

Together We Learn! ~ PD Day 2016

Every year, the OSSTF professional development committee organizes a PD day in November by our members, for our members. We ran workshops as varied as our members' interests - but all of them centered on the mantra of *together we learn, support, and share*. As in previous years, we got overwhelmingly positive feedback from this day! That is not to say it was without due criticism... your feedback both positive and negative will be considered when planning future professional development.

Here is a compilation of some of the responses we got from some of the workshops offered:

Cajon Drum Building - I would definitely like to do a similar style workshop in the future. Best PD in 30 years. Extremely well organized!

Financial Literacy for Educators - Outstanding! Clearly well-researched and thoughtful. The right mix of teaching and activity! Everyone should know this!

Making Moodle Work for You - Excellent! I learned new ways to use Moodle in my class! Very helpful with being introduced to Moodle and its potential for evaluation, forms, etc.

Let's Get 'Em in the Lab - Very informative and practical. Great new lab ideas to take away. Tons of resources!

Self Myofascial Release - Very educational. Excellent self-help for relaxation and stress relief. These are the types of sessions DDSB needs more of. 100% needed. Knowledge & application may drop sick days?

Paddling Routes - Awesome!! Very prepared, relevant, and interesting. Applicable to many subject areas.

Confronting Poverty - The presentation was well-prepared with a perfect balance of information sharing, discussion, and interactive exercises. This was an excellent, well-paced and eye-opening session.

Toronto Museum Tour – This was an excellent PD session – if you would run it again next year that would be fabulous!! Thank you, what a great day!

Retirement Planning Workshop - Very useful information.

How to Create a Knitting Community for Self-Regulation - I can use this in guidance/student success. Great ideas to use for students with anxiety.

Clay Hand Building Techniques - Loved it! Amazing Structure! Loved the presentation - was a very mindful experience.

Planning for Pregnancy/Parental Leave - So much great info... lots to digest but handout is super-informative and verbal info supplemented it so well!!!

Benefits of Silent Reading - Good information about incorporating reading into classes. Covered many benefits for students to read quietly in any subject area.

Destinations, Detours & Grad Data - Very well done - thoroughly enjoyed it. Very eye-opening + instigated meaningful conversations.

La Communication Orale - Great ideas for the classroom. Good goals for incorporating strategies. Presentation was dynamic, organized, and resourceful.

Sensory Fine Motor Activities - Great ideas and sharing of information. Great resources for the classroom.

Together We Create - Most fun I've had at a workshop in years! Relaxing and fun! Best PD session EVER.

Creative Canvass Painting - Excellent! The right amount of challenge and theory for us newbies.

Collaborative Math Planning - Great idea to have math teachers of multiple schools collaborate electronically.

STEM at Durham College - Amazing tour and presentations. Provided great info for us to take back to my school.

Exploring Identity ~ Black Lives Matter - Amazing day of relevant conversation and timely topics that touch on every day teaching. Awareness based for the good of all!

Using Cemeteries in the History Class - Excellent field trip opportunity for my students. Great opportunity to learn about local Canadian history!

Building Capacity from our Strengths - Great knowledge. Provided good resources and links for education use. One of the best presentations for practicality and usage personally and in the classroom.

Computers and Screens are not the Solution - Different take on a large issue that seems to be consuming education. Informative and thought-provoking.

Coat the Pill ~ Engineering with Chemistry and Biology - Interesting activity that would be well-received by many students. Could be adapted for many classes - great idea! Love the idea of a hands-on activity that has easy, safe ingredients.

Let's Get 'Em in the Lab



Cajon Drum Building



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STEM at Durham College



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