

**Upper Grand Occasional Teachers' Local
Executive Meeting**

Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at 6:30 P.M..

J.D. Hogarth School, Fergus, On.

Present: Marina Howlett, Andrew Aloe, Donna Henderson, John Ritchie, Carol Christie, Jacquie Gray,
Ralph Rainford, Ted Pritchard, Ruth Tomlins, Barb Walkey

Regrets: Pat Klypycz, John Parkyn.

1. **Call to Order and Welcome:** Marina welcomed the Executive members to the meeting following the workshop on Classroom Management.

2. **Additions/ Approval of the Agenda:** Add- #12 (a) Goodwill; (b) Laptop; (c) Mileage;
`**Motion 1**' "Move to accept the Agenda with additions- Goodwill; Laptop; and Mileage."
Moved by Ralph Rainford, Seconded by Barb Walkey CARRIED

3. **Approval of Minutes** of the February 26, 2008 meeting:
`**Motion 2**' "Move the minutes of the February 26, 2008 meeting be accepted
Moved by Donna Henderson, Seconded by Ruth Tomlins CARRIED

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Balance in Chequing- \$16,522.40; in Savings- \$7580.53. The rent on the Orchard Park Office has been paid for the rest of the year. (approx. \$1000.).
`**Motion 3**' "Move to accept the Treasurer's Report."
Moved by John Ritchie, Seconded by Carol Christie CARRIED

5. **President's Report:** (a) **Release Days:** Feb 2008-6.5; March 2008-6.5: Total to Mar 31/08- 53
(b) **Task Force:** OT Presidential Release Time: Marina is on the committee.
There is hope to make the scale more compacted and then all the Locals have a ½ time release President. A sliding scale does not work. There needs to be a more equitable way to pay the basic job regardless of work or members.

(c) **Volunteers for UG ETFO Teachers' Local Elections- April 30, 2008:**

All the OT Executive volunteered to help counting ballots and keeping order from 4:00 at Fergus Community Centre.

6. **Professional Development:** (a) **Classroom Management Conference-Part II-** April 8, 2008: There were many comments about the excellence of the workshop and the opportunity to apply the ideas. Past experience made the understanding of the applications much easier. Certificates will be presented to the 15/27 who finished the workshop.

(b) **Professional Development Workshops:** Joanne Meyers will present a workshop May 15, 2008. An information flyer will go out with the next newsletter. Marina is also looking into a tour of the Terry James Resource Audio Visual Centre/Library of the UGDSB.

7. **Collective Bargaining: Preliminary Submission:** At the next meeting on April 22nd the Executive will review the Preliminary Submission that has been prepared by our Collective Bargaining Team during March and April. We will try to bargain more closely with the Secondary OT's. It will be a partnership that benefits both bargaining parties. Directions are pending from ETFO. The Provincial Team is meeting with the Government and may have timelines and info out by that meeting. It is hoped to have our Preliminary Submission prepared for the members by the Annual Meeting on June 5, 2008. Acceptance and Ratification will be hoped for at that meeting.

8. **SEMS Updated System:** The present system will be updated in the summer. The information on the updated system will follow.

9. **N.T.I.P. Board Program:** There is not much offered to LTO's. The Orientation is set on August 26, 2008 at Westside H.S. in Orangeville.

10. **Annual Meeting/ Elections**-June 5, 2008; 4:30 pm; Wellington County Museum: Jim Whyte will present the Preliminary Submission to the membership. Eddie Douglas (JUNO nomination from Guelph) has been invited as entertainment. There will be no penny auction this year.

11. **Nominating Committee/Elections:** Barb Walkey, Ted Pritchard, and Marina will be the nominating committee. Barb Walkey is the Chair. Nomination forms will be in the next newsletter. There also will be a nomination form on the website. **All forms must be returned by May 15.**

12. **Other Business:** (a) **Goodwill Report:** A "Thinking of you" bouquet was sent to Executive member Pat Klypycz and her husband after his serious accident He is recovering slowly. We wish both Pat and Peter strength.

(b) **Laptop:** The office laptop is not working correctly. We are not heavy users. We investigated and found it more economical to purchase a new one instead of servicing the present one. It is very important to have a good system for office use and bargaining.

Motion 4' "Move that the Local UGDSB OT's purchase a replacement laptop to be used for our office business at a cost of up to \$1200."

Moved by John Ritchie, Seconded by Ralph Rainford CARRIED

(c) **Mileage:** The Local had raised the Mileage rate for ETFO business.

Motion 5' "Move to increase the per km. rate for UGDSB OT business effective April 8, 2008 to \$.45/km."

Moved by John Ritchie, Seconded by Andrew Aloe CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next Executive Meeting will be Tues. April 22, 2008 at 4:45 PM at Ruth Tomlin's house, 63 Marion St., Orangeville.