

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE NOVEMBER 29, 2012 BOARD MEETING

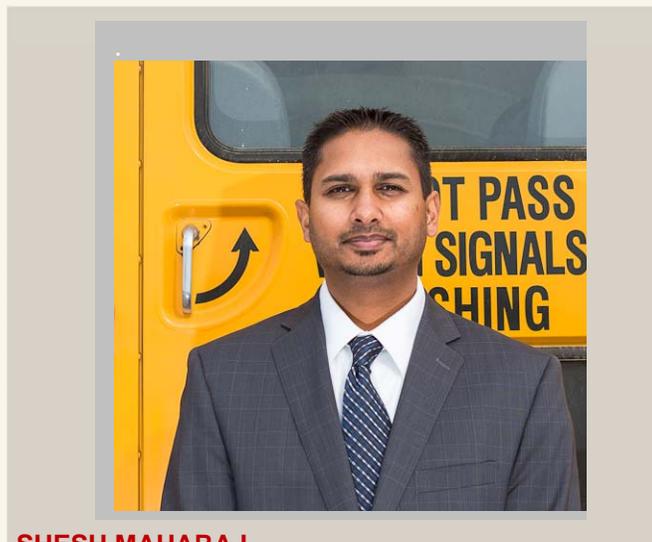
If you are anything like me, you are probably burnt out from the pressures we are all feeling related to your budget, Bill 115, politics, and just trying to keep up with your workload. Things are not all sunshine and rainbows every day. Keep focusing on the positive, build on your relationships with colleagues, and spend time with your families. And when the time comes at the end of this month, shut it down.

Your Board of Directors met at the end of November in Toronto to conduct its second board meeting of this school year. Below are the highlights from the meeting.

The Nomination and Appointment Protocol of Directors and Election of the Vice-president were discussed in detail. Standing Committee Chairs are reminded that we are seeking representatives for the Nominations Committee. This group is responsible for recommending appointments to the OASBO Board of Directors. Please watch for future notices and consider volunteering your time.

The Board received OASBO's Financial Statements for the period ending August 31, 2012. There has been an increase in both membership and workshop revenues. General expenses were consistent with the previous year. As a result, OASBO posted a small budget surplus.

Work is underway for the 2013 Annual Conference which will be held on May 8-10 at the London Convention Centre. The theme is "Embracing Innovation and Creativity in the Education Sector...Englober l'Innovation et la Créativité dans le secteur d'Éducation".



SHESH MAHARAJ
OASBO PRESIDENT

The keynote address will be presented by David Chilton, author of the bestselling book *The Wealthy Barber*. Friday's plenary session will be headed by Michael "Pinball" Clemons, CFL legend and Toronto Argonauts Vice-chair. Some changes to the program format will be made in order to facilitate more networking and a better flow. A panel discussion will replace the traditional Goldmine Session on Friday.

We previewed our new on-line presence. To say the Board was excited would be an understatement. The platform we saw is based on a social networking platform that makes everything easier – from information sharing, to networking, to document storage. It feels familiar and is easy to use. Discussion took place on the various features that will be included on the revised website. The public face, file sharing (communications), registrations, membership data, and voting/surveys will be included. The site will be introduced to Committee Chairs at the February 2013 Joint Meeting of Directors and Chairs. A formal launch date will be determined very shortly.



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Thanks to Mark Carbone for moving us forward and for spearheading the changes. A+.

OASBO has been asked to host a meeting on March 1-3, 2013 to examine the potential and possible benefits of developing a Canadian Certification for School Business Officials. Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, New Brunswick and Ontario will be asked to join forces in this project.

A letter has been forwarded to the Ministry by the Council of Senior Business Officials (COSBO) regarding Green Energy Act Reporting. The letter expressed concern over the requirement that boards must report their energy consumption on a calendar year basis. This causes reporting challenges as the education sector operates on school boards' fiscal year.

The Board approved the submission prepared by the OASBO Planning Committee regarding the Provincial Policy Statement Review related to the role of school boards in the land use planning process and the requirements of all parties to remain aware of the provincial interest.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish you a very Happy, Safe and Peaceful Holiday Season and hope to see you at the annual conference in the new year.

Shesh Maharaj
OASBO President