



President's Memo

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December 20th, 2017

- 1. District 13 Chief Negotiator Appointment** – The District Executive is very pleased to announce that Ryan Kelly has been appointed to fill the position of Chief Negotiator effective January 8th, 2018. We wish Ryan well in his new role as we move into a new round of negotiations.
- 2. Interim District 13 Additional TBU Provincial Councillor** — The District Executive is very pleased to announce that on December 19th District Council elected Nicole Bléau to fill the vacated position of Additional TBU Provincial Councillor for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year. For the 2018-2019 school year, the position will be elected at our District Annual Meeting on May 3rd, 2018.
- 3. Interim Executive Officer Appointment** – The District Executive has appointed Shane Stagg from Brooklin High School to fill in the vacant Executive Officer position in the District 13 Office until June 30th, 2018. We believe he will be an excellent addition to the office. In accordance with the District 13 Constitution, a posting to the system will go out through mass email after the May 3rd District Annual Meeting to fill the position for the 2018-2019 school year.
- 4. Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan (OTPP) Changes** – Effective January 1, 2018 – Due to the preliminary surplus determined in January of 2017, contributions for OTPP will be reduced by 1.1% for active members. Also full inflation protection will be restored for retired members. While the amount will vary per member depending on income, this decrease in contribution rates represents a gross savings of \$1,072 per year for someone earning \$97,503 in group 4 at the top of the grid.
- 5. Paid Day (Remedy)** – Members are reminded that in either the 2017/2018 or the 2018/2019 school year, permanent teachers who had unpaid days and continue to work for the school board can apply to take a **paid** day off. Members do not have to supply a reason for why they want to take this day. Notify your Principal, giving two weeks notice, of the day you would like to select as a **paid** day. Should you be turned down for the day, please notify the District Office immediately. You should have received an email from the DDSB on August 31st, 2018 to your DDSB email outlining the process. Members are encouraged to take this day awarded to them by the courts.
- 6. Annual Family Day Skate** – On February 19th, 2018 from 1 pm to 3 pm, come to McKinney Centre Arena in Whitby to enjoy a free skate. All District 13 OSSTF members and their family members are welcome. Please bring a non-perishable food item for donation to local food banks. See your Branch President for your free ticket.
- 7. Battle Axe Event** – One semester down and one to go! What better way to celebrate the end of the semester than by unwinding with friends, drinks, snacks and of course sharp axes. On Friday February 9th, 2018, at 6pm District 13 members, friends and family are invited to come to 813 Brock Rd. #11 in Pickering to Battle Axe. No experience necessary. For \$46 there will be a tournament, prizes and lessons. Please RSVP to ruth.leone@d13.osstf.ca or call 905 668 7100 by January 12th to book your spot.