



November 16, 2016

# DISTRICT COUNCIL

## MINUTES

Present:	Hugh Garrett	District President
	Greg Sheeler	Vice President
	Steve Spring	Vice President / Vice Chair
	Dave Parkes	Executive Officer
	Barb Young	Acting Federation Officer
	Jo Dean	Provincial Executive
	Carolyn Caldwell	Recording Secretary
	Tim Allen	AMSS
	Don Cameron	BDHS
	Colin Pugh	CKSS
	Meighen McGregor	NCIVS
	David McLean	NLSS
	Elliot Blackshaw	RDHS
	Tim Dolbear	WDSS
Regrets:	Dave Russell	Provincial Secretariat
	Stephen Lynch	Federation Officer
	Jennifer Kumpf	Treasurer / Human Rights / Status of Women
	Jennifer Scott	Occasional Teachers
	Andy Shaw	GLSS
	Paul Sokol	LCCVI
	Carey Eldridge	LKDSB
	Geoff Brenders	TDHS
Craig Bowie	Chair	

- 1.0 Welcome and Call to Order at 4:30 pm by Steve Spring, Vice Chair.
- 2.0 Reading of the Pledge by Greg Sheeler.
- 3.0 Greg Sheeler was appointed as the Anti-Harassment Officer for the meeting. The Anti-Harassment Policy was deemed to have been read.
- 4.0 The agenda was approved as printed.
- 5.0 7.1 of the minutes of the previous meeting was deemed out of order. The previous Minutes of September 24, 2016 were approved as amended.

## 6.0 Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

- 6.1 ALP – members have been using this service and find it useful. Provincial Education Services Committee is also working on tips for writing Annual Learning Plans.

## 7.0 Business:

### 7.1 Federation Training Review

The September 23/24 training in Leamington was successful. The facility was great. The only suggestion was to have the training a little later in the year (not September).

### 7.2 Student Achievement Awards (In Honour of Marion Drysdale)

Entries are due to the District Office by Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

### 7.3 AMPA (March 10 – 13)

Posters were provided. This is an election year.

### 7.4 Student Nutrition Programs

As has been done in the past, \$1,000.00 was donated to each Nutrition Program (Lambton and Kent).

### 7.5 Kids Help Phone

The Kids Help Phone is OSSTF's designated charity. The District will be donating \$750.00 to this worthwhile cause.

### 7.6 Executive Officer

Greg Sheeler took the Chair for this agenda item.

Greg called for any additional nominations from the floor. Nominations were closed.

There were two candidates: Tim Allen and Meighen McGregor.

Chair reviewed elections process. This is a weighted vote. Candidate information was provided. Each candidate will have three minutes to make his/her speech.

Chair declared Meighen McGregor elected as Interim Executive Officer.

Mover: Dave Parkes  
Secunder: Elliot Blackshaw

BIRT the ballots be destroyed.

Motion carried.

## 8.0 Reports:

### 8.1 Provincial

A written report was provided.

Jo highlighted her report and stressed the importance of all members ensuring that the Provincial Office has up-to-date personal information (home address, phone number, email, etc.).

### 8.2 President

A President's Report was provided.

### 8.3 Treasurer

A written report was provided.

### 8.4 Federation Officer

A written report was provided.

### 8.5 Health & Safety – no report.

### 8.6 Education Services

Provincial Education Services Committee is currently working on Provincial surveys that will be conducted in the near future.

### 8.7 CPAC – no report.

### 8.8 Branch Concerns

8.8.1 WDSS – question regarding third quarter term marks being given to students. This is a practice at some schools. Student can get marks at any time.

Is there a Board policy regarding late assignments? Each school will determine its own late assignment policy. Use your professional judgement and discuss at a school level.

8.8.2 NCIVS – gender neutral washroom. If there are issues with students using the washroom inappropriately, administration should handle, not teachers. In regards to rooming lists and where to put gender neutral students, administration should work with student and parent to determine.

## 9.0 Other – none.

## 10.0 The meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.