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District 10

# DISTRICT COUNCIL

## OCCASIONAL TEACHER REPORT

1. **Occasional List Administered by the Board**

Currently I am working with the Human Resources Department to, “clean up the list”, that is now considered closed except for retiring teachers. This year, some members were removed for not having worked a day during the last school year, as outlined in the Collective Agreement. Subsequently I did field many e-mails and phone calls from members who were removed.

2. **Limited One Time Grant for Professional Development Purposes**

The Occasional unit has established criteria for a one time grant for Professional Development purposes for its members to access. The funds are limited.

3. **Study Hall Supervisors**

Some issues take forever to resolve, this is ours. The campaign to rectify this work costing issue on behalf of our members may have attracted some new help. At a recent conference I spoke with Rosario Marchese, MP of the NDP party and Education critic. I will be forwarding to him all correspondence on this issue hoping he can put pressure on our Premier to stop the practice.

4. **Other Issues Not Resolved**

Use of the pink sheet for reporting days worked, which are all on the computer and identification badges of my members are still outstanding issues that just seem too large by the Board to resolve.

5. **Staff Development Release Time**

As a result of negotiations and in an effort to provide work for Occasional Teachers, release time for teacher directed Professional Development is available at the secondary schools. Please note the following:

1. Each secondary school will have access to up to ten (10) supply days per year for (total of 20 for 2008 – 2010), 2010/11 and 2011/12 school years in order to facilitate staff development.
2. The days will be allocated at each worksite by the Principal in consultation with Curriculum Leaders and the Branch Presidents.
3. An occasional teacher must be hired for the day.

We appreciate the monitoring of this fund.

6. **Occasional Teacher Professional Development Day**

I believe that there are more than enough issues to warrant a day just for our Bargaining Unit. There are also workshops available through OSSTF that we could access that would be of great benefit to our members.

*Al Duffy*