomination Deadline May 20th. It is likely that the AGM will take place in the Orchard Park Complex (same building as our unit office is located) on the Ignatius property. The meeting will start promptly at 4:30 p.m. with the election of the executive for 2008-09.

The positions to be elected this year.

Vice-President (Elementary) - 2 year term

Vice-President (Secondary) - 2 year term

Secretary - 1 year term

Councillors (5) - 1 year term

(Unit President Jim Whitechurch is in the middle of a two-year term, so there will be no election for President this year.)

The rules and procedures for unit elections are outlined in the unit's By-laws. The key provisions, including recent revisions, are outlined below.

Candidates for all positions must be nominated 20 days in advance of the election meeting date. (i.e. May 20th). To be nominated, simply inform the Election Chair (this year it is Jim Whitechurch). Further nominations may be made from the floor only for positions which remain open after the nomination deadline.

The names and a brief profile of all candidates will be published in the Wellington Works due out at the end of May.

Where the number of nominated candidates exceeds the number of positions there will be a secret ballot held to determine the winner. Candidates for Vice-President will have a maximum of five minutes to address the meeting. There will also be a short question and answer period following the speeches. Voting will begin immediately thereafter. Voting will remain open until at least 5:15 but this time may be extended at the discretion of the meeting chair. Candidates for all other positions will have three minutes. Order of speakers will be determined by lot.

This year for the first time, there will be opportunities to cast your ballots in advance for Officers' elections (i.e. the Vice Presidents). During the week prior to the election there will be two locations (one county, one city) for anyone wishing to cast her ballots in advance. The specific dates and locations for the advance polls will be announced following the close of nominations on May 20. Also on the day of the election, the polls will be open prior to the meeting (3:30 to 4:15)

Defeated candidates may "drop down" to run for other positions simply by stating this intention at the time nominations are opened for that position. For councillor position, you may vote for any number from one to five.

All members of OECTA as described in the OECTA handbook are eligible to vote for or run for all positions, with the exception being that only elementary teachers may run for Vice President Elementary and only secondary teachers may run for Vice President Secondary

Members of the executive meet twice a month on Monday nights and sit on a variety of committees and sub-committees. If you need more information, please e-mail or call.

PLEASE CONSIDER ATTENDING THIS IMPORTANT EVENT!