



January 13, 2010

DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

Present:	Barb Young	District President	
	Terry Stitch	1st Vice President	
	Stephen Lynch	2nd Vice President	
	Hugh Garrett	Treasurer	
	Steve Spring	Provincial Councillor	
	Greg Sheeler	1st Executive Officer / NLSS	
	Jessie Coccimiglio	2nd Executive Officer / SCSS	
	Al Duffy	Occasional Teachers' President	
	Bob Shaw	Federation Officer	
	Ken Coran	Provincial President/Executive Liaison	
	Karl Dean	Provincial Secretariat Liaison	
		Dave Page	CKSS / Health and Safety Officer
		Mike Waldram	JMSS
	Mary Groombridge	SCITS	
	Sherri Leveque	TDHS	
	Dave Edwards	WDSS / Human Rights Officer	
	James Grant	CPAC Officer	
	Carolyn Trigatti	Recording Secretary	
Regrets:	Cal DeNure	BDHS	
	Paul Sokol	LCCVI	
	Chris Schliehauf	LKCS	
	Amy Brand	Education Services Officer	
	Meighen McGregor	Status of Women Officer	
	Craig Bowie	Chair	
Absent:	Hank Dykhuizen	AMSS	
	Meredith Callaghan	NCIVS	
	Chris Harrison	RDHS	

- 1.0 Welcome and Call to Order at 4:30 pm by Karl Dean, Chair.
- 2.0 Reading of the Pledge by Hugh Garrett.
- 3.0 Bob Shaw was appointed as the Anti Harassment Officer for the meeting. The pledge was deemed to be read.
- 4.0 The agenda was approved as printed.
- 5.0 The previous Minutes (November 4, 2009) were approved as printed.

6.0 Business Arising from Previous Minutes – none.

7.0 Business:

7.1 Committee Budgets

Committee Chairs were asked to meet with their Committees and produce a budget request (due February 1). The Finance Committee will meet February 10th to review the budget requests and prepare a draft budget to be presented to AMDA.

7.2 Accommodation Review Committee

Bob Shaw reviewed the Board's Accommodation Review Committee areas of concern and some of the proposed solutions.

7.3 AMPA Delegates/Alternates

District 10 is entitled to seven AMPA Delegates and two Alternates. Barb Young, Steve Spring and Al Duffy are automatic Delegates based on the District Constitution. Six additional members put their names forward. Two members agreed to attend as Alternates.

Delegates: Barb Young, Steve Spring, Al Duffy, Brian Chambers, Dave Edwards, Sherri Leveque and Mike Waldram

Alternates: Greg Sheeler and James Grant

Moved by: Hugh Garrett
Seconded by: Stephen Lynch

BIRT District 10 AMPA Delegates/Alternates be approved.

Motion carried.

7.4 AMDA Campaign Procedures

It is an election year at AMDA. In the past, Executive candidates have been able to send out a one-time, one page literature through the District Office. This year it is proposed that the literature also be posted on the District website for all members to view.

Moved by: Dave Edwards
Seconded by: Stephen Lynch

BIRT the past campaign procedure be approved with one change, posting of the campaign literature on the District website.

Motion carried.

7.5 Provincial Educational Services

Due to the high demand for OSSTF's Effective Practices for Classroom Management and STAR workshops, the Provincial Educational Services Department is holding another Train-the-Trainer event on February 10, 11 and 12, 2010. In order to be considered as a part of the presentation team, you must be able to obtain time release (paid for by OSSTF) from the Board and be available to travel to deliver workshops in Districts in various parts of the province. More information on applying to be part of this initiative is available on the District website.

7.6 After Hours Use of School Facilities

Bob reviewed the draft After Hours Use of School Facilities Policy.

7.7 Financial Workshop for Educators

The Workshop will be held January 28 from 4:30 – 6:30 pm (location to be determined). To date, only four people have signed up. We will extend the sign-up until January 20th and at that time will decide if there are enough people to run the Workshop. If there are not enough people signed up, we can supply these names to Educators Financial and EFG can contact the individuals for one-on-one presentations, provided the member agrees that we forward his/her name.

7.8 Staff Development Days

As a result of negotiations and in an effort to provide work for Occasional Teachers, release time for teacher directed Professional Development is available at the secondary schools. Please note the following:

1. Each secondary school will have access to up to ten (10) supply days per year for (total of 20 for 2008 – 2010), 2010/11 and 2011/12 school years in order to facilitate staff development.
2. The days will be allocated at each worksite by the Principal in consultation with Curriculum Leaders and the Branch Presidents.
3. An occasional teacher must be hired for the day.

Branch Presidents received their school's report and were asked to review and verify.

8.0 Reports:

8.1 Provincial

A written report was provided.

8.2 President

A written report was provided.

8.3 Treasurer

A written report was provided.

8.4 Federation Officer

A written report was provided.

8.5 Health & Safety

A written report was provided.

8.6 Provincial Councillor

A written report was provided.

8.7 Occasionals

A written report was provided.

8.8 Educational Services – no report.

8.9 CPAC

A written report was provided.

8.10 Human Rights – no report.

8.11 Status of Women

A written report was provided.

8.12 School Reports

8.12.1 TDHS – Concern regarding online courses and another teacher being asked by guidance to prepare the labs for the student. Barb will look into.

8.12.2 LCCVI – Does OSSTF have a position on students bringing cell phone into the classroom? OSSTF's position is that cell phones should not be used during school hours; however, it is up to the Board to enforce their own policies.

8.12.3 TDHS – A concern regarding home study and an exam being asked to be sent home to the student. Barb will look into.

8.12.4 Moved by: Dave Edwards
Seconded by: Al Duffy

BIRT the meeting be extended for ten minutes.

Motion carried.

8.12.5 Occasional Teachers – Barb addressed Al’s concern regarding Dual Credits.

8.12.6 CKSS – It was clarified that Open Houses held outside of regular school hours are voluntary.

9.0 Other – none.

10.0 The meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.