

**ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE  
APRIL 13 & MAY 11, 2016 OASBO BOARD  
MEETINGS**

Greetings to Everyone,

The Board approved the submission of a letter from the Information & Communication Technology Committee to the ICT contacts requesting consent for the release of **ONSIS** technology in schools data to other OASBO member boards. The OASBO ICT Committee has asked the Ministry of Education that information collected by ONSIS be shared with OASBO.

The Board received the report of the **Nomination Committee** and approved the recommendation that the following candidates be appointed as Directors on the OASBO for a terms of 2 years: Andrew Seagram (Upper Grand DSB), Steve Shaw (Toronto DSB) and Ellen Warling (Hamilton Wentworth DSB).

As a result of the **Elections**, Mark Connors from the Simcoe County DSB will be the Vice President for 2016-17. Decisions to fill this vacancy on the Board and the impending vacancy on the Executive when I move from Past President to Executive Director Designate were left to the new Board, after the AGM.

The **OASBO Annual Conference** was a great success and with 360 delegates in attendance. Dr. Mark DeVolder delivered the keynote address on "Harness the Hurricane: Adapt to Extreme Change and Achieve New Heights" followed by a plenary session by Dr. Brynn Winegard on "Building Engagement Using the Secrets of Brain Science". A session on the OASBO website and Social Media demonstration was added as one of the breakouts.



The intent was to familiarize members with the capabilities and new functions of revamped website.

The closing session by Bill Carr focused on "Creating Your Future with a Positive Approach to Change" and was well received.

OASBO is continuing dialogue with the **OMERS** Sponsors Corporation and in an effort to gain representation for the 20% of plan members comprising the non-union management group is not that is not represented from employee perspective.

The Board approved in principle the request from the Transportation Committee to host the **Canadian Pupil Transportation Conference (CPTC) in 2018** to be held in Niagara Falls. A business plan and proposed budget will be submitted to the Board at a future meeting.

**PRESIDENT'S COMMUNIQUÉ DU PRÉSIDENT APRIL/AVRIL & MAY/MAI 2016**

An update was received on the recently held **School Board Administrative Staff Conference**.

There were 122 delegates in attendance. Sponsorship was received from 4 companies and 12 vendors set up display booths. A healthy revenue was realized and the event will be held again in 2017 in Niagara Falls.

A brief update regarding the **Non-Union Benefits Trust** was received by the Board. It will be important for the Human Resources departments to be involved in this matter as to the handling by school board of changing of contracts and benefits for staff. OASBO has the opportunity to participate regarding the formation of the Benefits Trust group and may need to form a committee of non-union management group within OASBO. It was noted that the Board of Directors was given authority (by motion at its February 4, 2016) to guide the workgroup related to the formation of a Benefits Group.

The membership will be informed about this initiative and advised of the importance of OASBO's involvement. OASBO will be seeking 2 seats on the governance group. CODE also needs to be involved and hold a seat on the group.

An update on the **PIM Network** was received and discussion took place on the sustainability of the project once the initial funds are expended. The PIM website would be included on the OASBO main website and a facilitator may be needed to work out the process. It was suggested that E & E could be approached to obtain future funding.

OASBO has submitted feedback on the **Childcare Legislation** and the Ministry has drafted legislation based on some of submissions received. There is a possibility that not all the input was taken into consideration and OASBO's concerns may remain unaddressed.

Best wishes,

Paul McMahon  
OASBO President

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