



Occasional Times

A newsletter of the Hastings and Prince Edward
Occasional Teachers Local

More Than Seasons Changing!

It seems the political climate is as unpredictable as the weather these days. Just when we think we have a handle on the new legislation being created by the Ministry of Education, it changes; again!

Following this newsletter in a week or two, you'll see an overview of the new legislation and the most recent amendments that are relevant to the "contract" that was imposed on all ETFO and OSSTF members on Jan 3, 2013. Note that just before those contract were imposed, the government reached a deal with CUPE that included 11 sick days. As a result, a week ago Thursday (Jan 24) the government decided to give the 11 days to all education employees including teachers in OECTA, OSSTF and ETFO.

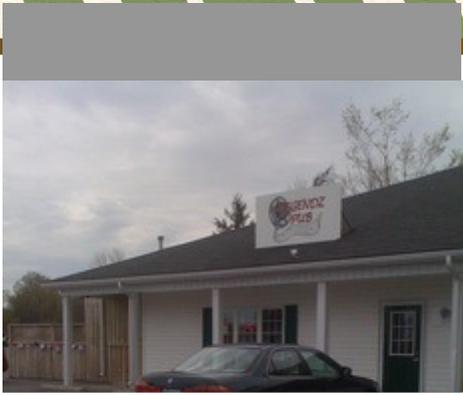
If anyone is so inclined, (and looking for reading material to fall asleep to), each of your HAPE-OTL stewards, as well as every school steward, has been given a package that includes the actual legislation and most recent amendments.



Premier
designate
Kathleen
Wynn.

Our new Premier designate, Kathleen Wynn, has met with the leaders of all education unions and our own President Sam Hammond reports that the meeting was positive. They each came away from the meeting with a promise from Ms. Wynn that government workers (not herself) will meet in the future to discuss the current situation. She appeared to be respectful and listening. Time will tell how sincere that was. Nothing new is likely to happen until Kathleen Wynn announces her new cabinet and we see who our new Minister of Education will be.

Keep watching the "Control Your Future" website for updates as they happen.



Legendz Pub, Hwy 62, Rossmore

Soup, entrée, dessert and coffee or tea for only \$12! Where can you get a better deal than that?

Winter General Meeting

New venue this time!

At our fall General Meeting, there seemed considerable interest in having a meeting in the winter as well. It's a great time to ask questions and get an update on the actions and advice from ETFO.

Where: Legendz Pub, 5529 Hwy 62 S, Rossmore, Prince Edward Square

When: Tuesday February 26, 2013

5:00 social time

5:30 to 6:30 meeting

6:30 Dinner

To reserve your spot, send a cheque for \$12 to Federation House (either by board courier or mail to 114 Victoria Ave, Belleville, ON K8P 2A8) by Feb 20.

Also include your choice of entrée, either chicken or steak. Entrée choices must be pre-selected or you get what they serve. **If you plan to attend the meeting only**, please email Barry Lieff at barrylieff@sympatico.ca so he can arrange for enough seating for all.

Local Collective Bargaining

*Since contracts were imposed on Jan 3, the board is not motivated to continue bargaining. So your CB Committee is meeting with the board on Feb 15 to finalize the things already agreed upon, but no new bargaining will be happening. One thing that is going away is the Agreement to Teach form. No more remembering to get it in on time, or being removed if you don't! One of the items left on the table is the first morning duty. The board couldn't see the wisdom of exchanging it ahead of time. So make sure you are aware that you **can** go to the principal if you have duty before your first class and ask her or him to find someone else to do the duty and you will do another duty later. See Article 13,04 (a)*



Happy Valentines Day!