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President's Message

Welcome to 2015

I trust everyone had a restful and bountiful holiday break.

December saw our annual general meeting and elections. We have some new members stepping into new positions as well, senior members stepping into different positions; I welcome them all and look forward to working with them. The election lists have been posted at your schools or sites and I encourage all of you to reference them.

Accolades go out to ALL members involved in meeting competition dates for the move of Pacific Secondary, the work on moving portables, and the renovation at Happy Valley, great job. This was extended to me from senior management at the board office.

So from CUPE 459's view, 2015 will be a fast and busy year. Let's enjoy it.

Respectfully,
Cameron Gordon-Findlay
President, CUPE Local 459

CUPE 459 PROFILE

**DID YOU
KNOW ?**

Our Collective Agreement states:

Article 10.09(d)

Leave for Union and Public Duties:

Employees involved in community service may be granted leave of absence without pay up to a maximum of three (3) days in any one (1) school year. Such requests shall not be unreasonably denied.



Bruce Woodcock CUPE 459 1st Vice President

Bruce Woodcock has been a member of CUPE 459 since 2004.

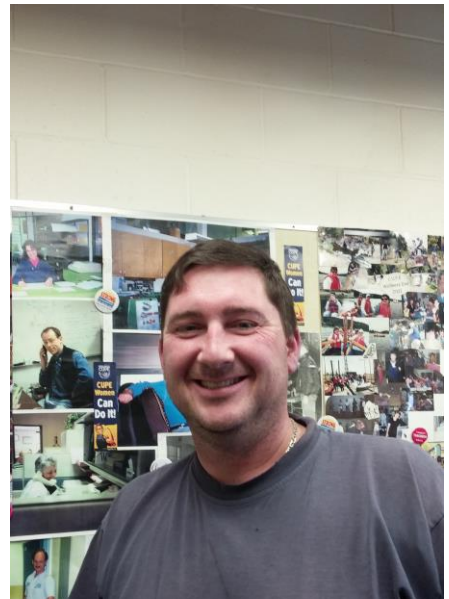
He has served as Maintenance Shop Steward and now holds the position of 1st Vice President. He is married with 3 kids, a 15 year old son who attends Belmont Secondary, a 5 year old son who attends Lakewood Elementary and a 2 year old daughter who attends Millstream Strong Start.

Their family is very involved with the PACE musical theater program that runs out of the Isabelle Reader Theater at Spencer Middle School.

Bruce volunteers as one of the Production Coordinator's and the rest of his family enjoys performing in the shows.

For those of you that don't know PACE which stands for Program of Academic and Creative

Enrichment and has been running for 30 years. The shows consist of an ensemble cast of kids from kindergarten to grade 12 singing, dancing and acting. The acts consist of songs from oldies, Broadway and popular music. There are generally two main shows one at Christmas and one in the spring. Keep your eyes open for the promotion for the spring shows that will be happening in April 2015.



Next CUPE 459 General Meeting is on February 20th, 2015 (Professional Development Day) at Noon in the Belmont Cafeteria.

Snowball Draw is \$350. Must be in attendance to win.



FEBRUARY 20TH, 2015 @
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THERE WILL BE A SALES
TABLE BEFORE THE
MORNING SESSION AND AT
THE COFFEE BREAK

CUPE 459 STAFF SHIRTS FOR SALE

\$20 EACH

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CUPE 459 CONTACTS

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SICK AND VISITING



If you know of a coworker that is away from work due to sickness, injury or bereavement. Or any employee who is getting married, or having a child.

Please contact your departments Sick and Visiting representative so the union can send well wishes to that member and/or family.

Department Representatives

Clerical: Rasheeda Haverty

Maintenance: Mark Robinson

Custodial: Wanda Falle

Transportation: Hugh Parsons

EA's: Betty-Lou Leslie

2015 BURSARY APPLICATION

C.U.P.E. Local 459 is pleased to offer at least two annual bursaries of a minimum \$500.00. To apply for these bursaries you must be planning to attend a recognized institution of advanced education or career training program. This would include apprenticeship programs.

In order to qualify for the scholarship, the applicant must:

- ◆ be a graduating student of Belmont Secondary School, Edward Milne Community School, Pacific Secondary School, Westshore Learning Centre or a secondary school graduating student who is a dependent of a member of CUPE Local 459

(Special consideration may be given to applicants with need of financial assistance)

The application should be completed and forwarded by **April 24, 2015.**

**MORE INFORMATION ATTACHED
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Bullying is a major problem in our schools, workplaces, homes, and over the Internet. Each year, on Pink T-Shirt Day, I encourage all of you to wear something pink to symbolize that we as a society will not tolerate bullying anywhere. Take the message and remember it all year long.



Events & Dates to Remember



February ~ Black History Month

February 25th, 2015 – Pink Shirt / Anti Bullying Day

March 8th – National Women’s Day

March 19th, 2015 – Bottle Water Free Day

March 21st - International Day for the Elimination of Racism

March 22nd - World Water Day

April 8th, 2015 ~ DAY OF PINK ~ International Day against Bullying, Discrimination, Homophobia and Transphobia)