

# D15 OSSTF



# District 15

### David Morrison for Trustee

Last June Dave decided to end what can justifiably called an illustrious 30 year teaching career. Not only has Dave reached 1000s of students in his music classes over the last three decades, he was also recognised by the Board for his extra-curricular contributions in 2013.

Not ready to walk away from public education, Dave announced his candidacy for School Board Trustee on June 19th. Checkout [www.davidmorrisononline.net](http://www.davidmorrisononline.net) for more information. If you live in, or have friends living in, Wards 5, 9 or 11 please encourage them to support Dave's bid to bring his experience and perspective to our Board.



*David Morrison is running in the City of Kawartha Lakes, Wards 5, 9 and 11*

The District Office would like to thank Sharon Robbins, Don Wood, and Lyne Archambault for their help with organizing Dave's campaign.

### 2014 Municipal Elections by Mail

While municipal elections across Ontario will take place on October 27, 2014, polling will be done a little differently in the City of Kawartha Lakes this time around. This year all eligible voters in the District 15 catchment area will be voting by mail.

Members are reminded that in most area ballots are to be mailed no later than October 18 but can also be dropped off at designated municipal offices on October 27, 2014. Below are links to websites with more information on voting in the communities in which we teach.

[Huntsville](#), [Bracebridge](#), [Gravenhurst](#), [Haliburton](#), and [City of Kawartha Lakes](#).





## OSSTF Educational Services Conference

This year's OSSTF Educational Services Conference will take place on Thursday November 6th and Friday November 7th at the International Plaza Hotel on Dixon Road, Toronto.

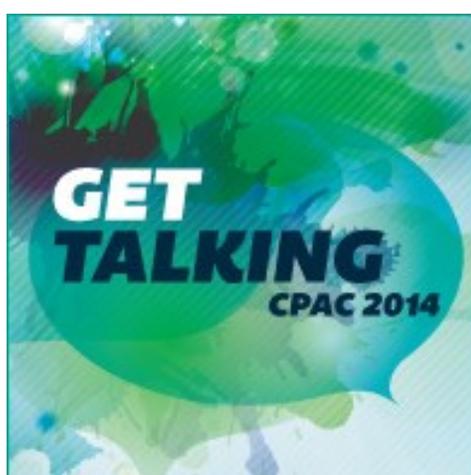
The theme of this year's conference, Fueling Our Fire, will be explored by keynote speakers Janice Butler, Dan Hill, and Dr. David Posen as well as in a series of breakout sessions.

The cost to members is \$150 which includes, registration, breakfasts, lunches and snacks. Mileage will be paid for members by the provincial office. The cost of registration and accommodation are eligible for reimbursement from the District 15 PD Fund.

Members interested in attending should arrange release time with their principal as they would for any PD conference.

For those who have never attended an OSSTF Educational Services conference it is of note that the breakout sessions are led primarily by OSSTF members. At this conference District 15's own **Cynthia Mitchell (HHSS)** will be leading sessions entitled "Compassion Fatigue" and "Journal to Believe". Congratulations Cindy!

[Registration is here](#) and open now. It closes on October 20th. There is no preset limit on the number of District 15 attendees.



## Communications and Political Action Conference

November 21-22 will see District Communications and Political Action officers from across the province descend on the Westin Bristol for the 2014 OSSTF CPAC Conference. This year's keynote will be Trish Hennessey from the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.

Workshop topics include: engaging members and the community, lobbying, using social media and connecting with the labour community.

District 15 has one provincially paid spot, interested people should contact the District Office ASAP.

