



September 16, 2021 via GoToMeeting

DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

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

- 1.0 Welcome and Call to Order at 4:10 pm.
- 2.0 The Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation acknowledges and thanks the Chippewa, Odawa, Potawatomi and Delaware Peoples of this territory and other Indigenous Peoples for sharing this land so that we may come together today in a good way.
- 3.0 Reading of the Pledge by Chris Schleihauf.
- 4.0 Eric Soepboer was appointed as the Anti-Harassment Officer for the meeting and the Anti-Harassment Policy and Equity Statement was read.
- 5.0 The agenda was approved as printed.

6.0 The previous Minutes of May 19, 2021 were approved as printed.

7.0 Business Arising from Previous Minutes – none.

8.0 Business:

8.1 Moved by: Jennifer Kumpf
Seconded by: Tim Dolbear

BIRT the 2021/22 meetings of District Council be considered formal with respect to Rules of Order in the Provincial Handbook.

Motion carried.

8.2 Health & Safety Officer Appointment

Moved by: Jennifer Kumpf
Seconded by: Meighen McGregor

BIRT District Council approve the immediate appointment of Stuart Baillie to the Health and Safety Officer position for the term ending June 30, 2024.

Motion carried.

8.3 CPAC Officer Appointment

Moved by: Jennifer Kumpf
Seconded by: Avi Ghosh

BIRT District Executive continue to advertise the vacancy for Communications/Political Action Officer, with duties to begin immediately upon the approval of the appointment by District Council.

Motion carried.

8.4 Educational Services Officer Appointment

Moved by: Jennifer Kumpf
Seconded by: April Brander

BIRT District Executive continue to advertise the vacancy for Educational Services Officer, with duties to begin immediately upon the approval of the appointment by District Council.

Motion carried.

8.5 Labour Councils

District 10 is a member of the Sarnia and District Labour Council (SDLC), as well as the Chatham Kent Labour Council (CKLC). If anyone is interested in attending as one of our representatives, please contact the District Office.

Currently, Jennifer Hill attends the SDLC and Geoff Brenders attends the CKLC.

The next Chatham Kent Labour Council meeting is September 28th. The next Sarnia and District Labour Council meeting is September 21st.

8.6 Branch Rebates/Levy/Executive/Non-Board Email Addresses

Reminder to Branch Presidents to submit:

- Branch Budget – in order to receive Branch Rebate;
- Branch Levy motion – in order to have the \$40 deducted;
- Branch Executive;
- Email addresses – non-Board.

8.7 School Visits / Branch Meetings

In-person Branch meetings are not advisable at this time. The District Office can assist and provide GoToMeeting for virtual meetings.

Jennifer Kumpf and Dave Parkes can attend and help facilitate virtual Branch meetings.

8.8 District Appeals Committee (Byl 4.2.14 and Byl 23.1.2)

The Council members of the District Appeals Committee this year will be Tim Dolbear and Chris Schleihauf.

8.9 Student Achievement Awards in Honour of Marion Drysdale

Information, posters and application forms should now be at all schools. If not, please let the District Office know. There is also more information available on the Provincial website. Please advertise and promote this contest as much as possible.

8.10 OSSTF Retirement Workshop

OSSTF, along with Educators Financial Group, holds Retirement Workshops. First semester, these will be webinars held virtually only. More information is available on the District website. In-person workshops may happen in the second semester. More information will follow.

9.0 Reports:

9.1 Provincial

A written report was provided.

9.2 President

A written report was provided.

A member enquired if the membership is aware of the practice of reimbursing up to \$15 for meals for District Councillors in attendance.

The President deferred this question to the District Treasurer, who responded that in previous years, dinner was provided for in-person meetings that went over the dinner hour. When virtual meetings began, meals could not be provided nor was there a need to reimburse mileage. It was decided that the budget would be able to cover up to \$15.00 for meals for meetings that fall over the dinner hour. Detailed receipts must be provided.

9.3 Treasurer

A written report was provided.

9.4 Federation Officer

A written report was provided.

9.5 Health & Safety

The *Ontario Health and Safety Act* requires us to have a representative on the JHSC. Jennifer Kumpf is acting in this position while the Health & Safety Officer position is vacant.

9.6 Educational Services

The District is planning for Local Leader training. If anyone has a suggestion for a workshop, please contact the District Office.

9.7 Communications/Political Action

All members are encouraged to vote in the Federal election.

The District Office is in contact with our Provincial Organizer regarding the Provincial elections. If anyone is interested in CPAC or Educational Services, please reach out.

9.8 Status of Women – no report.

9.9 Human Rights – no report.

9.10 Labour Councils

Although we have Executive members attending the Labour Councils, more members are able to attend as Delegates. Please contact the District Office if interested.

9.11 Branch Concerns

- 9.11.1 JMSS – clarification on members’ requirements to intervene or video student altercations.

OSSTF’ stance is a no-hands-on policy. OSSTF also discourages any member using a personal device to photograph or video any altercations.

- 9.11.2 TDHS – If a student with COVID-19 fails to inform the school and days pass, this is not safe for staff and students at the school. Is there a plan to deal with this?

District Office will follow up.

- 9.11.3 NCIVS – the Branch has been by the administration told there is no more paper; it has all been used up. Is this a Board-wide initiative?

Discussion revealed this is not happening at other Branches. At another Branch, the printers have been removed and all printing must be sent to the photocopier in the office.

- 9.11.4 GLSS – concern regarding Pupil Teacher contacts and complicated wording in both the Central and Local portions of the Collective Agreement.

Dave Parkes will try to provide clearer language. There is a Central Summary (page 2, 4th bullet) in MyOSSTF that may be helpful.

- 9.11.5 JMSS – members being asked to switch timetables if members mutually agree. Should they?

The decision is up to the individual member. Timetable changes may be requested/required within the Collective Agreement.

10.0 Other – none.

11.0 The meeting adjourned at 5:38 pm.