



# 2018 Bluewater Occasional Teachers' Annual General Meeting

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## Professional Learning Report for 2017-2018

The professional learning sessions had a late start this year due to the delayed availability of ETFO presenters.

On November 22, 2017, there was a fantastic presentation by a representative of the Dairy Farmers of Canada. The topics were about teaching nutrition. The Junior focus was entitled "The Power to Explore" and the Primary focus was called "The Power to Play". The speaker walked participants through each kit of resources in a very interactive way and everyone received a 'bountiful' kit to use for their classroom lessons. We were particularly fortunate to host this workshop because the Dairy Farmers announced shortly afterwards that the program was being discontinued. Twenty people attended this excellent presentation.

May 10, 2018, is the date for the next professional learning session called, "Understanding Autism and Breaking Down Barriers". This workshop will be presented by members from the Niagara Occasional Teacher Local. It has had rave reviews for its hands-on, exploratory delivery so it should be an excellent learning opportunity. There is plenty of room for more participants so please email me by Monday, May 7, 2018 on Office 0365 if you are interested in attending.

An LTO List Interview workshop was held on March 22, 2018, at the Board Office, in preparation for this year's LTO List Interviews. Sheryl Elliott from the BWDSB presented and took questions, as did Andrew Chittka and Amanda Anderson afterwards.

In addition to these workshops, on Friday, April 27, we will have the first Bluewater Board workshop with a fully paid day of learning. Hopefully, you had a chance to sign-up for this workshop about literacy, numeracy, Violent Incident Reporting, and Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement.

Respectfully submitted by,  
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