



June 15, 2022 via GoToMeeting

DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

Present:	Jennifer Kumpf	District President
	Geoff Brenders	1 st Vice President
	Jennifer Hill	Treasurer
	Eric Soepboer	Occasional Teachers' President
	Don Cameron	BDHS
	Chris Sommer	GLSS
	Mike Petrus	LCCVI
	Jennifer Ryan	LKCS
	Meighen McGregor	NCIVS / Vice Chair
	Bryan Ferguson	RDHS
	Tim Dolbear	WDSS
	Chloe McKinnon	Occasional Teachers
	Dave Parkes	Federation Officer
	Chris Schleihauf	Chair
	Carolyn Caldwell	Recording Secretary
Regrets:	April Brander	2 nd Vice President
	Avi Ghosh	2 nd Executive Officer / TDHS / Human Rights Officer
	Trevor Waller	AMSS
	Joe Kuhn	CKSS
	Devin Pearson	JMSS
	Joeleen DeGurse-MacDonald	LKDSB
	Trevor Jamieson	NCIVS
	Josh MacDougall	NLSS
	Stuart Baillie	Health & Safety Officer
	Colin Matthew	Provincial Executive Liaison

- 1.0 Welcome and Call to Order at 4:12 pm.
- 2.0 The Land Acknowledgement was provided by Eric Soepboer.
- 3.0 Meighen McGregor was appointed as the Anti-Harassment Officer for the meeting and the Anti-Harassment Policy and Equity Statement was read by Chris Schleihauf.
- 4.0 Change to the agenda: delete 7.6 Branch Executive. The agenda was approved as amended.
- 5.0 The previous Minutes of January 12, 2022 were approved as printed.
- 6.0 Business Arising from Previous Minutes – none.

7.0 Business:

7.1 Election of Chairperson

Dave Parkes acted as Chair for this item. Nominations were opened for the position of Council Chairperson for the 2022-2023 Federation year.

Chris Schleihauf volunteered.

Dave Parkes asked for further nominations and seeing none, closed nominations.

Dave Parkes declared Chris Schleihauf as Council Chairperson for the 2022-2023 Federation year.

7.2 Election of Vice Chairperson

Chris Schleihauf resumed Chair and opened the nominations for the Council Vice Chairperson for the 2022-2023 Federation year.

Jennifer Kumpf nominated Eric Soepboer. Eric declined nomination.

As there were no further nominations, Chris requested volunteers. Meighen McGregor volunteered.

Chris Schleihauf declared Meighen McGregor as Council Vice Chairperson for the 2022-2023 Federation year.

7.3 Committee Officer Appointments

7.3.1 Educational Services Officer

Moved by: Jennifer Kumpf

Seconded by: Geoff Brenders

BIRT District Council approve the appointment of Eric Soepboer to the Educational Services Officer position for the remaining term ending June 30, 2023.

Motion carried.

7.3.2 Equity, Anti-Racism, and Anti-Oppression Officer

Moved by: Jennifer Hill

Seconded by: Geoff Brenders

BIRT District Council approve the appointment of John Hughes to the Equity, Anti-Racism, and Anti-Oppression Officer position for a 2-year term.

Motion carried.

7.4 District Executive Elections

Chris Schleihauf explained the weighted vote system. Dave Parkes acted as Chief Returning Officer. Nominations received for the position of Vice President included: Tim Dolbear, Joe Kuhn and Meighen McGregor. Speeches were conducted. A weighted vote was conducted by secret ballot.

Dave Parkes declared Meighen McGregor as 1st Vice President and Tim Dolbear as 2nd Vice President.

7.5 Branch Levy

Moved by: Jennifer Hill
Seconded by: Jennifer Kumpf

BIRT a Branch Levy of \$40 per permanent member, be deducted from November pay in the 2022-2023 school year from participating Branches.

Motion carried.

7.6 President's Award

Jennifer Kumpf presented Jennifer Hill with the 2022 President's Award.

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 CPAC

Jennifer Kumpf highlighted the following:

- Late applications to Provincial Standing Committees are still being accepted.
- Spaces available for training additional Women's Advocates. Interested members should contact the District Office.
- The Student Achievement Awards Theme for 2023 is *I Am Everything They Say I'm Not*.

8.6 Health & Safety – no report.

8.7 Human Rights – no report.

8.8 Labour Councils

Chatham Kent Labour Council – is currently on hiatus until September. The District is entitled to more delegates. If anyone is interested, contact the District Office.

Sarnia & District Labour Council – also entitled to more Delegates. SDLC are currently conducting hybrid meetings.

8.9 Ballots

Moved by: Jennifer Kumpf

Seconded by: Geoff Brenders

BIRT the ballots from the Vice President election be destroyed.

Motion carried.

8.9 Branch Concerns

8.9.1 Concern regarding Employee Life Health Trust (ELHT) benefits coverage not being adequate.

8.9.2 Members are to be provided half a day to complete the Ontario College of Teachers Sexual Abuse Prevention Program. Please notify the District Office if time is not allocated.

8.9.3 Eric Soepboer introduced Chloe McKinnon, the incoming Occasional Teachers' President. All members are reminded of the dynamic Occasional and classroom Teacher working relationship. All staff are encouraged to welcome Occasional Teachers into schools.

9.0 Other – none.

10.0 The meeting adjourned at 5:13 pm.

** Subsequent to adjournment, Joe Kuhn confirmed he would allow his name to stand as District Executive Officer. **