

Upper Grand Occasional Teachers' Local  
Executive Meeting  
February 21, 2006 at 5:00 P.M.  
Ralph Rainford's home,  
Fergus, On

Present: Marina Howlett, Ted Pritchard, Donna Henderson, John Ritchie, Pat Klypycz, Barb Walkey, Ralph Rainford, John Parkyn, Andrew Aloe, Michelle Warren, Observer Kara Klypycz

1. Call to Order and Welcome: Marina welcomed the executive members and thanked Ralph and his wife for hosting the meeting and dinner.

2. Additions/ Approval of the Agenda: Add- #11 Rep Council, #12 What if a CUPE strike? #13 School Year Calender, and # 14 Designated PD Days  
'Motion 1' "Move to accept the agenda." Moved by Ralph Rainford, Seconded by Barb Walkey  
CARRIED

3. (a) Approval of minutes of Dec. 13/05 meeting.  
'Motion 2' "Move the minutes of the Dec. 13, 2005 meeting be accepted as read." Moved by Donna Henderson, Seconded by Andrew Aloe CARRIED

4. Treasurer's Report: Chequing account-\$8084 approx. Savings account \$4204.59.  
(a) Discussion followed re costs incurred from the cell phone purchase in 2005.  
'Motion 3' "Ted Pritchard will contact Sue Thompson about outstanding costs incurred by purchase of a cell phone under contract #4-6760-3403 in the attempt to reach a suitable resolution." Moved by John Ritchie, Seconded by Ted Pritchard CARRIED  
(b) Discussion and Review of the 50/50 payback to the President for the Communication package which includes Marina's home telephone/internet/fax. As all is working well we will continue with the current practice.  
'Motion 4' "Move to accept the Treasurer's Report." Moved by John Ritchie, Seconded by Ted Pritchard CARRIED

5. President's Report:

(a) Release Days – Sept.-Jan. 57 days  
February- 8 days  
(b) Other Release days for Executive – Local pays. Marina circulated a plan for payback for Voluntary hours on behalf of the Local.  
(c) SEMS- Discussion ongoing. Keep track of problems or strange happenings.

6. Communication with Members: The OT Display boards have been put on the ETFO School Bulletin Boards for information to our members. All site Stewards have been faxed with instructions on how these boards can be used.

(a) A mailing has been sent out with the Collective Agreement. We must always be certain that the agreement is addressed and have our members speak up when there is an inequity. Principals have also been given a Collective Agreement. As an Executive we should know the Collective Agreement.  
(b) The next newsletter will go out in April with information about the Annual Meeting.

7. Collective Bargaining Issues:

(a) School Cancellations-Feb.6 and 7- A committee of B. Evans, Marina, D. Perry and Ruth McLean met to discuss road closures and cancellations. The Collective Agreement is clear on what does happen in regards to payment and signing of the worksheets.

8. Professional Development: Upper Grand event – date March 30 and/or Apr.26 Early Dismissal Days. A Registration Flyer has been sent out.

9. (a) Local Annual Meeting/Elections: Date: Thursday, June 1, 2006

Time: 4:45- 9:00 p.m.

Place: Wellington County Museum, Aboyne Hall

Nomination forms will be out early. Pat Kalapaca will be asked to chair the elections part of the meeting. Constitutional changes must be declared before the Annual Meeting. Emily Noble will be the Guest Speaker.

(b) ETFO Annual Meeting: Date: August 14-17, 2006

Place: Westin Harbour Castle, Toronto

We can send 2 Delegates (one of which is Marina) paid for by the ETFO and two Alternates paid for by the local OT. Think about names and Marina will decide by the end of March.

10. GHOTs Meeting: Date: June 11, 12, 13

Place: Owen Sound

The 12<sup>th</sup> will be the main business day. The two Delegates who are going to the ETFO AGM should attend because that is the main business item. Because of the proximity we can travel daily to this meeting.

11. Rep Council: There are still some OT Boards that have not settled their Collective Agreements. Some motions coming from the floor to the ETFO Meeting will concentrate on 'Building for Tomorrow', the next round of Negotiations, and new Executive Officers coming forward for Provincial. There will likely be an increase in Pension contributions needed to cover the deficit.

12. CUPE Strike: No one does the job of another Union. Refuse if told to do so. A Letter of Support will be sent to the Union in case of a strike.

'Motion 5' "Move in the event of a strike to send a letter of support to CUPE 256 in support of strike action and to accompany the letter with a cheque in the amount of \$200." Moved by Ted Pritchard ,  
Seconded by John Ritchie                      CARRIED

13. School Year Calender: Marina, two parents of school age children and Board and ETFO Reps are on the committee. There are two extra non-instructional days next year. It has been decided to have Sept. 1 as a Board Holiday and the Friday before March Break to make up these days.

14. Designated PD Days: The Government is going to designate 3 or 4 more PD Days soon.

Meeting adjourned 7:50 P.M.

Next meeting Tues.Mar.28, 2006 at 4:45 PM at Orchard Park