

TSU Weekly Wrap Up – February 14, 2020

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Job Action – And...everybody's out! Full Province shut down on Friday we've been told. The PSIC met this (Friday) afternoon for planning for the 21st and more planning will occur over the weekend. Information forthcoming as soon as it's available.

This week's Lecce's Lies: more Reg 274 nonsense, to put it politely. "the system is premised on seniority and not on qualifications, not on merit, not on equity considerations...." And "Protecting the system may serve the Union brass, but not Ontario students." Seniority does not get you the job, qualifications and merit do. And it far from serves the "Union brass", it serves the newest teachers who do not have the "genetic qualifications" that used to be the key, and the students by ensuring they have a properly qualified teacher.

Political Action- You received updated information this week regarding the Niagara Rally. We are intending to travel with our sisters and brothers of York OECTA. If you are still interested, please let us know and we will attempt to make arrangements for you.

Earned Leave Plan – Just another reminder that, until the system is updated, if you wish to review or use your ELP days, please contact Margherita Di Fonzo at the Board who will look after you. Her extension is 2322.

NTIP - Teachers involved in the NTIP program attended an Orientation day at the Board on Monday. TSU was there to support our new teachers, as always. And of course, at the forefront, was our Occasional Teacher Representative, Joanne Maher. Comments from the Board made it obvious that they, too, recognize the huge importance she has been for OTs and this process. If new teachers have any questions in follow up to the session, please call us for assistance.

School Relocation – The public consultation meeting at Dante was held on Monday as promised. With the feedback for parents and staff, the Senior Staff will bring a report to Board next month.

Health and Safety - a busy week in this department. The Joint committee met on Wednesday with much input from a number of DWMs. The DWMs then used the PD day, today, to meet and plan together.

Continue to monitor your TSU email for updated information and clarification on all things Job Action.

Have a great family day weekend!