



November 22, 2023 at the District Office

# DISTRICT COUNCIL

## NOTES

### NO QUORUM \*

#### PRESENT

#### VOTING

1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Meighen McGregor
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Tim Dolbear
Executive Officer	Joe Kuhn
Occasional Teachers' President	Chloe McKinnon
AMSS	Joeleen MacDonald
GLSS	Stuart Baillie
JMSS	Devin Pearson
LKCS	Jennifer Ryan
LKDSB	Brian McBain
RDHS	Bryan Ferguson
WDSS	Don Gooding

#### NON-VOTING

Provincial Secretariat Liaison	Dan Staples
Federation Officer	Dave Parkes
Chris Schleichauf	Chair
Status of Women Officer	Valerie Carnaghan
Recording Secretary	Carolyn Caldwell

#### REGRETS/ ABSENT

District President	Jennifer Kumpf (virtual)
BDHS	Stephanie McQueen
NLSS	Joshua MacDougall
Treasurer	Vacant
Executive Officer	Vacant
EARAO Officer	Vacant
Human Rights Officer	Evan Nelson
ACE	Vacant
CKSS	Vacant
LCCVI	Vacant
NCIVS	Vacant
TDHS	Vacant
OT	Vacant
Communications/Political Action/Ex in Ed	Vacant
Educational Services Officer	Vacant

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

- 1.0 Welcome and Call to Order at 3:05 pm by Chris Schleihauf, Chair.
- 2.0 Meighan McGregor 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 Council meeting.
- 6.0 Business Arising from Previous Minutes
  - 6.1 Vice-Chair – tabled until the next Council meeting.
- 7.0 Business:
  - 7.1 Vacancies:
    - 7.1.1 Communications & Political Action/Excellence in Education Officer – no recommendations.
    - 7.1.2 Educational Services Officer – no recommendations.
    - 7.1.3 Equity, Anti-Racism, and Anti-Oppression Officer – no recommendations.
    - 7.1.4 Treasurer – no applicants.
    - 7.1.5 Executive Officer - no applicants.
    - 7.1.6 AMPA Delegates / Alternates

According to the District Constitution, the District President, Jennifer Kumpf, and the Occasional Teacher President, Chloe McKinnon are automatic Delegates. Acclaimed Delegates are Jason Chambers, Avi Ghosh and Dave Parkes. Vacancies remain for one additional Delegate and two Alternates.
    - 7.1.7 District Appeals Committee – Member-at-Large – no applicants.
    - 7.1.8 Women’s Advocate

The District currently has two Women’s Advocates: Cara Mathieson and Heather Burk. There is a third vacant position.

7.1.9 Branch Presidents – there are currently Branches that do not have a Branch President.

7.1.10 Labour Councils – multiple vacancies in both the Chatham Kent Labour Council and the Sarnia & District Labour Council.

7.2 Branch Finances:

7.2.1 Branch Levy / Branch Rebate

After a Provincial review of our District's financial processes, it was strongly suggested:

- to add the District to the cycle of Provincial auditing of District Finances
- to revise the system for Branch Levy / Branch Rebates to ensure Canada Revenue Agency and OSSTF compliance.

Communication will be forthcoming to Branch Presidents regarding next steps.

8.0 Reports:

8.1 Provincial

A written report was provided.

8.2 President

A written report was provided.

8.2.1 Appendix – OTF PD Opportunities

Information provided on the District website.

8.3 Federation Officer

A written report was provided.

8.4 Communications & Political Action / Excellence in Education – vacant

Dave Parkes recently attended the Provincial CPAC Conference and reviewed some of the information, including Provincial funds that are available to engage members. If anyone has any ideas for activities, please let the District Office know.

8.5 Educational Services – vacant

Dave also attended the Provincial Ed Services Conference and reviewed some of the information he received, including the Mental Health Toolkit that will be shared with all members when it is ready. Dave also highlighted unlearn.com, which offers toolkits to support students, covering many topics.

8.6 Equity, Anti-Racism, and Anti-Oppression – vacant/no report

8.7 Health & Safety

A written report was provided.

8.8 Human Rights - no report

8.9 Status of Women

Valerie Carnaghan is our new District Status of Women Officer.

Posters were sent to each Branch covering topics such as: "We Should All Be Feminists" - TED Talk by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie; The White Ribbon Campaign Website; The RED Dress Project by Jaime Black; and "Calls for Justice: The Final Report on the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and 2SLGTBQQIA People". Please put these posters up on Branch bulletin boards.

8.10 Labour Councils – no report

8.11 Branch Concerns

Discussions regarding class size, student and workplace violence, voluntary activities, and leaves of absence.

9.0 Other – none.

10.0 The meeting adjourned at 4:42 pm.