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DISTRICT COUNCIL

EDUCATION SERVICES REPORT

A. Experience, Skills & Opportunities...ESOs in Action Conference Toronto, Ontario October 27-28, 2011

Keynote Speakers: Marc Saltzman – Tablets 101 – What They Mean for Educators and Students

- ❖ Marc is a technology journalist, author, radio and television personality
- ❖ Tablets are expected to top laptop sales within two years and offer numerous advantages over conventional computers (ie. Size, portability, applications, functionality...)
- ❖ Identified many 'apps' useful for educators and students, as well as some advantages and disadvantages of various types/brands of tablets.

Sue Stephenson – The Urgent Need for More Trust: Ten Strategies to Get Started

In Schools

- ❖ Author of *Leading with Trust (2009)*
- ❖ Sue explored the barriers that cause low trust as well as the components of trust itself.
- ❖ Identified clear steps that can be taken to build staff relationships and interpersonal trust, in order to work together more effectively. (handout available)

Workshop A: STAR: Students at Risk

This workshop is an OSSTF created and presented workshop available to be delivered to members across the province. The focus is on how to identify a student at risk, types of risks, and focus on three risk factors that could be addressed by various school personal. Risk and Threat Assessments are also discussed. If you are interested in a more in-depth description of this or any other workshop available by the OSSTF, a list with descriptions and cost (if any) are available on the provincial website under Professional Development Workshops or you can contact myself or Suzette Clark at [clarks@osstf/on.ca](mailto:clarks@osstf.on.ca).

Workshop B: Using Social Media & Emerging Technologies

Anthony Marco is an OSSTF presenter who offers two Social Media workshops for members. He focuses on keeping informed on the various social media available and their advantages and disadvantages. Examples, just to name a few, were: Facebook, Twitter, Blogs, Wikis, personal websites, as well as many useful websites for teacher and student use. His workshops can be found on the Provincial website; listed in the Educational Resource Bank.

It's All About You

This workshop was intended to inform District Educational Service Officers what the role of the Provincial Educational Services Committee is and how one can become involved at the Provincial level. Throughout this discussion, the resources available to District ESOs were made available.

Don't Be Late – Nominate!

This discussion group was comprised of all Region 3 ESOs. It was an opportunity to brainstorm and share ideas of what has and has not worked throughout the region. There was also an opportunity to network with neighbouring District ESOs.

In addition to the above workshops and discussions, the Provincial Committee hosted a Drop-In Café which opportunities and resources were made available to the Educational Service Officers.

B. Nancy Warrener Award

Congratulations to our own **Jayson Campeau** for being presented with the prestigious Nancy Warrener Award. This award is given to a member of the OSSTF that has contributed in many ways to the union. Jayson presents many OSSTF workshops to many members throughout the province, is the Region 3 Educational Service Chair, has sat on various committees at the Provincial level, is a Branch President, and participates actively in numerous other ways within the OSSTF.

C. District 10 Educational Services

I am working on providing at least two PD opportunities to our District members in early spring. One being the STAR: Students at Risk workshop and the second being a technology/social media workshop. I am asking for input on other PD topics that members are interested in (ie: gay/lesbian/transgender, or cyberbullying workshop for example). Please let me know if you hear of any requests or suggestions. Furthermore, I would appreciate the name of your Education Services Representative at your school, if you have that position filled. I would like to form a small committee to meet a couple of times per year to discuss, brainstorm and plan educational services within our District.

D. Reminders:

- November 25th is the deadline for Marion Drysdale entries to be submitted to our District Office.
- November 14th – 18th is Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week
- November 25th is International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and start of White Ribbon Campaign (to December 6)
- December 6th is National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women