

Letters

Teachers should not draw attention to 'gravy train'

Dear Editor,

I'm a little confused and perhaps you can clear things up regarding the secondary school teachers and their work day.

According to Mike Adler's article A Reporter's View on Jan. 8, the teacher's schedule is to teach six of the 'eight daily periods'. I understand the board wants them to teach seven of the eight.

I have two children in high school and their schedule is as follows: they

have eight subjects which are taught over a two-day period so that they have four one day and four the next. Each of these periods are seventy-five minutes long. The teachers only teach three of these periods per day, the other period is, I assume, a preparation period.

So the teachers are teaching for three hours and forty-five minutes a day. Hmmm, nice job!

Yours is not the only paper that has reported 'eight daily periods', perhaps

you could assign one of your reporters to do some investigative reporting and find out exactly how many classes or periods are taught daily?

I know this would help clear up a lot of confusion over this issue and if it is the case as I stated, I certainly agree with Mr. Adler in saying that the "teachers should give a little to open a new way out of this mess."

After all, who else in the working world gets daily preparation periods, two months summer vacation plus at least another three weeks during the year, a short working day (no eight

hour job here), chart-topping salaries, a nice benefit package and early retirement as well!

One has to wonder, what are they complaining about?

With such a job, the smart thing to do would be to keep one's mouth shut and let the gravy train go on, not draw attention to one's self especially when the rest of the working world has had to cut back to keep afloat or even keep their jobs.

Name withheld by request

Motion to keep Ice Box open

The Ice Box, a Stouffville youth drop in centre, will remain open if council agrees to a \$3,792 funding plan.

Tuesday night local council reviewed a motion to have the Ice Box, located at the Stouffville Recreation Complex, continue throughout 1997 even though at times, it was hit with low attendance.

The motion calls for funding for the youth centre to be included in the 1997 budget. A few months ago, a evaluation report done for the parks and recreation department found despite limiting hours of operation, attendance remained extremely poor. However, attempts to provide a variety of opportunities for youth have shown marked improvement in interest, council was expected to hear.

-- Joan Ransberry

Mobility Transit golf tourney slated


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