



November 4, 2009

DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

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

Prior to the business portion of the meeting, Elaine Lewis, Chatham-Kent Student Breakfast Program Coordinator, made a presentation regarding the Student Nutrition Programs in the District.

- 1.0 Welcome and Call to Order at 4:45 pm by Craig Bowie, Chair.
- 2.0 Reading of the Pledge by Greg Sheeler.

3.0 Anti Harassment Officer & Policy

Bob Shaw was appointed to this position. The pledge was deemed to be read.

4.0 Adoption of Agenda

The Chair indicated that 8.2 will go ahead of 8.1; at 8.10 the meeting will recess for the Branch Presidents' Workshop and 5.0 has already been done. The agenda was approved as amended.

5.0 Breakfast Program Presentation – addressed earlier in the meeting.

6.0 Approval of Previous Minutes (September 26, 2009)

The previous Minutes were approved as printed. The minutes and reports are available at www.osstfd10.ca for perusal prior to the meeting.

7.0 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

7.1 8.4 of the September 26 minutes – Dave Edwards (WDSS) had a question regarding the Curriculum Leader Allowance. The Board will contact any members that were Curriculum Leaders last year regarding the adjustment for 2008-2009.

8.0 Business:

8.1 Breakfast Program

For the past couple of years, the District has donated \$500 each to the Chatham-Kent and Sarnia-Lambton Salvation Army. It was the direction of Council to make these \$500 donations to the Breakfast Programs at the secondary schools this year.

8.2 Provincial Report

Karl Dean reported on H1N1. School closures would only be considered if safety becomes an issue. Karl also addressed Dalton Days. At this point, Dalton Days are only being mentioned in the press. Provincial Office is communicating with the government regarding this.

8.3 AMPA Delegates/Alternates

A poster requesting AMPA Delegates/Alternates was distributed and is also available on the District website.

8.4 Pandemic Plan H1N1

Barb Young and Bob Shaw have met with the Lambton Kent District School Board twice regarding the Board's Pandemic Plan. Absenteeism Reports (10% or higher) are now being sent to the Health Unit, District Office and Health & Safety Officer. There is no specified percentage of absenteeism that would close a school. As long as everyone is safe, schools will remain open. If medically fragile members are concerned about their safety, accumulated sick leave should be used.

8.5 LKDSB E-Training

Barb Young, Bob Shaw and Al Duffy attended a presentation by the Board regarding E-Training. Members will now be able to log on, view site-specific videos and be registered as having taken the training (for example, workplace violence, fire extinguishers, mould, etc.).

8.6 January OCT Fees

As per the Letter of Agreement, the College of Teachers' fee will be reduced by \$50 from the January 15th pay cheque. Permanent contract teachers currently on the Board's payroll are eligible.

8.7 Region 3 Professional Development Symposium

Information regarding this PD opportunity is available on the District website and in the President's Memo. Members register via the Provincial website. Credit card information must be given; however, the credit card will not be charged (\$100 deposit) unless the member does not attend the Symposium.

8.8 Social Justice Conference

Provincial OSSTF is not covering all costs to attend this Conference. If anyone is interested in attending this conference, he/she should contact the District Office.

8.9 School Visits

Barb Young and Bob Shaw have conducted six school visits. Barb requested dates from the remaining schools. Barb and Bob plan to conduct these school visits during the second semester as well.

The meeting recessed for Branch Presidents' Workshop - Contract Maintenance follow-up.

The meeting was called back to order and since there was no objection, the adjournment time was moved to 6:15 pm.

9.0 Reports:

9.1 President

A written report was provided.

9.2 Treasurer

A written report was provided. The Labour Affiliation budget is over; however, we will receive funding from Provincial Office.

9.3 Federation Officer

A written report was provided.

A discussion ensued regarding 2.3 of the Federation Officer's report (Class Cap Grievance). There was a concern that there are still classes that are over. Branch Presidents were directed to have members contact the District Office if they are concerned about their class sizes. The Branch President can contact the Office if the member is not comfortable doing so.

9.4 Health & Safety

A written report was provided.

9.5 Provincial Councillor

A written report was provided.

9.6 Occasionals

A written report was provided.

9.7 Educational Services

No report.

9.8 CPAC

A written report was provided.

9.9 Human Rights

No report.

9.10 Status of Women

No report.

9.11 School Reports

9.11.1 JMSS – concern regarding Student Contact increase (Math/English reports). District Office will look into this concern.

9.11.2 CKSS – concern regarding November 13 PD Day and the Board not paying members mileage for attending PD courses in another city. Members must visit PD Place and sign up for a course. Members have an option as to which PD they sign up for.

9.11.3 Moved by: Jayson Campeau
Seconded by: Dave Page

BIRT the meeting be extended for 15 minutes.

Motion carried.

9.11.4 TDHS – a concern regarding Commencement being on a Saturday night and some members not being available to attend.

10.0 Other – none.

11.0 The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.