

OPSOA Member News:

Retirements since last newsletter:

- Jim Grieve, Peel DSB
- Ruth Mattingley, Lambton-Kent DSB
- Barry Peterson, DSB Ontario North East
- Pat Stanley, Avon Maitland DSB

New OPSOA Members:

- Janet Edwards, Durham DSB
- Tim Graves, Near North DSB
- Laura Hodgins, Waterloo Region DSB
- Cynthia Lemon, Bluewater DSB
- Sue Mark, DSB Niagara
- Lloyd McKell, Toronto DSB
- Sean Monteith, Keewatin-Patricia DSB
- Valerie Newton, Superior-Greenstone DSB
- Kathy Pozihun, Lakehead DSB
- Hans-Peter Rubenschuk, Waterloo Region DSB
- Jim Smith, Peel DSB
- Sandy Spyropoulos, Toronto DSB
- Randy Wright, Peel DSB

New Appointments:

- David Euale, Student Success/Learning to 18 Implementation, Training & Evaluation Branch, Ministry of Education
- Mary Jean Gallagher, Assistant Deputy Minister, Student Achievement Division, Ministry of Education
- Jim Grieve, Assistant Deputy Minister Early Learning, Ministry of Education
- Larry Hope, Director of Education, Trillium Lakelands DSB
- Ken Thurston, Director of Education, York Region DSB

Included in this Mailing:

- *Your OPSOA 2009-2010 Membership Card which entitles you to special discounts with several organizations*
- *OPSOA 2009-2010 Strategic Plan*
- *Please note that membership receipts will be emailed to individuals.*

Message from Linda Fabi, President of OPSOA

As we approach the first holiday break in the 2009-2010 school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your dedication and hard work as a supervisory officer serving public education in Ontario. Whether you are a seasoned senior administrator or just settling into your first year as a supervisory official, the work you do every day for every student, is second to none.

The Ontario Public Supervisory Officials' Association is the largest association of superintendents and directors in Ontario. Within OPSOA, Public CODE represents the OPSOA members who are directors of education. Together we are the leaders of public education in this province, and as an OPSOA member, you have access to many professional learning opportunities and services through this organization. Your active membership and support of OPSOA is greatly appreciated!

Included with this December Report is the **OPSOA ~ Public CODE 2009-2010 Strategic Plan** that has been developed jointly by the Executives of OPSOA and P-CODE. We are committed to advocating for public education through three specific goals:

- 1) Student Learning and Achievement
- 2) Distributive Leadership
- 3) Relationships

These goals provide direction for our work this year, and represent areas of emphasis in upcoming Regional Meetings and at the Annual OPSOA Conference in April 2010.

The Strategic Plan also includes a list of the many professional services and supports available to OPSOA members, meeting and conference dates for 2009-2010, a list of the OPSOA Board of Directors and the P-CODE Executive. If you have a question, a concern or a comment, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the executive, Executive Director Frank Kelly, or me. We are more than delighted to assist you!

Sincere best wish for the upcoming holiday season; take time for yourself and for those you love, to celebrate, re-energize and reflect on the good fortune we enjoy in this fine province in such a noble profession. Happy holidays!

OPSOA Fall Activities

The fall of 2009 was a flurry of events and meetings despite the concern over the potential impact of the H1N1 scare. Board staffs are to be congratulated on their efforts to maintain the operation of schools and services. Boards do report concern for an overload of issues and new developments taking staff away from regular duties. This matter has been drawn to the attention of senior ministry officials and they have promised some better alignment in the new year.

OPSOA has been busy with a number of items:

- . Finalizing a strategic plan for the year in concert with Public CODE
- . Training and connecting mentors with new superintendents – 27 this year in 19 boards – holding a session for new directors of the past two years on November 27
- . Holding the first part of the New Supervisory Official Program in Toronto
- . Welcoming 28 aspiring superintendents to the S.O. – What's It All About Program in Niagara on the Lake
- . Working with 186 Professional Assistants at their annual conference in Collingwood
- . Participating on a number of ministry committees
- . Forming an OPSOA advisory committee on Early Learning
- . Meeting regularly with OPC Executive

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2009-2010

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CASA Representative	Ken Bain, Hamilton-Wentworth
CODE Representative	Bill Hogarth, York Region
Executive Director	Frank Kelly

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January 20-22, 2010 – CEO/CFO
Annual Conference, InterContinental
Toronto
April 11-12, 2010 – Stepping Up:
Understanding the Role of Director
Downtown Toronto Hotel (tba)
April 21, 2010 – OPSOA/OPC
Symposium with Michael Fullan and
Andy Hargreaves, Hilton Toronto
April 21, 2010 – New Supervisory
Official Program, Phase 2, Hilton
Toronto
April 22-23, 2010 – OPSOA Annual
Conference, Hilton Toronto
July 8-11, 2010 – CASA Annual
Conference, Quebec City
August 15-17, 2010 – OPSOA Board of
Directors/Public CODE Executive
Strategic Planning Session

Early Learning Initiative

This long-awaited development has begun. OPSOA members are very pleased that Jim Grieve, former Director of Education, Peel District School Board, has been appointed Assistant Deputy Minister for Early Learning and has taken on the challenge of implementing this program across the province. Jim has long been a strong advocate of early learning and with his knowledge of district school boards will be a true leader of this initiative.

The OPSOA board of directors wishes to be proactive with early learning and has formed an advisory committee bringing together superintendents working actively with this portfolio. This group will advise the board of directors and will provide valuable models and advice to the ministry.

The committee members are:

- . Denese Belchetz, Coordinator Superintendent of Education, York Region DSB
 - . Linda Benallick, Superintendent of Education, Upper Grand DSB
 - . Celine Bourbonnais-Macdonald, Superintendent of Education, Thames Valley DSB
 - . Lisa Millar, Superintendent of Education, Durham District School Board
 - . Sharon Speir, Superintendent, Rainbow District School Board
 - . Jill Worthy, Superintendent of Education, Toronto District School Board
- * Alternate Member: Rosemary Fyfe, Superintendent of Education, Upper Grand District School Board

Alumni News

As you may be aware, this year an Alumni Revitalization Project Team has been established to investigate ways to keep our retired members involved in OPSOA in an active and meaningful manner.

Project Team members Ralph Cuthbertson, Michelle Forge and Miriam Pearlman have been meeting regularly and will be in contact with the Alumni members as planning progresses.

In addition, brief updates will be included in this space in upcoming newsletters.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! APRIL 21 – 23, 2010

The OPSOA Annual Conference is scheduled for
April 21-23, 2010 at the Hilton Toronto.
The Pre-Conference on April 21st will feature a day with
Michael Fullan and Andy Hargreaves.
Watch for further information to come in the new year.



Season's Greetings
from the OPSOA Board of Directors and OPSOA Office Staff.
The OPSOA office will be closed from December 21 to January 1
Have a safe and happy holiday!