



1.0 Negotiations

- 1.1 There is not much to report since the Negotiations Update was sent last week. Our next date for a meeting with the Board is November 10, morning only.

2.0 Member Protection

- 2.1 Legal help for a local teacher accused of sexual assault and sexual exploitation has been approved by Mobile Drive. A local lawyer will attend to preliminary matters and someone from Green and Chercover will likely handle any trial work.

3.0 Dual Credits

- 3.1 A representative from Lambton College recently addressed local guidance counsellors about the role the College is playing in offering credit programs to high school students. He said that currently 103 students are enrolled in the program and this number is expected to double for the second semester.

Our concern is that credits are being given through the College with no OSSTF member being involved. We have contacted Mobile Drive and other Districts and it appears District 10 is out front in providing this opportunity for students.

4.0 Retirement Workshops

- 4.1 Ruth Kirkham from Provincial Office provided retirement information to 21 participants, October 28 at Countryview Golf Course in Chatham and October 29 to 21 participants at the District Office.
- 4.2 TFSA - January 2009 - Canadians 18 and older can save \$5000 each year in a tax free account. Unused TFSA contribution room can be carried forward. Amounts can be withdrawn and put back in at a later date without reducing RRSP contribution room.

5.0 New Teachers Workshop

5.1 All new hires and Branch Presidents were invited to the workshop where OSSTF, pay codes, certification, discipline and the College of Teachers were discussed.

6.0 OTIP (Care Path)

6.1 OTIP has orchestrated a system helping LTD members who have cancer to navigate through the medical system. Care Path will assign each cancer patient a system knowledgeable nurse who will help the member through the barrage of oncologists, radiologists, etc.

7.0 Incident Reports

7.1 Employer incident reports have only a worksite location and an injury description attached to the report - no names. If you know of members' injuries that may require lost time rehabilitation, call this office so we may investigate for further required action.

8.0 LTD

8.1 The wait period for LTD was changed in March 2008 to 120 calendar days from 120 working days.

9.0 Health & Safety Training - Level 1

9.1 Health & Safety Training - Level 1 is being offered at the end of November. Please contact the District Office if you are interested in becoming Certified.