

Joint Health & Safety Committee (JHSC) Meeting – OSSTF OT Report

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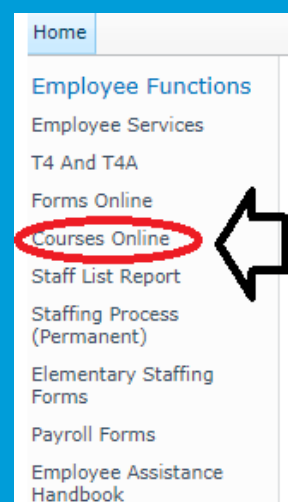
Overview

Regular Reports

- 1) **Accidents/Violent Incident Reports** – We had 61 violent incident reports in each of December and January. There were only 32 in February, but we had far fewer days due to strike action, a snow day, and a shorter month. There was some discussion about whether we should be getting the critical injury reports from other bargaining units and what information should be included on it.
- 2) **JHSC Part I Training** – Mike Galipeau and myself completed this training. Mike will complete the Part 2 of this training in May and I will do mine in September. Many JHSC members already have this training and are grandfathered in.
- 3) **Online Reporting** – This will go into effect board wide in the 2020-2021 school year.
- 4) **2018-2019 Annual Safety Report** – Chris Alfano presented this to the Trustees. A few facts:
 - 18 committee members
 - 2087 active (M)SDS sheets
 - inspect 48 buildings/properties with 404 inspections done
 - health care due to lost time: down to 54
 - number of days lost: 9.6 compared to peer group of 19.4
 - almost 1000 workplace violent incident reports with 98 from one student and 313 from one work site

Online Courses in the Portal

Any Occasional Teachers who still need to complete their Health & Safety training can do so on a free prep.



Online Health & Safety courses to be completed this year include: Rights of the Worker, Lockdown Training, Asbestos Awareness and ADSB Health & Safety Review.



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Health and Safety Updates

- 1) **New Fire Exit Signs** – The new fire exit signs are green, but the old red ones are still grandfathered in.
- 2) **AED Batteries** – The batteries on the defibrillators are being tested, because there seems to be some issues with the 2020-21 models.
- 3) **WHMIS Training** – Chris continues to do this with our Coop students.
- 4) **First Aid Training** – Carestaff in the north will be receiving First Aid training in an upcoming PD session.

JHSC Additions to the Agenda

- 1) **Contractor and Visitor ID** – There is a concern that contractors aren't signing the visitor log. Believe it's a good idea for visitors to have lanyards, so we know that they've been vetted by the office. There is also some concern that some schools don't even have a visitor log.
- 2) **High Temperature Guidelines** – This is something that came out of a provincial working group. We would like a maximum temperature for working conditions.
- 3) **Community Injury Reporting** – There is concern that if a critical injury occurred that there was no system in place to report it and let the JHSC know. Mona will follow up with Amy who's in charge of community use to see if there's anything in writing.
- 4) **Eyewash Station at the Plant** – There is a recommendation that this be installed at the plant.
- 5) **Heights Training** – It is recommended that more care staff get this training.
- 6) **Door Wedges** – Would like to know about the consistency of them in the fire plan.

Employers' Recommendations

- 1) **Cracks at SH** – Elliot Engineers will review this. They did a walk through on Feb. 27 and there was no immediate danger.
- 2) **SDS Sheets** – There will be some learning curves, but this is being updated.
- 3) **Workplace Violence Subcommittee** – Our request for one was rejected. They believe that our four days of the year that we meet is enough to address that issue. They are still waiting for something to come down from the ministry to address this issue. We are still very troubled by these numbers and will likely revisit this idea at some point.

- 4) **Sharps Containers in Outlying Areas** – Asking members in outlying areas to contact their local pharmacies about removal procedures.

- 5) **Radios** – The board is willing to provide these at all sites so that everyone may have immediate assistance for individuals with a safety plan when there are no phones in place.

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- 1) **Outlying Areas Travel** – Need to see TOR
- 2) **Driveway at WP** – Randy is looking into it.
- 3) **Monthly Inspections** – Reports from schools every three months to go to JHSC.
- 4) **Lockdown** – Does a real Hold & Secure count as a lockdown drill?
- 5) **Chemicals in Science Storage Room** – Chris to investigate
- 6) **Coronavirus** – Lu Reece will be releasing a statement.
- 7) **Particles from Photocopiers** – Chris will explore if this is a problem.