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EAA General Meeting

New Date

Thursday, February 20, 2020

(Location - To be announced)

Hello Members:

We have ***changed the date of our EAA General Meeting to Thursday, February 20, 2020***. Since we recently had a Ratification Meeting at the end of December, we thought it would be more pertinent to move our meeting to February. We will have more information at that time in regards to if we have ratified Centrally and by then we will have begun Local Negotiations. We will also have information to share with you about our upcoming Spring Dinner - April 21, 2020 and our EAA PD Day - April 3, 2020.

Election Update!!

We are happy to let you know that we have a new EA Representative who has been acclaimed. There will be no Election at the next General Meeting. We are pleased to

introduce you to *Lisa Cornish*. We are looking forward to her joining our EAA Executive Team. Please see Lisa's bio below. Welcome Lisa!

Please read Lisa's flyer below:

My name is Lisa Cornish and I am running for EA Representative. Educational Assistants are all about support. We support our students, we support families, we support teachers, and our schools in so many important and vital ways. This role will give me the opportunity to support all of you. You are an amazingly gifted group of dedicated educators. I will take the role and its key responsibilities and carry them out with heart, diligence, kindness, respect, and dependability.

Responsibilities:

1. Be a liaison to non-salaried EAs
2. Together with the CYW Representative, coordinate the Key EAs/CYWs
3. Coordinate Key EA/CYW meetings
4. Prepare and send out Key EA/CWY packages/information
5. Act as co-chair with the CYW Rep for the Countrywide PD Day Committee
6. Attend meetings as requested by the President
7. Sit on the Negotiations Committee

How I intend to fulfill these responsibilities?

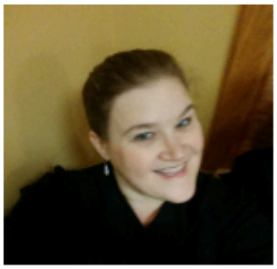
The answer is simple and efficient, effective communication and working hard to help and support all of us and our Union as they work to help and support all of us. I will work diligently to ensure that communication is always in place. I see this role as an opportunity to support and help everyone. If I do not know the answer or solution, then I will strive to find the right path to resolutions. You all have a voice and that voice matters. Your needs and concerns are important. As your Representative, I will not only listen, but always use your best interests and needs as my guide in making decisions and actions that represent all of us.

Who am I?

I am an Educational Assistant and a BMS Trainer. I have worked as an EA for the past 5 years. I have worked many supply jobs and at several schools (Wilson, Pioneer Park, Abraham Erb, Elizabeth Zeigler, Smithson, Rosemount, to name a few). I work both Core hours and Extended Day hours. I have worked in ACE classes, congregated classes, regular classes, one on one, etc…

I have experience sitting on a Board of Directors. For 1 year, I was a member at large for the Board of Directors for Temple Shalom. I then spent 2 years as the Vice-President, and 4 years as the President. Some of my duties were: hiring of teachers, Rabbi, and various personnel, contract negotiations, working with the RCMP, Israeli Consulate, Region of Waterloo, and various organizations (JNF, URJ, etc…), and supporting my community in any way possible.

I have great communication skills, I have passion, and I have a desire to help everyone around me to the best of my abilities.



"You're only given a little spark of madness. You mustn't lose it." ~Robin Williams

"Kid, you'll move mountains!" ~Dr. Seuss

"Think Off-Centre" ~ George Carlin



Friday, January 17, 2020

We will be celebrating our EAA Appreciation Day on Friday, January 17, 2020. The “official” anniversary date is January 19. Since this falls on a Sunday, we have set the celebration date for this Friday.

EAA Appreciation Day is devoted to appreciating and celebrating EAs and CYWs and honouring the daily impact we have on student success and well-being. We make a profound difference in the lives of many of our students and we also provide continuous support to staff, families and the entire system.

This is a day to celebrate. We are awesome! Our schools would not be complete without us.

We look forward to hearing how your day was celebrated. Please send us pictures and updates.

Kind regards,

Colleen Dietrich Sisson

President - EAA



EXTENDED DAY EAs and CYWs

Please check your pay stubs

If you work in the Extended Day (before or after school) Program, please check your pay stubs to ensure that any absences you have put in reflect the proper amount deducted on your pay stub. It has come to our attention that some of our Members have been deducted extra pay that they should not have been. If you discover a discrepancy, please contact Alex Tait via email and cc Colleen on it. Thank you.

Find all the info you need!

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