

O.S.S.T.F. DISTRICT ONE

DISTRICT MEETING

Timmins Inn & Suites, Timmins

February 28, 2014

In Attendance:

Derek Beland, Jen Holmes, Shane Matheson, Denise Sullivan, Louise Harrison, Andre Dumais, J.P. Desilets, Tammy Belanger-Lamothe, Dana McBride, Allison Wallace, Kim Kruithof, Sherry McNeil, Bonnie LaCarte, Pat Niemi, Lynn Charron, Edie Sauer, Troy Puckalo, Jurgen Brzozowski, Richard MacDonald, David Craig, John Toby (21)

Regrets:

Dana Thomson, Thomas Barker, Gerry Culhane, Monica Merrill, Liz Brousseau, Julia Vanderweerden, Rob Gascho, Cathy Loach, Elizabeth Tozer, Trisha Smith,

Special Guest: Tina Chartrand - (Constituency Assistant to Gilles Bisson) Spoke about assisting with promoting for the campaign – to assist with election process, knock on doors, leaflet droppings, signs, phone calls, phone numbers looked up, money-tax return 75% up to \$400 & 50% up to \$1200, word of mouth promoting, coffee, treats for volunteers, scrutineers, promotion of votes, volunteer drivers, fund-raising, wine & cheese with Andrea (March 15)

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1. CALL TO ORDER & Pledge

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by J.P. Desilets on Feb.28, 2013

2. READING OF THE ANTI-HARASSMENT STATEMENT & APPOINTMENT OF ANTI-HARRASSMENT OFFICERS

Pledge and Anti- Harrassment read by J.P. Desilets

-Anti-Harassment Officers: Richard MacDonald & Louise Harrison

3.. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION # 01-02/28/14

BIRT the agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED BY ALL

5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

a) Errors/Omissions: N/A

MOTION # 02-02/28/14

BIRT the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as presented.

Moved by Jen Holmes
Seconded by Edie Sauer
CARRIED BY ALL

b) Business Arising from: Jurgen Brzozowski spoke about requiring a budget line for the \$8000 for the E.A. Additional day moved at the last meeting. He is suggesting that transfers from investments will be used to balance the release time.

MOTION # 03-02/28/14

BIRT up to \$6000 be transferred from investments to operating funds (ECE/EA President time release).

Moved by Jurgen Brzozowski
Seconded by Lynn Charon
CARRIED BY ALL

MOTION # 03-02/28/14

BIRT business arising be accepted as presented

Moved by Jen Holmes
Seconded by Bonnie Lacarte
CARRIED BY ALL

6. CORRESPONDENCE – Kid to camp – more information required

7. REPORTS:

a) District President: JP Desilets –*see report sent to Branch Presidents.

- J.P Desilets will send out a video message from John & Gilles to Branch Presidents. Constitutional change- discussed at length. Three ways to engage the public 1. Park & Bark 2. Field the Dreams 3. Facto Launch. Showed 2 videos that he will send to Branch Presidents and asked that they be shared with the staff.
- Constitutional review- JP Desilets spoke about the changes sent out 2 weeks ago. Notice of Motion -30 days to 15 days, e-motion (9.13), AGM from 1st weekend in May to any weekend in May, voting members 5.2 (in depth discussion about 5.2).
- Canadian Labour Congress Ontario Region – Summer School Courses- J.P. Desilets asked for people interested speak with him later about it
- Benefits – discussion about the distribution of benefits and their management

- regarding the Board
- Member Engagement-discussion about ideas to engage members – baseball, curling, swag for members participating, J.P asked for Branch Presidents to think about ideas for member engagement and get back to him

MOTION # 04-02/28/14

BIRT the amendments to the constitution be accepted as presented. *see attached

Moved by J.P Desilets
Seconded by Kim Kruithof
CARRIED BY ALL

MOTION # 04-02/28/14

BIRT OSSTF/FESO 1 send up to 12 delegates to Summer School in Port Elgin for 1 week in July 2014

Moved by J.P Desilets
Seconded by Richard MacDonald
CARRIED BY ALL

ai) Vice-President – Sherry McNeil – no report

b) Treasurer- Jurgen Brzozowski- regrets – *report given to all present

MOTION # 04-02/28/14

BIRT the Treasurers Report be accepted as presented

Moved by Jurgen Brzozowski
Seconded by Troy Puckalo

CARRIED BY ALL

c)Secretary – Denise Sullivan – no report

d) Communications Officer – Dana Thomson - regrets

e)Occupational Health and Safety Officer – Andre Dumais – union safety training online reminding members to save and print certificate.

f)Educational Services Officer-Denise Sullivan – seeking input from Branch presidents for ideas of PD that their members are interested in attending. A yoga instructor has agreed to do a yoga workshop. Sherry gave suggestions of workshops for Mental Health.

g)Political Action Officer- Richard MacDonald – talk with members and other unions to promote what we do. Email sent out regarding approaching people to run for Trustees. Discussion about food drive within school – not insured for March 7, 2014. Cost savings member not a PD day.

h)Occasional Teachers` Representative – Gerry Culhane -regrets – J.P. Spoke about tally of on-calls. Discussion about the LTO roster and the interview process. J.P. Desilets said he would be finding out information from other Boards to see what they are doing regarding the LTO

i)Provincial Executive Liason – Rob Gascho – sent written report – J.P. Desilets will circulate via email

j)Secretariat Liaison- Alison Wallace – OSSTF Member Benefits survey online-asked Branch Presidents to seek member input over March break – closes Friday

March 21st at 5 p.m. - Busy preparing for AMPA. Amendments to Bill 122 including improvements with the language around local bargaining.

k)Excellence in Education – Bill Nuhn – regrets but email sent out who the winners were for the contest. Jen Holmes will provide the Branch Presidents (of the winners) with certificates and cheques.

l)Status of Women /Human Rights – Jen Holmes – support local work areas with a day of pink. International Woman's Day coming up. Alison mentioned there are shirts available for purchase to support anti-bullying.

m)Educational Assistants ECE`s-Kim Kruithof – asked Teachers if they have an EA involved in a situation that they need to be reminded to call Kim. For those attending AMPA the suite for Northern is a red & white (the Olympics) theme, the suite will be decorated well.

n)P.S.S.P. - Sherry McNeil – 1.5 staff increase, excellent Mental Health team and lead

o)James Bay Lowlands TBU – Troy Puckalo – J.P. Desilets & Alison Wallace visited Moosonee. Cost savings secured for March 20th and there will not be a PD day.

o)James Bay Lowlands E.S.S. - Elizabeth Tozer – resigned – Kevin “Buck” Miller new designate

8. New Business- AGM will be May 23 & 24.

9. Adjournment

MOTION #08 – 02/28/14

BIRT the meeting is to be adjourned 11:00 P.M.

Moved by Kim Kruithof

Seconded by Louise Harrison

CARRIED BY ALL