

# DISTRICT COUNCIL

# NOTES

# NO QUORUM \*

PRESENT VOTING

District President

2nd Vice President

Executive Officer

Executive Officer

Occasional Teachers' President

Jennifer Kumpf

Tim Dolbear

Joe Kuhn

Andy McLean

Chloe McKinnon

AMSS Joeleen DeGurse-MacDonald

GLSS Chris Sommer
LKCS Jennifer Ryan
LKDSB Brian McBain
RDHS Bryan Ferguson
WDSS Michael Hall

**NON-VOTING** 

Recording Secretary

Federation Officer Dave Parkes
Status of Women Officer Valerie Carnaghan
Provincial Executive Liaison Martha Hradowy
Guest Jeff Donkersgoed
Guest Munib Sajjad
Chair Chris Schleihauf

Carolyn Caldwell

REGRETS/

ABSENT 1st Vice President Meighen McGregor

BDHS Stephanie McQueen

JMSS Evan Nelson

NLSS Josh MacDougall

Hoalth and Safety Officer Stuart Baillio

Health and Safety Officer Stuart Baillie

Treasurer Vacant EARAO Officer Vacant **ACE** Vacant **CKSS** Vacant **LCCVI** Vacant **NCIVS** Vacant **TDHS** Vacant OT Vacant Communications/Political Action/Ex in Ed Vacant **Educational Services Officer** Vacant

<sup>\*</sup> Bylaw 15.1 requires 12 voting members present (majority of 15 Branches and 7 Executive members).

- 1.0 Welcome and Call to Order at 3:43 pm by Chris Schleihauf, Chair.
- 2.0 Tim Dolbear provided the Land Acknowledgement.
- 3.0 Dave Parkes was appointed as the Anti-Harassment Officer for the meeting and the Anti-Harassment and Equity Declaration was read.
- 4.0 The agenda was reviewed.
- 5.0 The previous Minutes of September 19, 2023 meeting were tabled until the next meeting.
- 6.0 Business Arising from Previous Minutes
  - 6.1 Vice Chairperson tabled until the next meeting.

#### 7.0 Business:

## 7.1 Organizing Training

Munib Sajjad (OSSTF Provincial Organizer-Staff) and Jeff Donkersgoed (OSSTF Organizing Workgroup member assigned to Southwestern Ontario) presented some initial Organizing Training for local leaders.

An OSSTF/FEESO Organizing Institute will take place March 22 – 23, 2024 at the Sheraton Airport Hotel and Conference Centre, Toronto. This kick-off meeting and training is a central piece of the 2023-2024 Provincial Strategic Action Plans.

#### 7.2 Vacancies:

- 7.2.1 Filled Andy McLean was acclaimed as District Executive Officer.
- 7.2.2 Communications & Political Action/Excellence in Education Officer Valerie Carnaghan was acclaimed as the CPAC/Ex in Ed Officer.
- 7.2.3 Educational Services Officer remains vacant and will be re-posted.
- 7.2.4 Equity, Anti-Racism, and Anti-Oppression Officer remains vacant and will be re-posted.
- 7.2.5 Treasurer remains vacant and will be re-posted.
- 7.2.6 District Appeals Committee Member-at-Large advertised on the District website.
- 7.2.7 Women's Advocates 2 positions open see Jennifer Kumpf for more details.
- 7.2.8 Branch Presidents Jennifer Kumpf and Dave Parkes are available to assist with Branch elections, if necessary.
- 7.2.9 Labour Councils a number of vacancies on both the Sarnia & District Labour Council and the Chatham-Kent Labour Council.

#### 7.3 Branch Finances

A Branch Expenditure Guidelines document was provided and reviewed.

7.4 OSSTF Provincial Account #2016 – Anti-Racism and Equity Training for Members

There is funding available for all members for Anti-Racism and Equity Training through Provincial Office. Please share this information (found on the Council page of the District website) with all members.

# 8.0 Reports:

8.1 Provincial

A written report was provided.

8.2 President

A written report was provided.

8.3 Federation Officer

A written report was provided.

8.4 Treasurer

A written report was provided.

- 8.4.1 Mileage Rate Change as of January 2024, the mileage rate is \$0.64/km, plus additional \$0.05 for each additional passenger.
- 8.5 Communications & Political Action / Excellence in Education

Posters for Axes and Stacks were provided.

- 8.6 Educational Services vacant/report
- 8.7 Equity, Anti-Racism, and Anti-Oppression vacant/no report
- 8.8 Health & Safety

If school-based Health & Safety representatives become aware of a workplace injury, please advise the District Office if assistance is necessary. Some recent reporting has been delayed.

8.9 Human Rights – no report

#### 8.10 Status of Women

Posters for an International Women's Day Community Art Piece were provided. Pins for local leaders and posters for every Branch will also be forthcoming.

# 8.11 Labour Councils – no report

## 8.12 Branch Concerns

Discussions regarding: virtual learning environment issues; split classes; students threatening teachers; co-op; new members; student suspension and re-entry protocols. All members are reminded to submit Incident Reports where applicable.

## 9.0 Other - none

10.0 The meeting adjourned at 5:51 pm.