

April 16th, 2020

MEETING DATES

EXECUTIVE (4pm)	COUNCIL (4pm)
Wednesday, September 18, 2019	Friday, September 20, 2019
Wednesday, November 27, 2019	Friday, November 29, 2019 * (Holiday 6p) *
Wednesday, February 19, 2020	Friday, February 21, 2020 Friday, February 28, 2020
Friday, March 06, 2020 ** Pre-AMPA (Delegates) **	
Wednesday, April 15, 2020	Friday, April 17, 2020
Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 2:15pm	Thursday, April 16 at 1pm
Saturday, May 09, 2020 ** Annual General Meeting ** TBA	
Wednesday, June 10, 2020 TBA	Friday, June 12, 2020*District Awards Dinner TBA

STAFFING & CLASS SIZE

Staffing for 2020-21 should be continuing. We have had an initial Staffing Meeting with the Board and it looks like our FTE will be up. The Board is staffing at 23:1 at this time. Additional FTE that may be included in the Supports for Students Fund, as appear in other affiliates' agreements, are not accounted for at this time. It appears that we will have no system surplus at this time.

If you require assistance with in-school staffing, please email me.

PERSONAL LEAVE

Please have members contact me if they are denied Personal Leave, either paid or unpaid.

OSSTF Central Bargaining and Job Action

OSSTF has returned to the table as of last Thursday.

OECTA has ratified their central agreement and ETFO and AEFO both have tentative agreements.

AMPA 2020

OSSTF's Annual Meeting of Provincial Assembly was postponed, as have all OSSTF and events up until at least to the end of May.

April Provincial Council will be conducted remotely, by vide and teleconference. Some provincial committees will also be conducting meetings remotely.

Grievance Processes

All grievance processes, including arbitration, have been suspended during the pandemic, as instructed by the Ministry of Labour. This does not affect any informal discussions we would have to resolve issues that may lead to a grievance. We retain the ability to file grievances, but the Board would not have to respond until after the pandemic is over.

Health & Safety

The Board has attempted to use the pandemic to suspend Health & Safety processes, including JHSC meetings and inspections. I have disagreed with the Board, as has CUPE, who also have members in ADSB buildings. I await a response from the Board.

Video Conferencing and Related Technologies

We have issued a memo to members outlining issues with use of Video Conferencing and related technologies: *Implications of Technology on Equity, Privacy and Student Learning*. I encourage you to refer to this as you speak with members in your workplaces. Emergency Learning at Home is not meant to be a replacement for in-school learning. We must be very careful with how we use technology while continuing to maintain professionalism throughout this phase of learning.