



November 3, 2010

DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

Present:	Barb Young	District President
	Stephen Lynch	1 st Vice President
	Terry Stitch	2 nd Vice President
	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
	Harvey Bischof	Provincial Executive Liaison
	Suzette Clark	Provincial Secretariat Liaison
	Cal DeNure	BDHS
	Dave Page	CKSS / Health and Safety Officer
	Jayson Campeau	JMSS
	Chris Schliehauf	LKCS / Vice-Chair
	Elsa Natvik	RDHS
	Steve Stephenson	TDHS
	Susan Simpson	WDSS
	Amy Brand	Educational Services Officer
	Carolyn Trigatti	Recording Secretary
Regrets:	James Grant	Treasurer / CPAC Officer
	Paul Sokol	LCCVI
	Dave Edwards	WDSS / Human Rights Officer
	Meighen McGregor	Status of Women Officer
	Craig Bowie	Chair
Absent:	Dennis Lussier	AMSS
	Meredith Callaghan	NCIVS

- 1.0 Welcome and Call to Order at 4:30 pm by Chris Schliehauf, Vice-Chair.
- 2.0 Reading of the Pledge by Hugh Garrett.
- 3.0 Al Duffy was appointed as the Anti Harassment Officer for the meeting. The Anti Harassment Policy was deemed to have been read.
- 4.0 Two additions to the agenda: 8.7 MPP Visits and 8.8 Growing Success. The agenda was approved as amended.

5.0 The previous Minutes (September 15, 2010) were approved as printed.

6.0 Business Arising from Previous Minutes – none.

7.0 Correspondence – none.

8.0 Business:

8.1 Links to Life – Youth Health and Safety Award

This Award will be presented at the 2010 Links to Life Banquet to be held November 18th at the Dante Club. The Duncan Longwell Youth Health and Safety Award is awarded to a youth at the secondary level, who has exhibited activism with respect to Health and Safety in the Sarnia-Lambton area. There will be a cash honorarium.

If you have a student in mind, please contact Al Duffy via the District Office.

8.2 Duty to Report

There seems to be some confusion regarding the Duty to Report as it relates to Bill 157 and the Duty to Report in relation to the Child and Youth Service Act. Bill 157 Duty to Report dictates that if a member witnesses an incident that could lead to suspension, he/she must fill in a form and keep the receipt. Nothing has changed in regards to the Children's Aid Duty to Report. A member must report if he/she has firsthand knowledge of an incident. Members should not act on rumours.

8.3 Breakfast Program

All were in favour of continuing with past practice and making donations to the Secondary Schools' Nutrition Programs.

8.4 January Fee Holiday

It was decided that District 10 dues would not be deducted from the January 15th pay cheques.

8.5 Curriculum Leader Allowance

Lambton Kent District School Board made arrangements to add the three percent to the October 29th pay cheques, retroactive to September 1st.

8.6 School Visits

Barb Young and Hugh Garrett have been attending Branch meetings at various schools and continue to do so. If you have not yet arranged a visit, please contact the District Office.

8.7 MPP Visits

Stephen Lynch is looking for volunteers to lobby the MPP offices on the follow dates:

Monday, November 8 at 3:00 pm (Bob Bailey)

- Stephen Lynch
- Al Duffy
- Jessie Coccimiglio
- One additional person

Tuesday, November 9 at 3:30 pm (Maria VanBommel)

- Josh MacDougall
- Steve Spring
- James Grant
- Stephen Lynch

Friday, November 26 at 4:00 pm (Pat Hoy)

- Stephen Lynch
- Dave Page
- Terry Stitch
- Steve Stephenson

Dave Page requested some information be sent prior to the meetings. Stephen Lynch will send the above mention people some information, as well as a reminder of the date, time and location.

8.8 Growing Success

A concern was expressed regarding the letters being sent home with report cards. The letter doesn't conform to Ministry Guidelines and the Growing Success document. Consultation has not taken place. Members are concerned with the 30% minimum grade. Another concern is that parents are directed to ask their questions to the teachers.

Barb Young will bring the members' concerns to the attention of the Board Administration. Barb will then send an email to the Branch Presidents advising them of the outcome.

9.0 Reports:

9.1 Provincial

Barb Young introduced Harvey Bischof.

A written report was provided.

9.2 President

A written report was provided.

9.3 Treasurer

A written report was provided.

9.4 Federation Officer

A written report was provided. One more grievance has been initiated since the writing of the Federation Officer's Report.

9.5 Health & Safety

A written report was provided.

9.6 Provincial Councillor

A written report was provided.

9.7 Occasionals

A written report was provided.

9.8 Educational Services

A written report was provided.

9.9 CPAC

A written report was provided.

9.10 Human Rights – no report.

9.11 Status of Women - no report.

9.12 School Reports

9.12.1 SCITS – The members at SCITS are still receiving paper copies of *Update* and *Forum*. Each member must sign up themselves in order to receive copies electronically.

BDHS – Will the cost savings for reduced printing be passed down in the form of reduced fees? There is no contemplation of reducing fees.

9.12.2 SCITS – Are there OSSTF Guidelines for Teacher Representatives on School Councils? The Principal is not to act as Chair. There is no official set of Guidelines.

10.0 Other – none.

11.0 The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.