

# OPC

## Thames Valley

# Information Update

May, 2015

### President's Remarks

We hope that this Update finds you well and finally enjoying the spring weather. Staffing and scheduling for next year are upon us and we can almost see the end of the school year. Your continuous professional efforts and dedication to making our schools better places to learn and work are much appreciated.

We hope that all Principals have registered for our May 14 OPC/Senior Admin/Managers retreat. The May 14 retreat will be followed by a social to which all Vice-Principals are welcome, our last OPC general meeting, presentations to retiring colleagues and our OPC scholarship presentations. The general meeting portion of the evening will include the election of our OPC Executive for next year. Please consider running for a position on the executive and serving your colleagues within a first class professional organization. In addition, our various OPC committees, including Terms and Conditions, will be presenting their reports.

At the provincial level, our OPC team led by John Hamilton continues to represent us at provincial discussion tables. We all hope that there will be a smooth transition into the new school year, as we do not wish to revisit the labour unrest conditions we experienced two years ago. Our provincial OPC also provides us with legal support on professional matters, as well as many support resources and services. One of those resources is the *Handbook for School Leaders* which can be accessed through the OPC website. You will find that the website provides multiple links and information about member services and privileges and that it is worth the time to find out what is available to us.

Have a successful month and remember that your OPC Executive is just a phone call away should you have any questions or require support. We look forward to seeing all of you on the 14th.

Jason Pratt  
President, Thames Valley OPC

### Member Records:

Members are reminded that in order to ensure that your personal OPC records are accurate you need to contact OPC Provincial whenever you have a change in assignment or location or retire.

Members can also update this information through the OPC web site at [www.principals.on.ca](http://www.principals.on.ca)

### Annual General Dinner Meeting

Our Annual General Retirement Dinner Meeting will take place on Thursday, May 14/15 at the Stoneridge Inn. There will be a social time at 4:30 followed by a brief business meeting and the election of the 2015 - 2016 OPC Thames Valley Executive at 5:30, dinner at 6:00.

In addition we will be recognizing our retirees as well as the OPC Scholarship winners.

We look forward to having you, members of our senior administration and trustees join us for, what we are sure will be a most enjoyable ending to the "Symposium" day.

### OPC - Thames Valley Elections

Members are reminded that we are now accepting nominations for the 2015 - 2016 OPC Thames Valley Executive.

Nomination materials and forms were sent to all members by e-mail, however if you have misplaced yours please contact Staff Officer, Ron Jones.

Nominations should be sent to Linda Carswell at the Education Centre.

The strength of the organization is in the willingness of the members to be involved.

Please consider standing for an executive position.

### Member Involvement

Appreciation is extended to the following members for representing OPC Thames Valley:

CUPE Job Evaluation – **Jane Lashbrook-Sherman**  
District School Review Steering Committee – **Jim Robertson, Murray MacDonald**  
EA PD Committee – **Matthew Bradacs**  
Food Services Contract – **Tim Doherty, Chris Cavendar, Katrin Gauer**  
Harassment Committee – **Richard Pincombe**  
Musical Instrument R&R – **Glen Woodburn**  
ONSIS – **Darlene Robertson**  
Principal Interview Committee – **Diana Goodwin**  
Vice Principal Interview Committee – **Tim Bonello**  
Non-Board Funds Policy & Procedures Committee – **Jody Campbell, Jennifer Arndt**

**Your Executive At Work**

Some of the issues that the executive has been dealing with recently include:

OPC Advocacy Program, Staffing, Terms & Conditions, Reg.274, Workload, Unfilled Occasional Positions, Professional Development, Internet Connection Speed,

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