District Education Report - March 10, 2024

It is great to see that Windsor, Goderich and London are all teaching students in various courses.

I see a number of Education issues that need to be addressed-

1. The IT system, is very frustrating to many SEO's with student's trying to register. They have their wallet open and then cannot complete the transaction. Some I'm sure give up and once more CPS-ECP loses.
   "Print on demand" also is not working very well. After the order is placed a squadron waits for at least 1 ½ months for material and the class has been in progress with no material for the student.
   A squadron cannot have students register and have another person or organization pay without the student seeing how much or pay in one lump sum. I would think that this could be done easily by using a code given to that group to enter when it is time to pay. That way the Seo does not have to register all the students when entering the passing mark for that course. It also would be less confusing for all parties involved. Right now there is only one way to register and the student cannot complete it without paying.
2. We need to have the category Online instructed, or virtual Classroom because students that see 2 headings -classroom and online will choose online and then after the fact realize it is self study but that is not what they had wanted. Many still want to be instructed and because of our virtual classes there are students who become members which in turn is revenue for National. These students being happy with their training will lead to a good chance of them taking another course and telling others of how much they learned from that squadron and how interesting it was.
   We do want CPS-ECP to succeed but they won't if they do not listen to the squadrons.
3. Our National Education Officer, Eric Phinney is having a meeting on Saturday April 6th, 2024. He wrote that we would have "a report from NEO and then discuss the next priorities should be we must double the number of courses that we are teaching in short order so it is time to think outside the box and perhaps do some things that will be challenging for some. The clock is ticking and we must make some changes."

Unfortunately, I am teaching an in Class Boating 1 at Hully Gully that day. I cannot change the date since it is advertised by Hully Gully, 98 radio and on the National sight. I hope someone will represent district at this meeting and push some of the issues that will help CPS-ECP not hinder the organization financially as well as our mandate to educate,

I want to thank all the squadrons that are working hard in looking after the students interested in education and thank you SEO's for being patient with the problems.

Respectfully Submitted,
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