

**Unit Update**  
**May 19, 2023**

**UGM Highlights - May 17, 2023**

The Spring UGM provides an opportunity for our committees to share their accomplishments. Our committees are the grassroots voices for the priorities and projects that we take on in the Unit. Our committees have been very active throughout the year and as a membership we are stronger thanks to their passion and work in the interest of the Association. Thank you!

**Unit Award Winners**

We announced our award winners at the Spring UGM! Congratulations et Félicitations!

- Bonnie Fox-McIntyre, Convent Glen, *Member Advocacy Award*
- All Occasional Teacher Members with Ottawa Catholic Teachers, *Occasional Teacher Award of Excellence*
- Andrea Hutt, St. Jerome, *Servant Leadership Award*

To learn more about our winners and their gifts, click [here](#).

**“Make and Take” Event**



The Professional Development Committee hosted their first “Make and Take” event. Thirty members had the opportunity to learn some shortcuts and tips for the barbecue season through an information session. This was followed by a hands-on meal preparation activity where participants were able to make two family meals to take home. This event filled up quickly and was very successful. Be on the lookout for more events like this next year.

**Transfer and Staffing Process**

Round 2 of the transfer process has closed and after Human Resources has confirmed the recommendations for transfer, the Placement Committee will meet on June 2 to begin placing teachers still without a home school. If there are not enough permanent positions available, the remaining supernumerary teachers will be placed in long-term occasional assignments until a permanent position becomes available. Increases will also be allocated at this meeting. As of June 6, any remaining vacancies will be posted for Occasional Teachers to apply, permanent positions and then LTO positions. Postings will continue through the summer. Teachers are encouraged to contact us at the Unit Office with questions and concerns.

**What do your union dues do?**

Union dues are set provincially and approved at the Annual General Meeting. At the provincial level, one of the primary functions of our Association is to collectively bargain the agreements that outline members’ working conditions, compensation, and benefits. OECTA Provincial also provides counselling and legal support services for a variety of issues members may encounter in their professional lives, as well as professional development “for teachers, by teachers.” You can learn more about OECTA Provincial by checking out their website at [catholicteachers.ca](http://catholicteachers.ca). At the local level, your union dues go towards committees and UGMs, Association Rep Meetings and social events, and cover capital expenses such as our office building. Dues also go towards Unit Release Officers’ salaries and to fund unit and member care initiatives.

Welcome long weekend,  
Michele Pierce, President, Ottawa Catholic Teachers