

January 17, 2019



DISTRICT COUNCIL

HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT

1. Incident Reporting System

- The choice is “E-Base” with an implementation target date of February 2019 and a goal of having all incident reporting forms in one location.

2. Ad Hoc Safe Schools Committee

- The Ministry has introduced legislation requiring school boards to report any or all incidents of violence. Our Board has tried to tie that into the other injury reporting systems in place. Incident reports are published at the end of every week, however, there needs to be some type of risk assessment evaluation stemming from these situations. This is being reviewed.
- There is also discussion to have appropriate signage in place around each of our buildings to encourage appropriate behaviour and to acknowledge that inappropriate behaviour will be dealt with.
- The board is interested in conducting emergency drills outside of regular class time. OSSTF is supportive, provided that the Collective Agreement is followed (for example, allowing each teacher a 40 consecutive minute lunch free from duties).

Door/Classroom Decorating

- OSSTF members are reminded that there should ***never be any combustibles on any door*** and that no more than 20% of a wall should be covered in a classroom. In the past, schools have participated in door/classroom decorating activities—especially around holidays or special events at schools. Other options should be explored for decorating when celebrating special events.

The next Joint Health and Safety Committee meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, January 15, 2019.

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