

November 4, 2009



DISTRICT COUNCIL

CPAC REPORT

Marion Drysdale Awards

The theme for this year's Marion Drysdale Awards was described and deadlines announced in October. Contact was made with representatives from each school and it is presumed that we will have a number of entries to be judged on November 13, 2009. A strong panel of judges has again volunteered for the duty. Special thanks to Carolyn and Bob for their work getting this all set up.

Sarnia & District Labour Council

Occasional Teachers' President Al Duffy and myself were welcomed as new OSSTF D10 Delegates to the Sarnia & District Labour Council at their October 13, 2009 meeting. A representative from the Ontario Federation of Labour was on hand to mention the need of an under-30 individual to attend a special event at the OFL Convention in Toronto this November. As I am already attending as the District's representative I have agreed to share a report with the Labour Council on that event.

CBC Region 3 Meeting – Cambridge

President Barb Young, Occasional Teachers' President AL Duffy and myself attended the CBC Region 3 meeting in Cambridge on October 23-24. Many issues were discussed relating to collective bargaining in other Districts. Interesting differences in both fulltime and occasional areas arose. It is hoped that a website outlining all District contracts will be available in the near future so we may compare and adjust areas ahead of the next round of bargaining. H1N1 was also on the agenda and the OSSTF is moving forward with ideas relating to sick days and quarantine for example.

Trustees and Local Councils

It is very important that we all take a look at our Trustees and Councils and make a decision with regards to their effectiveness. Having strong Trustees on our side is important. If you know, or think you know, of anyone who wishes to get involved locally, please, contact me about it. We can move forward from there.

Thanks,

James Grant, CPAC Officer