



MINUTES

Present:	Barb Young	District President
	Terry Stitch	1 st Vice President
	Stephen Lynch	2 nd Vice President
	Joe Nadalin	Provincial Councillor
	Hugh Garrett	Treasurer
	Greg Sheeler	1 st Executive Officer / NLSS
	Al Duffy	2 nd Executive Officer
	Bill Douma	Occasional Teachers' President
	Bob Shaw	Federation Officer
	Sheila Vandenberk	Provincial Executive Liaison
	Kris Lee	Health and Safety Officer
	Craig Bowie	Chair
	Carolyn Trigatti	Recording Secretary
	Joeleen MacDonald	AMSS
	Mike Waldram	JMSS
	Steve Spring	LCCVI
	Meredith Callaghan	NCIVS
	Jessie Coccimiglio	SCSS
	Dave Edwards	WDSS
Regrets:	John Callaghan	Federation Officer
	Karl Dean	Provincial Secretariat Liaison
	Calvin DeNure	BDHS
	Dave Page	CKSS
	Chris Schliehauf	LKCS
	Steve Stephenson	TDHS
Absent:	Kathleen Osborne	RDHS

- 1.0 Welcome and Call to Order at 4:30 p.m. by Craig Bowie, Chair.
- 2.0 Reading of the Pledge by Hugh Garrett.
- 3.0 Anti Harassment Officer & Policy

Bob Shaw appointed to this position. The Policy was deemed to have been read.

4.0 Adoption of Agenda

10.1 AMPA Motion was added to the agenda.

Chair declared the Agenda approved as amended.

5.0 Approval of Previous Minutes (November 5, 2008)

The previous Minutes were approved as printed. The minutes and reports are available at www.osstfd10.ca for perusal prior to the meeting.

6.0 Business Arising from Previous Minutes - none.

7.0 Correspondence

Thank you card from Victim Services for our donation.

8.0 Business

8.1 Boundaries DVD

Discussion notes were provided for the Boundaries DVD. One clip from this DVD was viewed. Copies of this DVD can be obtained by calling the District Office.

8.2 Timelines for Negotiations/Ratification

There were three negotiation days in December, as well as another day scheduled for January 21st.

Possible timelines for ratification were discussed in the event a tentative Collective Agreement is reached at the next negotiations. Ballot boxes, sign-in sheets, ballots and instructions were distributed to Branch Presidents. Occasional Teachers will be notified of the ratification dates by email and the District website. A clarification will be made in the voting instructions that a member can go to any school to vote.

8.3 OTF Professional Learning Opportunities

8.3.1 Expanding Our Boundaries - February 23-28, 2009 and Camp OTF - Summer 2009

Information on these conferences can be obtained by contacting Barb Young or online at www.teachingmatters.on.ca.

8.4 AMPA

Delegates - Joe Nadalin, Bill Douma, Brian Chambers, Al Duffy, Dave Edwards, Hugh Garrett, Bob Shaw and Mike Waldram. Alternates - Greg Sheeler, Jessie Coccimiglio

The Council declared the list above as the elected AMPA Delegation.

8.5 OFL Cards

OFL cards were provided to each Branch President. Please encourage members to fill in the cards online (link provided in President's Memo).

8.6 Union Business Release

It was requested that when applying for time release, please forward a copy of the request to the District Office, for accounting purposes. Also, if a member discovers that an Occasional Teacher was not called in to cover his/her absence, please notify the District Office.

9.0 Reports

9.1 Provincial Report

Sheila Vandenberg highlighted: negotiations (numerous tentative Collective Agreements for Teachers and Occasional Teachers; all Support Staff Agreements ratified); Pensions (deficit resolved); Environmentally Friendly Practices (committee to investigate); Ministry Fact Sheet (Nine Reasons Why Education Will Be Better in 2009) and PetroCan (ban lifted).

9.2 President's Report

A written report was provided.

9.3 Treasurer

A written report was provided.

Mover: Hugh Garrett

Seconder: Al Duffy

BIRT District Council approve the additional investment of \$10,000 to the Building Maintenance Reserve Asset.

Motion Carried.

9.4 Federation Officers

A written report was provided. A correction made to 3.2 - there are now more than seven tentative collective agreements.

9.5 Health & Safety

A written report was provided. The Board's Audit Plan was discussed. The Board will be conducting its own audit of management. The JHSC - Elementary and Secondary and Union Presidents will be a part of the audit.

9.6 Provincial Councillor

A written report was provided.

9.7 Occasionals

A newsletter was mailed to every Occasional Teacher in October, 2008. A request was made in this newsletter for all Occasional Teachers to submit a non-Board email address. Al Duffy followed up with a telephone call to every member making the same request. To date, we have email addresses for approximately fifty percent of the list.

Al Duffy spoke to Kathleen Wynne during the Leadership Conference this past summer. To date, he is awaiting her response.

The Occasional Teachers are very concerned that they have not been given identification badges despite requests to the Board. Kris Lee, Health & Safety Officer, will bring this concern to her next JHSC meeting.

9.8 Educational Services

OSSTF Educational Services Conference to be held April 2 and 3, 2009. Amy Brand, District Educational Services Officer, will attend.

9.9 CPAC

District Council welcomed Stephen Lynch back.

The deadline for many Provincial Awards is January 30, 2009. If you wish to nominate a member for any of these awards, please contact the District Office.

Student Achievement Awards will be judged at the Regional level this weekend.

CPAC Conference to be held May 1 and 2, 2009.

Education Week is May 4 - 8, 2009. The District is looking for success stories. Please submit to the District Office.

The District 10 website is constantly being updated. If you have any suggestions for the website, please contact Carolyn at office@osstfd10.ca.

9.10 School Reports

9.10.1 St. Clair Secondary School

There is some concern at this school regarding the current pay structure. The rationale behind this structure was explained, as well as the concerns.

9.10.2 Alexander Mackenzie Secondary School

A question from a member at the school regarding OSSTF Certification Rating Statement and Qualifications Evaluation Council of Ontario (QECO). Some members that have come from the elementary panel have gone down a category when evaluated by OSSTF Certification Department. The member indicated that they knew of a School Board that would take either rating statement. Sheila Vandenberg will follow up.

10.0 Other

10.1 Al Duffy would like to bring a motion to AMPA to investigate holding AMPA on a cruise instead of at a hotel.

Mover: Al Duffy
Seconder: Mike Waldram

BIRT District Council approve in principle District 10 bringing a motion forward to AMPA asking for an investigation of holding AMPA on a cruise ship.

Motion carried.

11.0 The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.