



What does the CDTA do?

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It occurs to me that while there are many committees, organizations, meetings in which teachers attend and participate, the general membership may not be aware of all the work that is being done "behind the scenes". This will be a first in a series through the year to keep members up to date on what is organized through the Association.

Reconfiguration Process

Last year we organized meetings with teachers and specialist teachers to discuss the K-8 configuration. We produced documents which outlined concerns and suggestions and submitted them to the Superintendent and the Board.

We also participated in all the Board and Superintendent initiated committees, attended all the public and partner group meetings and again gave feedback of concerns and possible remedies.

We have three members on the latest Superintendent initiated Configuration working group which has the goal of putting the what's-it-going-to-look-like structure in place.

Staffing Process

We continue to participate in a committee consisting of teachers, Principal/Vice Principals and senior management to review last years staffing process with the goal to plan what this year's process will be. The next meeting will be October 31 and I will update after that.

Contract Review

This year we can actually do Mid Contract Modifications with the Board and we have submitted a list of the articles we are interested in discussing. It is important to note that we are not giving any false hope in letting people think that we will be able to make many changes. The only items that we can really get at are housekeeping and stale language.

Your Involvement

Please let us know other areas in which the Association should be involved. We love volunteers as well.

Non Enrolling Teachers

We have been working on issues specific to our members in Student Services looking at caseloads, IEPs, Bill 33, Roles and Responsibilities and creating workshops and inservices to help regular classroom teachers.

Violence in the Workplace

A district committee consisting of CDTA, CUPE, Principal/Vice Principals, parents, trustees and senior management has been working on identifying risks, creating plans to prevent and address violence and raising awareness of the issues around violence. The next meeting is October 10 and I will update after that.

International Students

We hope the ISP continues with the committee meetings from last year in which we participated and brought forward concerns and issues from teachers who teach International Students.

District Meetings

District Parents Advisory Committee, School Board Meetings, Local Labour Council... I'm sure there are others I've forgotten.