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New Membership and Programme Information

PDK has two membership options from January to March 11, 2010.

The traditional membership form for University of Toronto Chapter is on our website and can be easily downloaded. The traditional membership is for a full year, and gives all benefits of membership, both to the International and to the local Chapter.

Starting January 1, 2010, there is a 3-month, no fee trial membership. Application will be online only, at www.pdktrial.org. The website will be pulled down on March 11, 2010. Those opting for this version will have access to all PDK resources, events, etc., as well as hard copies of the Kappan magazine. These benefits will cease at the end of the trial period.

U of T Chapter PDK is holding a series of “cottage” discussion meetings hosted by Kappans in various geographic areas of the GTA.

They represent an opportunity for new members to meet Kappans prior to our 55th anniversary and deepen their understanding of topics of lifelong importance for educators. They are aimed at their relevance for all three of our member groups: young members entering or new to the profession, those in mid-career and experienced educators with long experience with the Ontario education system.

The series has four parts:

Register by contacting Susan Seidman, 416-656-6929 sseidman@sympatico.ca

I Monday, January 18, 2010 at 7:00 at Kappan Irene Manahan's home.

(Directions will be sent to registrants as well as the resource handout.)

Facilitated by Nancy Nightingale, we start with an exploration and discussion of the year-long theme of the social-emotional aspects of learning, focusing on the excellent resource list of Kappan articles collated by Kappans Jennifer Orticello and Sandra Poczobut, and presented at the first Research session.

II Facilitated by Heidi Kazman, Coordinator Special Education Support Services, Peel DSB, the second session is “Ministry Musings,” highlighting some of the many changes underway – from the new full-day kindergartens, to the revisions of the K-8 curriculum. The central core of the evening will be an overview of the Ministry Document “Learning K-12”. Discussions will also include the stabilization of the Secondary curricula.

III The third session will focus on aspects of community partnerships and support.

[Alternate topic 3 – Up the Career Ladder – words of wisdom from several levels in the field of education. Principals and Superintendents will share their insights with the participants.]

IV The final session, which will be held in April, will focus on distilling the deep understandings which have been developed for presentation in discussion and interviews at all levels, from entry into the field of education to interviews along the leadership ladder. (Note – this intensive session is only open to full members of PDK).

