

OTF Curriculum Forum meeting
Oct 21st, 2007 - 9:00 to 2:00
ETFO Office, Toronto

Subject Associations Updates

- Many Roots Many Voices CD was passed out to all subject associations
- Advertise in ETFO "Voice" magazine...need presenters for their Feb 2/3 conference (info in the package regarding Great Canadian Women)
- Check out OLA.com for library resource material. Check out Knowledge Ontario (Jan 1 2007)
- From Ophea and Oasphe: in preparation for their ministry curriculum review an online survey available until Nov 11th for HPE curriculum data gathering info. www.oasphe.ca DPA teacher guides resources to support Ministry initiatives.
- Concern raises regarding the M destination and being denied "university" destination credibility (e.g. kids not getting scholarships.)
- common threads program from OSSTF...mid Feb early Mar for the safe water support document.
- Creating "We" Schools: A Resource Guide for Educators This guide is perfect for educators who want their students to "Think we. " It will help you find small ways to incorporate Me to We ideas into your elementary or secondary classroom practice, initiate or strengthen your community service program, and make curriculum connections if you have a service learning program. Bring a sense of community to your school in three easy steps! Go to www.metowe.org for information on this resource and program.
- (Physics & TALCO now a recognized organization in the group)
- Looking for nominations to be on the steering committee-plan meetings and recap...- meet 3 times....

OSAPAC - presentation

- Software for subject associations...can contact for support. John Taylor (MOE) & Karen Brooks Nelson (OSAPAC)
- Mandate to find needs, evaluate submissions, connect with ministry www.osapac.org
- [Nazreen Motiar@osapac.org](mailto:Nazreen.Motiar@osapac.org) for contact to get resources added (software)
john.k.taylor@ontario.ca
- get membership to the first class conference...
- showed Histori.ca encyclopedia....Smart Ideas ...
- check out the first class resources...
- Ask your board OESS rep for password for these resources

PD-Ruth Baumann, OTF executive secretary-treasurer lead a brainstorm session on Professional Development

- 2 extra Pd days, May 10-11...what will they be about? OTF wants input on what this PD could look like

- 2 year supports
- How do we do things differently rather than add more in
- How do we learn how to do things? How do we build more collaboration
- Individual teachers with resources, easy access, and make connections
- Eng & fr, elementary & 2ndary
- Needs assessment survey-focus groups with teachers-to get a telephone survey
- (end with study groups, workshops, conference April 10th-12th???) Elementary teacher, 2ndary & 1st 5 year teacher to go to conference and start build development at the local level-Anne Leibermann is the key note—how teachers learn and how teachers help teachers learn\
- OTF website as a teacher resource centre. to access e-journals (research), and practical classroom resources, discussion forums, blogs, pd calendar,
- They will contact our associations –are we interested in working with OTF?-make materials available ??? Size of the association –membership, types of supports we have...
- There will be a meeting/series.... for what make sense for our subject
- 2 print newsletters would be sent to teachers within the 1st two years.
- Try to get something out electronically by Thurs. (Oct 26th)

Comments:

- Every association wants web connections...to what point
- 150,000 teachers in Ont. (Conference for 350 people)
- Consider membership at conference...to include subject assoc.
- Timelines need to be shared-start with what are people interested in???
- Existing quality tasks? Interested in developing? call for teachers...do we have an evaluation process? What would it take for new materials to be developed...or what would it cost to buy current materials. What else would you be interested in?
- BC has lesson aid... this may look the same but web based.
- Copy right clearance...and or copyright restrictions --does board own materials???. (Min. \$\$ may be able to easily facilitate material access)
- There may be the opportunity to pay people to develop...
- Scheduling issues...(part of timetabling...may need to include teachers meeting together as a part of professional learning communities)
- OTF would look at greater collaboration across the divides e.g. OTF function differ from OSSTF, ETFO-this is big picture, building bridges and links for accessibility
- Web casts—York broadband...teletraining...
- What are the organizations they have connected with – Tvo? Building partnerships - including principals organizations..
- What is the relationship “mandate” with Ministry criteria...needs to be evaluation in place...want to support and fill in the gap
- Consider high stakes...Pd to show how federations can make a difference...singular unprecedented opportunity, now we need to do...
- Can we change some structures???. Resources...time.... tools needed....

Final Comments Overall:

- If any issues we feel have not been recognized (e.g. core French gr 7/8 teachers) then let them know...
- Next meeting is Feb 16th & 17th at the Crown Plaza
- Let Joan (from Guidance Councilor group) know if problems with the "M" courses and admissions or scholarship issues.

