

April 3, 2013



DISTRICT COUNCIL

HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT

1. Monthly Inspection Reports:

The monthly inspection report should be sent as soon as possible after the inspection has been carried using the appropriate software. Please ensure that the report is not filed outside of the month the inspection was carried out.

The following are persons who can assist with inspections if necessary.

Dave Page OSSTF Health and Safety Representative pageda@lkdsb.net

Mike Dodman CUPE dodmanmi@lkdsb.net

Betty Meyskens Board Office Health and Safety Secretary meyskebe@lkdsb.net

The Worker's Committee will be visiting and inspecting the various Adult Education Centres.

Site based OSSTF Health and Safety Representatives are requested to forward a copy of each report (electronically if possible) to District 10 Office. Please send to Carolyn Trigatti office@osstfd10.ca

This will continue until District 10 Office is granted access by LKDSB to the database, which I am led to believe is imminent.

2. Health and Safety Policies and Procedures:

The Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) and its staff continually demonstrate that Health and Safety is taken seriously. To that end various Policies and Procedures have been updated. Staff should have been made aware of these and should exhibit due diligence in reading them through and complying with them.

3. Health and Safety Training / Representative Training:

Individuals are encouraged to sign up via PD Place for Health and Safety Certification courses.

The JHSC has begun working on the agenda for next year's Representative training workshop which will be held September 2013. The goal is to have the agenda set and all speakers in place by the end of June. Site based representatives are asked to forward suggestions with respect to this training, etc. to the JHSC as soon as possible.

4. Health and Safety Audits / Visits to Schools:

Two secondary schools Tilbury District High School and Ridgetown District High School have had a full Health and Safety Audit recently. The reports will be circulated once they are completed by the Health and Safety Department.

5. Eye Wash Stations / Emergency Showers:

This Committee is not meeting on a regular basis anymore as the Administrative Procedure has been completed and approved. Eye wash stations / safety shower needs will continue to be reviewed by Building Services and Health and Safety inspection practices should be in place at each high school.

The Health and Safety Department will follow up as to whether or not a decision has been made regarding whether or not eye wash stations are required in cafeterias & kitchens and on the recommendation for posting tap sprayers as eye washes in certain laboratories.

6. Health and Safety Subject Specific Training / e-Learning:

Please note that the Training Committee is looking at the whole e-training process and the issue of delinquency.

7. Science Prep Course:

The course was completed in February by new hires and those new to teaching science.

8. Violence in the Workplace:

As of the last JHSC Secondary Workers' meeting six secondary schools still needed to return their Risk Assessment Survey.

9. Emergency Drills:

No update to report. The Safe Schools Committee has not yet met. Also being reviewed at the Provincial level. Concern is that schools are not consistently doing the same thing and that attendance may not always be taken at the Secondary level. Health and Safety agreed to raise the issue with Management person in charge of Safe Schools rather than waiting for Safe Schools Committee to meet.

10. Used Tires Storage:

The JHSC is searching for a guideline as to the number of tires that can be stored on site in the Secondary Technology Program. Health and Safety Officer indicated she would check Fire Code and / or with Fire Prevention.

11. Fire Prevention Inspections:

Fire Department Inspectors have been in the high schools. Questions regarding Fume Hood Cleaning (NFPA Registered Companies) and Fire Dampers were raised as a result of the reports. Health and Safety will follow up with Building Services.