

OPC

Thames Valley

Information Update

October 2014

President's Remarks

On behalf of your Thames Valley OPC executive, we hope you have had a good start up with your students and school communities.

In a recent discussion with Senior Admin / Associate Directors, your core executive, consisting of myself, Paul Sydor, Paul Panayi, Michael Deeb and Linda Carswell brought up the following issues for further input and system considerations: 2015 Summer Hiring procedures and Teacher Networking (encouraging teaching staff to choose days other than Monday and Friday for their networking sessions, so as to avoid large system drains on our OT list resulting in 'Unfilled Vacancies').

Moving ahead, we look forward to seeing many of you at each of our three future General Meetings where we will provide further details/reports to each of our various sub-committees. Our first General Meeting will be held at Stoneridge on Thursday, November 6 beginning at 4:30 p.m. with networking, committee reports and dinner to follow.

Prior to this meeting of course, we hope to see many of you at our second annual OPC / Senior Admin and Managers Fall Social on Oct.9/14 beginning at 3:30 p.m. at Stoneridge Inn. The evening will consist of informal conversation amongst colleagues and friends, hors-d'oeuvres, and a cash bar with one free beverage ticket courtesy of Thames Valley OPC. The evening will conclude at 6:30 p.m. We hope to see you there!

Feel welcome to contact any members of our executive should you have any questions or concerns. We thank you for your support.

Jason Pratt
President, OPC Thames Valley

OPC - Thames Valley Elections

The following is the OPC Thames Valley 2014 - 2015 Executive

President: Jason Pratt

President Elect: Michael Deeb

Past President: Paul Panayi

Vice President: Andy Rivett

Vice President: Margaret Sullivan

Secretary: Linda Carswell

Treasurer: Scott Armstrong

Provincial Councillors: Linda Mills, Andrew Smith, Dave Westaway

Members At Large: Tiffany Birch, Sylvie Blais, Susan Bruyns, Greg Howard, AnnMarie Luce, Paul McKenzie, Andy Orr, Scott Purvis, Regina Smith, Paul Sydor, Janet Williamson

Executive Member Portfolios

Terms & Conditions – P. Sydor, D. Westaway, P. Panayi, J. Pratt

TVSSAC – M. Deeb

TVACE – L. Carswell

Professional Development – A. Luce, A. Smith, A. Orr
Membership Involvement – L. Carswell, A. Smith
OPC Scholarship – S. Purvis, A. Smith

Meeting Dates for 2014-2015

General Meetings and Executive Meetings

General Dinner Meetings

Nov.6/14	4:00 p.m.	Stoneridge
Feb.12/15	4:00 p.m.	Stoneridge
May 14/15	4:00 p.m.	Stoneridge

The November and May General Dinner Meetings will retain the format of past years with a social time starting at 4:00 followed by a brief business meeting at 5:00, Dinner at 6:00 and a Professional Development component following dinner.

The February General Meeting will involve a more informal format. Details will be forthcoming.

These meetings provide an excellent opportunity to network with colleagues and we encourage all OPC members to attend.

Executive Meetings

Aug.26/14	3:00 p.m.	
Oct.2/14	8:00 a.m.	Stoneridge
Nov.6/14	1:00 p.m.	Stoneridge
Dec.4/14	8:00 a.m.	Stoneridge
Jan.8/15	8:00 a.m.	Stoneridge
Feb.5/15	8:00 a.m.	Stoneridge
Mar.5/15	8:00 a.m.	Stoneridge
Apr.2/15	8:00 a.m.	Stoneridge
May 7/15	8:00 a.m.	Stoneridge
June 11/15	To Be Determined	

Member Personal Information Update

Members are reminded that whenever they experience a change in assignment or location it is important that they report the changes to OPC Provincial at 1-800-701-2362 or www.principals.on.ca to ensure that their personal records are up to date.

Member Involvement

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

Culture of Learning Advisory Committee – **Christine Vitsentzatos, Michael Deeb, Greg Howard**

E-Learning – **Christine Vitsentzatos, Travis Kartye**

First Nations Advisory Committee – **David Chisholm, Paul McKenzie, Richard Hart**

Thames Valley Education Foundation – **Patty Thompson**

TVACE – **Leslie Atkinson, Ron Duffy, Janet Lee, Joan Velema, Jane Shewfelt, Janice Davis, Jean Snyder, Cory Barlow, Linda Westaway, Laurel Jay, Nicola Bankes, Nicole Secord, Rhian Husty, Scott Armstrong, Michele Berube, Dawn Ruddick**

Interview Preparation Committee – **Ron Duffy, Maria Langhans-Wilkie, Scott Armstrong, Sue Bruyns, Carol Edy, Mary Roes, Diana Goodwin, Kelli Gough, Pat Jones, Lisa Munro, Stephanie Sartor, Janet Lee**

VP Interview Committee – **Sharon McManus**

Principal Interview Committee – **Lisa Munro**

OPC Thames Valley Web Site

To access the OPC Thames Valley web site please do the following:

- 1) Go to the OPC Provincial web site at www.principals.on.ca and log on.
- 2) Select **LINKS**.
- 3) Select Local OPC Websites
- 4) Select Thames Valley DSB

The OPC Thames Valley web site will be static rather than interactive in nature and will provide general information about our organization.

OPC Scholarship Awards:

OPC members may make application to OPC - Thames Valley on behalf of their children for an educational scholarship. A committee is established annually, reviews all applications and selects the recipients. Detailed information on the application process and timeline will be sent out in the near future.

Your Executive At Work

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

- Principal and Vice Principal Symposiums
- Terms & Conditions
- Reg.274
- Student Teachers
- Principal/VP Workload
- Support for the Large Cohort of New Administrators

Jason Pratt
OPC Thames Valley President
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