

South Okanagan Similkameen Teachers' Union

Local News

- Postings continue to dribble out / SD53 has tightened its belt in the last year and half / expect more of the same in the future
- 4 teachers have been transferred prior to 1st round of postings /
- SOSTU has strong transfer language / some protection in the future
- Very few teacher retirements (3) thus far / Contract teachers are required to give 30 days notice before resigning
- RTA (Retired Teachers' Association) has workshops on retirement – please see the SOSTU website for info

Failure to fill has been non-existent in 2026

Tiered categories have some TTOCs without desired work and the district continues to tinker with category placement / SOSTU contract is silent on this issue and the SD believes this 'tiered placement' has met its needs

Preliminary school district budget has been presented / SPED amounts are almost identical to last year / slight decrease in overall student enrollment

- Fatigue is most common feeling at schools as reported by staff reps
- SOSTU Year End gathering at Meyers Vineyard Friday, June 19th

TTOC Appreciation Luncheon @ Firehall Bistro



Last week, thank you cards and scratch tickets were provided to TTOCs last week.

SOSTU AGM Thursday, May 14th @ 4:00 p.m.

- Set the yearly SOSTU local fee and approve the annual operating budget
- Elect all Chair positions: VP/LR, Pro-D, H&S, Barg, Ing Ed, SJ, TTOC, Treasurer, Secretary, Technology
- Update on all SOSTU accounts / financial position / annual report
- Link for nomination forms for SOSTU Chair positions at the bottom of email

SOSTU AGM at office or Zoom Link Below

