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## 2009-2010 Unit Executive

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**Secretary** Chris Gardner  
**Councillors** Linda Tremblay, Dana Vaillancourt, Todd Bosak, Tamara Tremblay-Bartolomucci, Angelo Anselmo



## Welcome Back!

Hopefully the soggy summer still allowed you time to reenergize yourself. Remember that I am always available for your call or email. One issue: an E-Agenda will come from Provincial on Swine Flu Virus. We must ensure that each of you is protected from this deadly virus. Over the summer a pregnant 23 year old Montreal woman died to complications after contacting the H1N1 virus and two Quebec schools have since decided to have pregnant teachers stay home instead of reporting to work. The Unit will be having dialogue with the Board on this topic.

In solidarity, *Louis*

## OECTA Representation on Committees 2009-2011

Each person who applied for a position was appointed to at least one committee. Thanks to those volunteers who aid their Association:

Joint Board Elementary Staffing Committee: Louis Clausi, Renee Catt, Lynn Quevillon

Joint Board Secondary Staffing Committee: Louis Clausi, Peter Corbett, Shannon Michell

Joint Health and Safety: DonnaMaria Pellizzari, Andrew Swartz, Renee Catt

Faith: Brianne Roy

Professional Development: Louis Clausi, Pam Vincze, Dana Vaillancourt

Political Action: Chris Gardner

Beginning Teachers: Louis Clausi, Mitch Reid, Brianne Roy

Webmaster: Peter Dobias

Benefits: Peter Corbett, Louis Clausi, Chris Gardner, Renee Catt, Tamara Tremblay, Lynn Quevillon

Elections: Jackie Livingston

Status of Women: Renee Catt

# ***Northeastern Unit Newsletter***

## Important Information from Collective Agreement

12.03 Courses completed before Sept. 1 must have documentation to the Board by March 31 for pay retroactivity to Sept. 1. If in doubt always send Human Resources notification that documentation is forthcoming. Courses completed after Sept. 1 must have documentation sent to the Board by June 30 to get retroactivity to Jan. 1.

26.05 Seniority lists shall be updated by October 15.

43.05 Names of teachers to be formally evaluated sent to Unit President by Sept.30. By May 30 all classroom observations shall be completed. (TPA)

43.07 A Teacher's Annual Learning Plan is authored and directed by the Teacher and is developed in a consultative manner with the principal.

43.09.4 A Mentor must be a member of the bargaining unit with 5 or more years of teaching experience.

34.01.5 Elementary Teacher Supervision The maxima of supervision minutes for elementary teachers will be 80 minutes per week in 2009-2010. Supervision shall be assigned to all teachers in a fair and equitable manner.

### Letter #1 Lunch Break Elementary Schools

b) Subject to section c) below, student supervision duties during the lunch break shall be assigned on an equal rotating basis by school.

c) No Teacher shall be required to supervise students during the lunch break in excess of 40 minutes per week to be divided in not more than 2 occasions.

## Art for Aids International and Welcome Back

**Instead of sending Welcome Back flowers this year the executive chose to purchase art from Art for Aids International for each school. Art for Aids International is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising funds and awareness for those most affected by the HIV/AIDS pandemic, specifically the women and children of sub-Saharan Africa. Art for Aids organizes workshops at schools across Africa and around the world. These workshops educate students about the HIV/AIDS pandemic, while allowing them to translate their insights into the production of original collage artwork. A number of collages from each workshop are selected to be produced as original machine made limited edition prints that are signed and numbered by the individual student artist. I will present the art to your school on a visit or it will be presented to your staff rep. at the Staff Representative Meeting to be held in Timmins.**

## Unit Reminders

1. Teachers who wish to receive \$50 for taking an AQ course are to submit proof of enrolment to Peter Corbett at O’Gorman High School.
2. Teachers who wish to have professional development financial support up to \$200 are to send request in writing to Peter Corbett. These requests must be approved by the executive prior to being granted.

## OECTA AGM Meeting

Why? Approve the 2009-2010 budget

Where? O’Gorman High School

When? Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 1:00 pm

Who? Regular teachers

## Required

An executive position for Cochrane-Iroquois Falls is vacant. Please contact Louis if you are interested.

## September Calendar

Sept. 7 Labour Day Activities (Walk around Gillies, activities at Hollinger Park)

Sept. 9 NTIP and PD meetings

Sept. 12 Executive Meeting in Cochrane, 10:00 am

Sept. 14 and 15 Louis visiting Bishop Belleau, Moosonee

Sept. 21 Secondary Staffing Meeting

Sept. 22 Elementary Staffing Meeting

Sept. 23 and 24 Louis at OTIP Benefits Workshop in Toronto

September 24 and 25 Louis and DonnaMaria at Grievance Workshop in Toronto

September 25 and 26 DonnaMaria at Occasional Workshop in Toronto

September 27 Jamie Skinner Fall Golf Classic at Spruce Needles

September 26 Board Meeting