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OT Provincial Workgroup

November 16th was the first of a potential 3 meetings for the new OT workgroup. I was proud to represent District 2 at Provincial Office and bring forth the voice of Occasional Teachers in the Algoma District. Our workgroup discussed several issues that we would like to see brought up in the next round of bargaining in 2019. Important topics discussed included the acquisition of OT Benefits, and the Implications and Implementation of Reg. 274/12 (and how that varies from Board to Board). We also discussed OT Supply Binders and it was nice to see that our local bargaining was progressive in the fact that our Collective Agreement language strives to ensure our members are provided with everything they need to have a safe and productive day at work (there are still districts who do not get keys). We also discussed the importance of proper training and PD. All mandatory (health and safety) PD should be paid! * We will continue to fight for this.

The Workgroup is geographically diverse and the composition of the OTs vary in their experience. Overall, I feel it is a very productive group and I was impressed to see such amazing commitment from 5 Provincial Executives (Chaired by Chris Goodsir) as well as President Harvey Bischof.

Please feel free to forward any OT concerns and bargaining desires to me so that I may continue to represent the voice of Algoma OTs at Provincial Office.