



2017 Bluewater Occasional Teachers' Annual General Meeting

## 2016 - 2017 PROFESSIONAL LEARNING:

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There have been multiple Professional Learning opportunities for the Bluewater Occasional Teachers this year with more learning sessions scheduled after the Annual General Meeting.

Sylvia van Campen came to the Bluewater Education Centre in September and October to present a workshop on "Classroom Management That Works". Participants picked up valuable information about classroom management strategies and then after a month of putting them into practice, they returned to share their experiences, evaluate the successes, and reflect on their management methods that were not as successful.

Helen O'Donohoe gave a very practical presentation on teaching French as an Occasional Teacher in November. "Step Forward With French" included a creative and handy resource book that participants could take home for use on any grade level daily or long term occasional assignment. Even teachers with little or no training in French felt confident preparing and delivering lessons after Helen's session.

Sylvia van Campen returned again at the end of March to facilitate her award-winning workshop, "The Art and Science of a Successful Interview". For Occasional teachers striving to make the LTO List, this was the perfect preparation course. Various resources, mock interviews, and helpful feedback left teachers with a briefcase full of interview arsenal.

On May 11, a representative from the Service Canada office will host an informative talk on signing up for Employment Insurance. This is hour and a half jam-session will provide all the 'must knows' for signing up for coverage over the summer months.

Do you want to enhance your mathematical instructional knowledge? If so, watch for the workshop scheduled for the professional activity day on June 2. This is a full day learning opportunity at the Bluewater Education Centre in Chesley that includes release time. It is open to any occasional teachers who have not attended this workshop previously.

To end the year, there will be a full-day Health and Safety course on Thursday, June 29. Watch for Andrew's email notices for details and registration deadlines for workshops planned in May and June.

It has been a pleasure organizing another year of professional learning sessions for Bluewater Occasional Teachers. Please continue to suggest topic ideas that you feel would be beneficial in your career development.

Respectfully submitted by,  
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