



June 17, 2020 via GoToMeeting

DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

Present:	Jennifer Kumpf	District President
	Steve Spring	1 st Vice President / LCCVI
	Jennifer Hill	Treasurer
	Geoff Brenders	1 st Executive Officer
	Meighen McGregor	2 nd Executive Officer / NCIVS
	Eric Soepboer	Occasional Teachers' President
	Ted Frayne	AMSS
	Don Cameron	BDHS / Health & Safety Officer
	Devin Pearson	JMSS
	Jennifer Ryan	LKCS
	Carey Eldridge	LKDSB / Education Services Officer
	Ed Schalk	NLSS
	Avi Ghosh	TDHS
	Tim Dolbear	WDSS
Chris Schleihauf	Chair	
Dave Parkes	Federation Officer	
Carolyn Caldwell	Recording Secretary	
Regrets:	April Brander	2 nd Vice President
	Elliot Blackshaw	RDHS
	Jennifer McQuade	Status of Women Officer
	Malini Leahy	Provincial Executive

- 1.0 Welcome and Call to Order at 3:30pm.
- 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 Steve Spring was appointed as the Anti-Harassment Officer for the meeting. The Anti-Harassment Policy and Equity Statement was read by Chris Schleihauf.
- 5.0 The agenda was approved as printed.
- 6.0 The previous Minutes of January 13, 2020 were approved as printed.
- 7.0 Business Arising from Previous Minutes – none.

8.0 Business:

8.1 Election of Chairperson

Chris Schleihauf agreed to let his name stand. There were no further nominations. Chris Schleihauf will serve as Council Chairperson for the 2020/2021 school year.

8.2 Election of Vice Chair

Carey Eldridge agreed to let her name stand. There were no further nominations. Carey Eldridge will serve as Council Vice-Chairperson for the 2020/2021 school year.

8.3 Branch Levy

Mover: Jennifer Hill
Seconder: Jennifer Kumpf

BIRT the Branch Levy for the 2020-2021 school year will be \$40/member. This Levy will be deducted from the November pay cheque.

Motion carried.

8.4 Branch Executive

Please submit your Branch Executive to the District Office as soon as possible, especially since the school year starts pre-Labour Day next year. The District Office can provide virtual meeting assistance, if needed.

8.5 Retirement Dinner/Student Achievement Award Updates

Executive decided that the District 10 Retirement Dinner would be postponed until such a time it could be held face-to-face. It was decided the Student Achievement Award Winners were also to be celebrated via social media and would receive a gift in lieu of a face-to-face event.

8.6 AMDA Review

Executive is looking for feedback on the event. Delegation leaders are asked to solicit this feedback from your Delegations and submit it to the District Office.

8.7 Anti-Black Racism

The surge of the Black Lives Matter movement, during a pandemic no less, has drawn attention to many injustices Black, Indigenous, and other non-white people face every day, including in our own communities. As local leaders within a federation as strong and diverse as OSSTF, it is incumbent upon us to use this capacity to continue anti-racism and anti-oppression work, on a pathway to social equity and justice through action. OSSTF Provincial Office has released a statement online and via DBU #136. It reads:

The Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF/FEESO) offers our solidarity with the Black members we represent, students we work with, as well as staff members who work for the union. We condemn all acts of anti-Black hate, racism and discrimination.

The outrage, fear and pain that many in the Black community are experiencing because you do not feel safe, is clear. As an education and labour community, we must stand together and speak up when people are facing violence and discrimination because of their skin colour.

As an organization, we reaffirm our commitment to end anti-Black oppressions. We will continue to work to identify and address systemic discrimination and racism in publicly-funded education. We will continue to create space for these conversations to take place in our union and in our communities.

We will listen. We will learn. We will act. We must do our part in the work for racial justice and equality.

Provincial Office currently offers a number of workshops on racial justice, equity, and activism. In addition, a motion was passed at June's Provincial Council meeting that will see the introduction of additional workshop resources.

Mover: Jennifer Kumpf
Seconder: Steve Spring

BIRT OSSTF District 10 Council members, as identified local leaders, will participate in ongoing professional development regarding racial justice and equity.

Motion carried.

8.8 Calendar of Events

Planning has begun for the District's calendar of events for next Federation year, however there are still many unknowns. A calendar will be released when the school year begins, with planning for alternatives to in-person events. Thank you to everyone for your flexibility.

9.0 Reports:

9.1 Provincial

A written report was provided. A reminder to check *myOSSTF* regularly for important information in DBUs.

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.

9.5 Health & Safety

An oral report was provided.

9.6 Branch Concerns – none.

10.0 Other

10.1 DBU 138 - Steve Spring reminded members of DBU 138 and the request for members that wish to be involved in elections.

10.2 Jennifer Hill reminded members that the Board released ThoughtExchange. There are two days left to respond.

10.3 District Council would like to thank Malini Leahy for her work and support while assigned to us this year past year. District 10 has been assigned Harvey Bischof for the 2020-2021 Federation year.

10.4 Steve Spring has been attending the Sarnia District Labour Council meetings. It is not likely the Labour Day Parade will run in its usual format but they will be holding some kind of event such as an antique car show or a food drive. Reminder that an early provincial election may be called.

11.0 The meeting adjourned at 4:13 pm.