



BULLETIN

Ottawa Carleton Elementary Teachers' Federation

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TO: OCETF Stewards

FROM: Peter Giuliani, President

Item: Staff Meetings involving PD

Action: Stewards please forward this information to your school OCETF members.

In the matter of staff meetings which involve PD.

Members are reminded that OCETF and ETFO hold the position that the purpose of staff meetings is primarily to deal with administrative matters, operational concerns and issues raised by staff. Any agenda created must be provided to teachers in advance of the meeting and teachers must have been provided an opportunity to place items on the agenda. A staff meeting should address these aforementioned matters. Should one of the agenda items be a professional development activity, then member involvement or participation therein is entirely voluntarily. ETFO and OCETF have been consistent in their position that professional development outside of the instructional day is a matter of personal choice for the individual teacher. If members do not wish to remain in the meeting for a professional development opportunity, they should feel free to inform their administration this decision and absent themselves.