Health & Safety Report May, 2013

1. Important reminders for Occasional Teachers:
* Always request the keys needed to fulfill your duties. This is a Board mandated requirement (Memorandum 2008-2009: 87).
* Take whatever time necessary to read, understand, and clarify Safety Plans.
* Ask for and fill out Aggressive Incident forms, making copies for yourself and another to be sent to the SCEOT office c/o President Amy Chevis.
* Notify President Amy or me immediately if you encounter difficulties in complying with any of the above.
* Check out our website regularly to get the latest in Health and Safety and to download forms.
* A Health and Safety workshop is being offered on June 7.
1. The Board is moving to an online format for filling out all Health and Safety forms. This option will be available to permanent staff only, with provisions for occasional staff planned for next year.
2. Once again, as was the case several years ago, the Board’s proposal for dismantling the Joint Health and Safety Committee under a new Terms of Reference has been rejected by all worker groups, including SCEOT. The proposal envisioned 6 regional committees overseeing newly created smaller committees in each school within the region. The Terms of Reference sub-committee has been invited to offer a counter proposal.
3. Both our Collective Agreement and our Constitution have tentatively referenced the OHSA and Health and Safety in general terms.
4. The Ministry of Labour is having labour pains trying to cope with the violence and aggressive behaviours in the schools of Ontario. To this end, there are high level meetings scheduled this month between the MOL and the Ministry of Education.

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