



April 6, 2011

DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

Present:	Barb Young	District President
	Stephen Lynch	1 st Vice President
	Terry Stitch	2 nd Vice President
	James Grant	Treasurer / CPAC Officer
	Steve Spring	Provincial Councillor
	Greg Sheeler	1st Executive Officer / NLSS
	Jessie Coccimiglio	2nd Executive Officer / SCSS
	Hugh Garrett	Federation Officer
	Harvey Bischof	Provincial Executive Liaison
	Cal DeNure	BDHS
	Dave Page	CKSS / Health and Safety Officer
	Jayson Campeau	JMSS
	Paul Sokol	LCCVI
	Chris Schleihauf	LKCS / Vice-Chair
Elsa Natvik	RDHS	
Andrea Vilardi	SCITS	
Dave Edwards	WDSS / Human Rights Officer	
Craig Bowie	Chair	
Carolyn Trigatti	Recording Secretary	
Regrets:	Suzette Clark	Provincial Secretariat Liaison
	Amy Brand	Educational Services Officer
	Meighen McGregor	Status of Women Officer
	Steve Stephenson	TDHS
	Al Duffy	Occasional Teachers' President
Absent:	Dennis Lussier	AMSS
	Meredith Callaghan	NCIVS

- 1.0 Welcome and Call to Order at 4:30 pm by Craig Bowie, Chair.
- 2.0 Reading of the Pledge by Hugh Garrett.
- 3.0 Greg Sheeler was appointed as the Anti Harassment Officer for the meeting. The Anti Harassment Policy was deemed to have been read.
- 4.0 The following item was added to the agenda: 9.1 Personal Email Addresses. The agenda was approved as amended.
- 5.0 The previous Minutes (February 23, 2011) were approved as printed.

6.0 Business Arising from Previous Minutes – none.

7.0 Business:

7.1 AMDA:

AMDA packages, including tentative agenda, reports and resolutions, were distributed to all Council members.

7.1.1 Annual Action Plan

A written Annual Action Plan was provided and reviewed.

Mover: Terry Stitch
Seconded: Stephen Lynch

BIRT the 2011-2012 Annual Action Plan be recommended to AMDA.

Motion carried.

7.1.2 Proposed 2011-2012 Budget

A written 2011-2012 Draft Budget was provided and reviewed.

Mover: James Grant
Seconded: Barb Young

BIRT the draft 2011-2012 Budget be recommended to AMDA.

Motion carried.

7.1.3 Resolutions

Written Constitution and Bylaw Resolutions were provided. The rationale for each Resolution was explained.

7.2 Committee Officer Posting

Postings were provided for each Branch. The deadline to apply is April 29th.

7.3 *Unison*

Posters were provided for this event.

7.4 Parent/Principal Meetings

It was clarified that if there is a parent meeting with the Principal and teacher and it addresses the teacher's conduct, not the student's conduct, OSSTF needs to be there. If asked to attend a parent meeting, please clarify with the Principal that the meeting is about the student's conduct.

7.5 Staff Development Days

Staff Development Days that were not used last year were rolled over to this year's days, allotting each school 16.5 days. Some schools have used all the days and some have used zero. The original intent was to provide Occasional Teachers with work. It will need to be decided what is done with the remaining days this year. Barb will gather the current data and send to all the Branch Presidents for their review and verification.

7.6 Kids Help Phone

The Kids Help Phone is hosting walks and there is one in Chatham on May 1st. There is some Provincial funding available for this event for t-shirts, etc. If anyone is interested in organizing a group in this walk, please notify the District Office.

7.7 Associate Teacher Survey

Provincial Office is encouraging participation in this survey. A link to the survey can be found on the District website.

7.8 School Board Trustee Vacancy

The deadline for application for the School Board Trustee vacancy is this Friday. This position is available for someone from the Sarnia/Point Edward area.

7.9 e-Training

A list of names of those members who have not completed their e-Training was provided.

7.10 Golf Tournament

Posters were provided.

8.0 Reports:

8.1 Provincial

A written report was provided.

8.2 President

A written report was provided.

8.3 Vice President

A written report was provided.

8.4 Treasurer

A written report was provided.

8.5 Federation Officer

A written report was provided.

8.6 Health & Safety

A written report was provided.

8.7 Provincial Councillor

A written report was provided.

8.8 Occasionals – no report.

8.9 Educational Services – no report.

8.10 CPAC

Any political questions can be directed to James Grant. A suggestion was made to hold an All-Candidates night.

8.11 Human Rights

AMPA showed its support to Wisconsin by wearing a sea of red for the Wisconsin speaker. Teachers are encouraged to give support to Libya. Dave will be attending the Provincial Human Rights Conference and has chosen First Nation workshops.

8.12 Status of Women – no report.

8.13 School Reports

8.13.1 JMSS – a concern regarding job postings and timing. A long term position cannot be posted until the dates of the absence are known.

- 8.13.2 JMSS - Question regarding Special Education changes and the funding impacts to the schools. The Board determines its programs and in determining Board programming, how to fund those programs.
- 8.13.3 LCCVI – a concern regarding the number of *Updates* the school receive. Members are asked to sign up on the Provincial website for electronic versions of Provincial publications. Once the members have requested electronic copies, the Branch Presidents are asked to call the District Office and indicate how many paper copies the schools still require.
- 8.13.4 SCITS – a question regarding how in school suspensions are done at each school.
- 8.14.5 SCITS – a question regarding Credit Recovery. Once credit analysis forms have been submitted, teachers are not responsible for providing assignments.

9.0 Other

9.1 Personal Email Addresses

As the election approaches, we are seeking personal email addresses from all members.

10.0 The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.