

Upper Grand Occasional Teachers' Local Executive Meeting  
March 28, 2006 at 5:00 P.M. Orchard Park, Guelph, ON

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

1. Call to Order and Welcome: Marina welcomed the executive members and shared just briefly how wonderful her March Break cruise was.

2. Additions/ Approval of the Agenda: Add- #10 SEMS

'Motion 1' "Move to accept the agenda." Moved by Ralph Rainford, Seconded by Barb Walkey CARRIED

3. (a) Approval of minutes of Feb. 21. 2006 meeting.

'Motion 2' "Move the minutes of the Feb. 12, 2006 meeting be accepted as read."

Moved by Donna Henderson, Seconded by Andrew Aloe CARRIED

4. Treasurer's Report: Chequing account-\$9647.56. Savings account \$4213.33.

(a) We will get a rebate the end of May.

-There also should be a reimbursement from Provincial ETFO for takeover expenses during Negotiations of approx \$1917.

-In June we will reexamine the visitations to GHOTs meetings' costs of the President and Vice President and create an OT budget line to cover these expenses.

Motion 3' "Move to accept the Treasurer's Report." Moved by John Ritchie, Seconded by Michelle Warren CARRIED

5. President's Report:

(a) Release Days – Sept.-Jan. 57 days

February- 8 days

March- 6.5 days

(b) Other Release days for Executive – Local pays- 0

6. Constitution/ Election Procedures:

- Timeline –Information must be out 30 days before the Meeting date of June 1.

- Election Committee and Nomination Committee is Barb Walkey, Ralph Rainford, and Ted Pritchard.

- A Newsletter will be out with the information, Nomination forms, description of duties and voting process in April.

7. Professional Development:

Upper Grand event- Date: March 30 (140 registered) and/or Apr.26 (65 registered) Early Dismissal Days starting at 12:00 noon at John D. Hogarth, Fergus.

Executive to work: Mar.30- Ralph Rainford, Ted Pritchard, Barb Walkey, Pat Klypycz,

Apr. 26- John Ritchie, Joan Ksenych, Barb Walkey

Arrive to setup at 11:00 A.M..

If members do not sign up and/or do not attend they will get a notice telling them to take the training at a school site. They will not be paid before the next school year.

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

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

Place: Wellington County Museum, Aboyne Hall

Entertainment: Penny Sale

Speaker: Emily Noble

Caterer: Nancy Donaldson

Executive members are asked to bring little prizes to the next two Executive Meetings for Door Prizes.

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

Place: Westin Harbour Castle, Toronto

Delegates: Marina Howlett, Ted Pritchard, Alternates: Pat Klypycz, Donna Henderson

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

Place: Owen Sound

Marina, Ted, Pat and Donna who are going to the ETFO AGM will attend because that is the main business item. Because of the proximity we will arrange travel to this meeting to keep costs low.

10. SEMS: Discussion topics listed as discussed-

- You must teach 10 days in one school year to stay on the OT list.
- The Program Department is not helping the lack of available OT's by scheduling system workshops on the same day.
- There are too many half day jobs and OT's have to rush from site to site.
- If you have a half day added to another half and you have time confusion, call the school and tell them you will be there as soon as possible but will be late for class beginning.
- Timetables of the classroom teacher do not always match the scheduled job (breaks, duties)
- Why is it only possible to book one unavailable time at one sitting on the computer system.
- Our work forms filled out at the beginning of the year signed us up for our preference of schools but the computer seems to be ignoring this.
- Some classroom teachers are requesting French Immersion replacement OT's and should know that they should leave two lessons, one for French speaking and one for English.
- Principals need more training to use the system.
- Why all the calls from SEMS on Friday evening and Holidays? (Christmas??)
- There is NO punitive system for refusals!!!
- How many levels of expertise are there in the SEMS system? We must have a beginning level as there are so many loopholes and glitches.
- Keep a list of the heartaches with SEMS .
- Our Website is a place to post these problems.

11. Email List: We are trying to make an email list for our members. The meeting on Mar.30 and Apr.26 should help in that information collecting.

12. ETFO Local Meeting: May 11, Fergus Arena:

This is an election Meeting and we have been asked to come and count ballots. Pat Kalapaca is asked to be the Parliamentarian. Barb Walkey, John Ritchie, Donna Henderson, Ralph Playford, Ted Pritchard, Pat Klyplcz will go to help.

Meeting adjourned 7:10 P.M.

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