



ESS President's Report

To all the OSSTF membership, with much patience, perseverance and courage we made it to June. In a few more weeks we will have the well deserved rest and time to regroup before coming back in September. It is vital to our well being to take the time to spend with family and friends. Hopefully the weather will cooperate so we can enjoy some sunshine.

Thank you for your continued support and your confidence in giving me another two year term to serve the membership. It is greatly appreciated.

ESS Executive – 2023-2024 school year.

President- Liz Tassone

Vice President- Laura Orr

Treasure- Alicia Witiw

Secretary – Jessica Greenlees

Grievance Office- Paul Carlucci

Health and Safety – East Kim Bartlett

Health and Safety – North/ Sault and Central- Michelle McCleave- Kennedy

Equity/Inclusion Officer –

Constitution Officer- Laura Orr/Alicia Witiw

Appointed Council of Representatives Positions

Status of Women Officer- Maria Ellis

Education Service Officer- Josie Nicholson

Communication/Political Action Officers

Area Representatives

Chapleau- Vacant

Wawa Area Representative- Carrie Belanger

Sault Area Representative- Joanne Lepore

Northshore Area Representative – Bonnetta Manktelow

Hornepayne Area Representatives

Central Algoma Representative

Job Class Representatives

Casual representative- Vacant

ESS EA Representative- Alicia Witiw

Noon Hour Assistant Representative- Vacant

Roman Catholic Noon Hour Aide Representative- Vacant
Secretarial Representative- Vacant

I want to welcome everyone and I am pleased to be working with everyone for the coming 2023-2024 school year.

I will be putting out a call in the fall to have the vacant positions filled. Please consider putting your name forward. The bargaining unit is a large unit therefore we need to have members help and support the local bargaining unit.

Bargaining :

Bargaining at the Central Level continues. Government has given a few dates for the coming months. We continue to stay positive and hope that in the near future we have a fair collective agreement.

Staffing:

Staffing will be held on the PD day on June 9,2023. Members will be contacted on Friday. Union representation will be at staffing to help members navigate through staffing. During this time laterals will be offered if positions are available.

More information regarding our clerical members will follow.

Updated Information:

If you are not receiving emails from OSSTF please call the office. A change of address, phone number and email should be updated in our system so that members are well informed of any upcoming events or information. Please call the office to update your information. You can reach out to Marnie at 705-759-6653.

OMERS:

Just updating that the OSSTF/FESSO Sponsor Corporation and Administration Corporation supports the work OMERS does. The pension plan is doing well.

In Our Thoughts:

Our deepest condolences go out to the Robitaille Family. Kathy was an executive member who took on the role as our Equity, Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression Officer. She was also our CPAC officer for many years. Kathy was an EA at Central Ave Public School. Her dedication and commitment to the students and OSSTF will be truly missed by all. May she rest in peace.

Retirements:

A huge congratulations to our recent retirees. Maria Foglia, Rita Rydall, Mara Kesteris, Nellie Harvey and Christine Newman. Wishing you years of good health, joy and happiness and great adventures as you move forward to your next stage of your life.

Congratulations to Sharon Indrevold the OTBU President who was presented with the solidarity award at Provincial Office. This award was given to a members who is dedicated and has had a passion for OSSTF. Sharon is fitting to this award as she is committed and dedicated to the cause of OSSTF. Sharon lives by the moto “ A member is a member is a member”. She is very dedicated to all the bargaining units and does hesitate to help when help is needed.

Thank you to you the membership for your patience, understanding and support. I want to thank Marnie and Margaret for keeping us organized, on time and support when needed. Thank you goes out to Marie, Sharon, Terri-Lyn and Jessica the Presidents of the other bargaining units for all your support and encouragement.

I want to welcome Jason Young the new TBU President. Wishing you all the best. I also want to thank the Provincial Executive and secretariat for your support. Malini and Tom thank you for being there for the membership and myself.

Have A Great Summer

LIZ TASSONE
ESS PRESIDENT