

Simcoe County Occasional Teacher Local

On Call



Message from the President

Hello again!! A few months have passed and there have been many changes that have occurred! Due to such a large number of changes, I have started visiting the schools across Simcoe County to answer any OT questions and do my best to increase communication and represent members to the best of my ability. I hope to have all schools visited by the end of March.

In October, I attended Provincial Rep Council and ETFO has created a new video for members titled 'Think Before you Click'. This video contains different scenarios that could occur and discusses what members should be careful of in the classroom. This is an update from the 'It Could Happen to You' videos.

Bill 103 has come to the legislature and deals with member discipline and reporting processes with OCT... keep an eye out for updates!

Another big Bill that members need to be aware of is Bill 122 on Collective Bargaining! I

have included the attachments to this email so that you are all informed of its contents. We will soon be bargaining... again!

Elections for your Local Executive will be Tuesday May 13th, 2014. A calendar with election dates and expectations will follow so watch for it in the new year!

We recently had our Annual General Meeting on October 17th and I want to thank everyone who attended. We discussed the end of Provincial Takeover, Regulation 274, SCARRI call out suggestions, and went through all Executive reports which included passing this year's budget. If you aren't sure of the new MOU, Reg 274 or the Agreed to Items, please read up on them on our website www.sceot.org

I have been having a few inquiries on category changes and pay. All experience increases and grid placement changes occur after the 97th teaching day after

the imposed conditions we faced last year. In addition to providing QECO rating changes to the board, you must also complete the 'Intent to increase category' form found on the staff website. This is due at the end of NOVEMBER!!

My deepest apologies for the September ON CALL, due to editing, some cells shifted and a few of the email addresses had a dash in them.... The local email address does not have a dash! Sorry for any inconvenience, however these columns aren't large enough to display the email otherwise!

Should you have any questions, comments or concerns, please call the office (705) 725 0316 or email sceotpres@hotmail.com

Yours in Education,


Amy Chevis

You can't afford not to control your future!

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Ways to Communicate

with questions, comments, concerns, etc.

✓ (705) 725 0316 (office)

✓ (705) 725 1884 (fax)

sceotpres@hotmail.com

Twitter and tweet your ideas and thoughts!

✓ @sceotpres

✓ @sceotpd

✓ @sceoths

Upcoming PL Events for 2013-2014

November 15, 2013
Step Forward with French
11am-2pm

November 26, 2013
Power to Play/Explore
5pm-7pm

January 13, 2014
Classroom Management
5pm-8pm

January 31, 2014
Crayola Workshop at
***** SCETF office ******

April 14th, 2013
Savvy Science
Intermediate Science and
Tech 5pm-8pm

MAY 13th, 2013
Annual General Meeting

Some information about our numbers:

As of September **25**, 2013

* # of OTs **830**

* # added to supply list **20**

* # of contract teachers **2072.7**

* Our cap at this time **979**

* # on LTO list **272 at initial hire**

* # of contracts hired for **34**

* Number of LTOs hired for **214**

* # of FSL qualifieds on list **80**

* When will the LTO roster reopen? **No anticipated date at this time.**

* We have recently had an additional 135 members added to the list and the list has recently opened for FSL applicants again! Remember, we do have a cap of 40% and the Board has not violated that cap :)



Simcoe County Elementary Occasional Teachers' Federation

SCDSB Reminders:

- SCDSB schools are all scent free
- SCDSB schools are peanut free facilities and all food brought into the schools should also be peanut free

LEAVES

New unpaid leave of absence from the OT list for up to one year is now available to SCDSB OT members!

You must request the leave in writing and email it to Jane Ryckman.

JRyckman@scdsb.on.ca

Should you have any questions, please call!

Safety Plans

Safety Plans must be provided for the OT in any classroom however, we realize that many schools have one binder with all safety plans. You are only responsible for the students in your class and/or whom you will be in contact with that day. You are also entitled to as much time as you need to thoroughly read through and understand the plans. If you have found any issues at schools in regards to safety plans, please do not hesitate to call or email

705 725 0316 or sceotpres@hotmail.com

School Visits

School visits have begun and the schedule is on the website calendar! I try to email all members on LTOs at the schools prior to visiting so be sure I have your email to let you know when I will be at your school! Should you need a school visit sooner, please email me and we can set something up!

Check us out
www.sceot.org

IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED AN EMAIL FROM US THIS MONTH THEN YOU ARE NOT IN THE DATABASE AND YOU NEED TO EMAIL US

sceotpres@hotmail.com with a *NON-BOARD* email address!

Thanks for communicating!

Professional Development

We are trying out a new registration system called EventBrite for all Professional Learning!

Please register for workshops by following these instructions:

1) Go to <https://www.eventbrite.ca/org/4044767557?s=15025537>

2) Click on the orange "Attend" button beside the desired workshop

3) Click on the orange "Register" button

4) Fill in your info

In addition to a new registration, we have also recently passed an Executive motion to allow for \$50.00 to be allocated to 10 SCEOT members for the 2013-2014 school year.

In order to be eligible for this, you must email _____

By May 1st, indicating the PD you took, the date and the company who provided it, as well as the cost of the workshop/conference.

The draw will take place for all 10 members at the Annual Meeting on Tuesday May 13th.

Members do not have to be in attendance to be declared a winner however, would love to have you attend.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at sceotpres@hotmail.com

Eligibility for fund reimbursement may include:

- workshop
- Conference
- AQ course
- Seminar