## Doing the work of our Federation.

The District Office wishes to recognize:

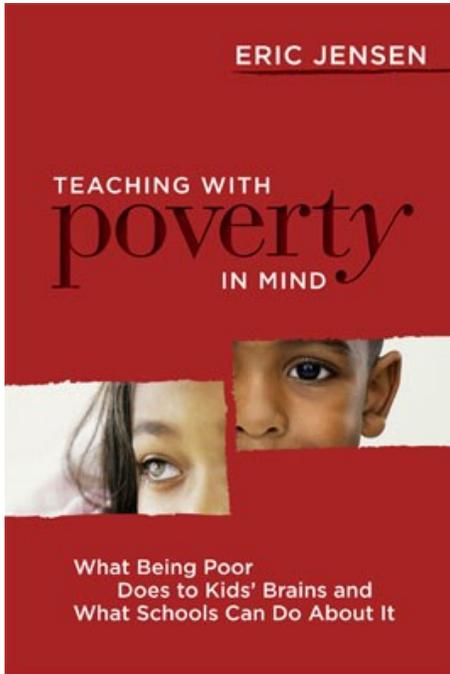
- John Mazara, Central Bargaining Advisory Workgroup;
- Julie Hendren, Environmental Advisory Workgroup; and
- Colin Matthew, Operations and Finances Workgroup;

for taking time to help shape our Federation.

Anyone interested in more information about provincial committees and workgroups should stay tuned to the newsletters or contact the District Office.



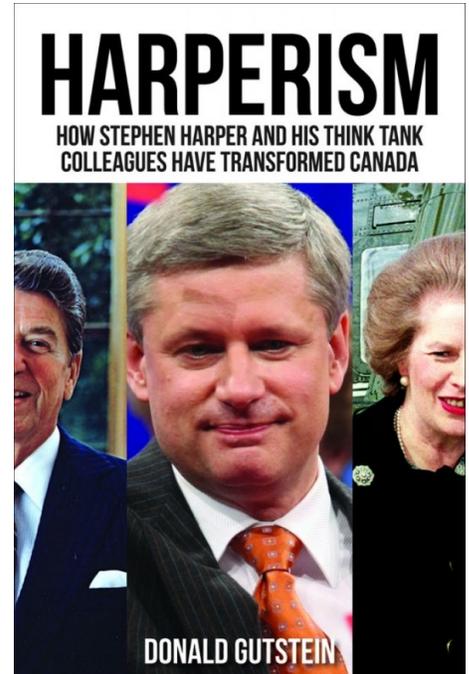
New to our Library—Call for Book Reviews



First Come First Served!  
Review should be in the  
150-200 word range and  
will be published in a  
future newsletter.

*Teaching With Poverty in Mind* by  
Eric Jensen, ASCD (2009).

*Harperism* by Donald Gutstein,  
Lorimer (2014).



## Upcoming Events

- October 9—North Simcoe Muskoka District Labour Council (Colin)
- October 15—Bargaining Unit Council
- October 20—New Teacher Night Huntsville
- October 20—Registration Closes, Ed. Svcs. Conference
- October 21—Board Meeting
- October 27—Election Day
- October 30—New Teacher Night Lindsay
- November 6—Retirement Information Session (BMLSS)
- November 10—Retirement Information Session (FFSS)
- November 14—Provincial Council

## Let's Keep in Touch

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## Promoting Excellence in Education

### The Persons Case Day 2014

Three female students from Weldon's Grade 12 law class participated in *Trailblazers: Meeting Women in Law*, a program facilitated by the Ontario Justice Education Network (OJEN) and the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF), on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

This annual event began with a sponsored (in part by OSSTF) place at the Persons Day 2014 Breakfast Gala. Following that, there was a Q & A session with the keynote speaker, Deborah Gillis, an advocate for women in the workplace. The students, led by current U of T and Osgoode Hall law students, toured Osgoode Hall, the Law Society of Upper Canada, and met with a sitting judge. They ate lunch with current women law students who shared their varied paths to law school, as well as their advice to future applicants. The day ended with a visit, by Weldon students, to the law firm of Sack Goldblatt Mitchell. The students were impressed with the diverse practice areas of the firm. The girls had a fantastic day and are now eager to begin their university studies. - Mairi Bew, IEWSS