



October 15, 2020 via GoToMeeting

DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

Present:	Jennifer Kumpf	District President
	April Brander	Vice President
	Geoff Brenders	Vice President
	Jennifer Hill	Treasurer
	Meighen McGregor	1 st Executive Officer
	Eric Soepboer	Occasional Teachers' President
	Ted Frayne	AMSS
	Don Cameron	BDHS / Health & Safety Officer
	Kayla Darrach	CKSS
	Chris Sommer	GLSS
	James Clarke	JMSS
	Kim Gruben	LCCVI
	Jennifer Ryan	LKCS
	Carey Eldridge	LKDSB / Education Services Officer
	Trevor Jamieson	NCIVS
	Josh MacDougall	NLSS
	Elliot Blackshaw	RDHS
	Avi Ghosh	TDHS
	Kabir Singh	VLHSS
	Tim Dolbear	WDSS
	Sarah Gordon	Occasional Teachers
	Dave Parkes	Federation Officer
	Chris Schleihauf	Chair
	Harvey Bischof	Provincial Executive Liaison
	Juliet Tapia	Provincial Office – Voting Centre <i>(for voting portion of the meeting only)</i>
	Carolyn Caldwell	Recording Secretary
Regrets:	Deb Reitberger	CPAC Officer

1.0 Welcome and Call to Order at 4:03 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 June 17, 2020 were approved as printed.

7.0 Business Arising from Previous Minutes – none.

8.0 Business:

8.1 Selection of Executive Officer

There were two candidates: Ted Frayne and Avi Ghosh. Candidate information was provided. Each candidate had three minutes to speak. The Chair reviewed elections process. This is a weighted vote. The vote was conducted online via Provincial Office's Voting Centre.

The Chair declared Avi Ghosh elected as 2nd Executive Officer.

The Chair thanked both applicants for putting their name forward.

8.2 Selection of 1st Vice President

At the Annual Meeting of District Assembly, both Vice President candidates were acclaimed to the positions. This vote will determine 1st and 2nd Vice President. The vote was conducted on the Provincial Office's Voting Centre.

The Chair declared Geoff Brenders elected as 1st Vice President.

8.3 Mover: Jennifer Kumpf
Seconder: April Brander

BIRT the 2020/21 meetings of District Council be considered formal with respect to Rules of Order in the Provincial Handbook.

Motion carried.

8.4 Human Rights Officer Appointment

The Human Right Officer posting was shared via email, website and Branch bulletin boards; however, no applications were received.

Mover: Jennifer Kumpf
Seconder: Geoff Brenders

BIRT District Executive continue to advertise the vacancy for Interim Human Rights Officer for a one-year term, with duties to begin upon appointment by District Council.

Motion carried.

8.5 Status of Women Officer Appointment

Mover: Jennifer Hill
Seconder: Geoff Brenders

BIRT that District Council approve the appointment of Elish Smith as the Interim Status of Women Officer for a one year term ending June 30, 2021.

Motion carried.

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

Reminder to Branch Presidents:

8.6.1 Branch Budgets – can be submitted any time to the District Office; however, no Branch will receive a Branch Rebate cheque until they have provided a Branch Budget;

8.6.2 Branch Executive – thank you to all the Branch Presidents for providing a list of the Executive. Branch Presidents were asked to advise District Office of any changes to their Executives.

8.6.3 Branch Levy – If Branches wish to participate in the Branch Levy (\$40 deducted from the November 15th pay cheques), they must inform the District Office no later than Friday, October 16 at 3:00 pm.

8.6.4 Branch Email Addresses – thank you for the updates. Please submit any changes to Carolyn Caldwell at the District Office as soon as possible. Please also indicate which members are Occasional Teachers as these members are tracked separately.

8.7 School Visits / Branch Meetings

If any Branches would like to have Jennifer Kumpf and/or Dave Parkes attend a Branch meeting, this can be done using GoToMeetings. District Office can assist. These meetings cannot be conducted on Board devices.

8.8 District Appeals Committee (Byl 4.2.14 and Byl 23.1.2)

As per the District Constitution, District Council is to appoint two members to the District Appeals Committee. This year's representatives will be Tim Dolbear and Ted Frayne.

8.9 Student Achievement Awards in Honour of Marion Drysdale

Branch Presidents should have received Student Achievement Award material. Copies are available through the District Office as well. The theme this year is "Kindness is a Renewable Resource". Branch entries are due to the District Office by November 20th. Please strongly encourage participation in this contest. All entries will be judged digitally this year.

8.10 OSSTF Retirement Workshop

OSSTF Retirement Workshop posters are available in schools as well as on the District website. The next online workshops will be held October 21 and November 26.

8.11 Labour Council Membership

Last year Council approved joining Sarnia and District Labour Council and Chatham Kent Labour Council for a period of one year. The cost is approximately \$1,200 - \$1,300, with Province reimbursing 75%, which is already factored into the CPAC budget line.

Mover: Jennifer Kumpf

Seconder: Carey Eldridge

BIRT District 10 affiliate with the Sarnia and District Labour Council and the Chatham Kent Labour Council for a period of one year.

Motion carried.

9.0 Reports:

9.1 Provincial

A written report was provided.

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.

Branch Presidents are to email the District Office regarding report card requirements at each Branch so the District Office can collate.

9.5 Health & Safety

A written report was provided.

9.6 Education Services – no report.

9.7 CPAC – no report.

9.8 Branch Concerns – None.

10.0 Other

11.0 The meeting adjourned at 5:44 pm.