



February 23, 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
	Al Duffy	Occasional Teachers' President
	Hugh Garrett	Federation Officer
	Suzette Clark	Provincial Secretariat Liaison
	Cal DeNure	BDHS
	Dave Page	CKSS / Health and Safety Officer
	Paul Sokol	LCCVI
	Meredith Callaghan	NCIVS
Regrets:	Elsa Natvik	RDHS
	Andrea Vilardi	SCITS
	Steve Stephenson	TDHS
	Dave Edwards	WDSS / Human Rights Officer
	Craig Bowie	Chair
	Carolyn Trigatti	Recording Secretary
	Harvey Bischof	Provincial Executive Liaison
	Jayson Campeau	JMSS
Absent:	Chris Schliehauf	LKCS / Vice-Chair
	Amy Brand	Educational Services Officer
	Meighen McGregor	Status of Women Officer
	Dennis Lussier	AMSS

- 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 items were added to the agenda: 10.1 AMDA and 10.2 Medical Certificate. The agenda was approved as amended.
- 5.0 The previous Minutes (November 3, 2010) were approved as printed.

6.0 Business Arising from Previous Minutes – none.

7.0 Correspondence

Thank you cards received from Chatham-Kent and Lambton Student Nutrition Programs for our donations.

8.0 Business:

8.1 AMPA Delegates – Election Results

Due to the January meeting being cancelled due to weather, AMPA voting was done electronically.

Automatic Delegates: Steve Spring, Barb Young and Al Duffy

Applicants: Geoff Brenders, Jessie Coccimiglio, Geoff Core, Dave Edwards, James Grant, Stephen Lynch, Bob Shaw (later withdrew name), Greg Sheeler

Elected Delegates: Jessie Coccimiglio, Dave Edwards, James Grant, Stephen Lynch

Elected Alternates: Geoff Brenders, Greg Sheeler

8.2 Applications to Provincial Standing Committees and Councils, 2011-2012

Applications are due to the Provincial Office by March 1; however, Steve Spring must add his letter of recommendation. Therefore, anyone interested in applying should do so as soon as possible, but no later than February 25 to allow Steve time to submit his endorsement.

8.3 *Still Not Laughing* – A Resource List

The *Still Not Laughing* booklet was distributed to all Branch Presidents and available on the District website. If any Branches would like additional copies, please notify the District Office.

8.4 Teacher Transfers

Teachers can apply for transfers at any time, but to be considered for spring staffing during round one, teachers must submit their requests before March 31. These requests are now being given higher priority, so it was asked that Branch Presidents bring this to the attention of their staff.

8.5 Draft School Year Calendar

The draft calendar is posted on the Lambton Kent District School Board's website. The Board is proposing Christmas Break one week later. The last day of school would be December 23 and the first day back, January 9. This draft still needs to be approved by the Ministry of Education.

8.6 Exam Days

This year, certain PD events were scheduled on exam days. The Board was notified and we have been assured this will not happen in the future. All the members involved in these PD events were notified that participation was voluntary.

There is a concern at CKSS that historically, the last day of exams was set aside for marking. This is no longer happening. This put increased stress on staff members and meant marking had to be done on the weekend. Each school had different schedules. Branch Presidents were instructed to notify the District Office if they have concerns once they see the draft exam schedule.

8.7 Credit Recovery

Once credit analysis forms have been submitted, teachers are not responsible for providing assignments.

8.8 eLearning

The Board sent out a notice asking staff to let the Board know if they are interested in eLearning. Approximately 40-50 people responded. An information session took place for those interested. A posting will go out and those that attended the information session or are familiar with D2L will be able to apply.

8.9 Commitment to Education Award

This Award was started two years ago, with past recipients including Warren Kennedy and Kim Gledhill. Deadline this year is March 31st. Posters were distributed. Branches can nominate more than one person if they wish. Nominations should be sent to office@osstfd10.ca.

8.10 Race to Nowhere Film

OSSTF members are bringing this film to Sarnia. There is an error on the posters distributed. Tickets cost \$10 in advance or at the door.

9.0 Reports:

9.1 Provincial

A written report was provided.

9.2 President

A written report was provided.

9.3 Vice-President

A written report was provided.

9.4 Treasurer

A written report was provided.

9.5 Federation Officer

A written report was provided.

9.6 Health & Safety

A written report was provided.

9.7 Provincial Councillor

A written report was provided.

9.8 Occasionals – no report.

9.9 Educational Services – no report.

9.10 CPAC

A written report was provided.

9.11 Human Rights – no report.

9.12 Status of Women

A written report was provided.

9.13 School Reports

9.13.1 WDSS – A clarification was made regarding Staff Development Days.

9.13.2 TDHS – What can be done when an absent teacher is given an LKARS code, but upon returning to school discovers his/her class was sent to the cafeteria? Let Principal and District Office know.

9.13.3 CKSS – Due to a recent issue at this school, Council was reminded to be diligent with students both inside and outside of the classroom.

10.0 Other

10.1 AMDA

AMDA information was distributed to Council. A reminder was made of the March 11 deadline for motions and delegates names to the District Office.

10.2 Medical Certificate

The District had concerns with the Ability Report earlier this year and the Board has since revised its form. A copy of this form was provided to Council. The legal advice received from Provincial Office is that this form still has issues (particularly #3 and #4a). Members will be advised not to fill in this form.

11.0 The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.