



The Call Out



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OTBU GENERAL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, November 23rd
Time: 4:30 pm
Location: Latvian- Canadian Centre

Eglinton Avenue East & Credit Union Drive
[Just east of the Don Valley Parkway, or the first light west of Bermondsey]

At this meeting we will also be electing the OTBU delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Assembly (AMPA)

The Business portion of the meeting will be followed by a dinner/social to be held at OSSTF Provincial Office 60 Mobile Dr. At 7:00 p.m.

NOTICE

Any member wishing to submit motions for consideration at the General Meeting to be held on November 23rd, 2011 must submit those motions to the OTBU Secretary, Linda Enright by the fax or email by the close of business (4:30 p.m.) October 26, 2011. Submitted, on time motions will be posted on the OTBU web site.

Also, any member wishing to stand for election as an AMPA delegate must submit their candidacy, accompanied by the signature of a supporting member in good standing, to the OTBU Secretary, Linda Enright by the close of business (4:30 p.m.) November 15th, 2011. Nomination may be mailed, faxed (416-423-5984) or emailed.

Notice to Members

The Fall General Meeting of District 12 OSSTF will be held on **October 20th, 2011** OSSTF offices at 1484 Bathurst Street. (Bathurst just north of St. Clair Ave.)

The primary purpose of the meeting is to approve the District Budget for 2011-2012. Voting at this meeting is on a representative basis so that OTBU members who wish to exercise a vote on motions that arise in the meeting must be on time. The meeting will begin at **4:30pm**. Voting ballots will issued on a first come first served basis.



President's Report

The election is over and OSSTF District 12 batted a thousand in keeping Toronto Tory free. All sixteen District 12 endorsed candidates were elected. The contribution of teachers in making this happen cannot be underestimated. Congratulations to the candidates and to the teachers who helped make those campaigns successful. This has been, if not a complete victory, a move in a positive direction in support of Public Education in Ontario.

Now the work begins. All Collective Agreements are up for negotiations at the end of this school year. The Negotiations Survey will be mailed to you shortly. Please complete the survey and mail it back to the Bargaining Unit in the stamped, self-addressed envelope. Your input will help inform the Collective Bargaining Committee of your priorities for our next Collective Agreement.

The OTBU Fall General Meeting takes place on November 23, 2011. It is followed by a very enjoyable free dinner and social. Also at this General Meeting we will be electing OTBU delegates to the OSSTF Annual Meeting of the Provincial Assembly (AMPA). AMPA gives D12 OTBU delegates the opportunity to represent our Bargaining Unit and to have a say about and vote on Provincial OSSTF policies that affect OTBU members and all OSSTF members.

Your Executive and I look forward to seeing you at the General Meeting.

We have heard that there is some confusion among the membership regarding "Other Groups" claiming to represent Secondary Occasional Teachers.

Your union representatives are your elected executive, pictured on the front page of this newsletter..

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the OTBU office for clarification.

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Fewer students kicked out last year: Board

The number of expulsions and suspensions from Toronto public schools decreased from the previous year, the Toronto District School Board reports.

In total, 35 students were expelled, a 40.7 per cent drop from 59 students a year ago, the Board says.

Violations included robbery (11), sexual assault (1), trafficking in drugs (2), using a weapon to cause bodily harm (5), possession of a weapon (4) and assault (6).

The number of suspensions dropped by 7.1 per cent from 9,635 involving 6,655 students to just over 9,028 involving 6,184 students over the same period.

Incidents included bullying (440) uttering a threat (294), possession of alcohol or illegal drugs (223), being under the influence of alcohol (137), swearing (784) and vandalism (38).

Source: [Metro News: Toronto](#), September 27, 2011

TDSB Violence Risk Assessment Survey

The Workplace Violence Risk Assessment Procedure is designed to pro-actively assess risk of workplace violence to employees. This 12 page questionnaire is expected to be in all TDSB work sites by February, 2012. At each work site, a risk assessment team will be formed and will be comprised of management and workers from all bargaining units. If you an LTO, please consider participating on the school team. As a daily occasional teacher, please take the time to complete the survey. We need input from all OTBU members in order to work towards a safer work place.

Some of the questions specifically target occasional teacher issues. For example, An issue that many occasional teachers often complain about is access to school keys. Question 18.4 on page 7 of the survey asks: Are daily occasional, itinerant or unassigned staff provided with KEYS to be able to secure a classroom in the event of potential Workplace Violence? Yes, No, Unknown. There is also a space for comments.

Your input is vital to the changes that the TDSB must undertake in order to create safer working conditions for all employees.

OTBU SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The first social event took place and everyone enjoyed the refreshments while exchanging stories of life at the chalk face across the district. Our next event is at:

**Pauper's Bar
539 Bloor Street West
[just east of Bathurst/Bloor Subway
station]**



**November 10, 2011
4:30 - 6:00 p.m.**



AND on December 8th at 6pm please join us at the annual D12 Women's Status Committee COOK FOR THE CURE (1482 Bathurst St.). Excellent food, charming company and a great cause.



Internationally-Trained Teachers

The next group meeting will be held:

Where: City Adult Learning Centre
(Corner of Broadview and Danforth)

When: 4:00 p.m.
Friday, November 11, 2011

See you all there!



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REMINDER FROM YOUR CHIEF NEGOTIATOR

You will be receiving your Negotiations

Priority Survey in the mail soon. Please send

it back by return mail.

