

Upper Grand Occasional Teachers' Local
Executive Meeting
Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at 4:55 P.M.
Orchard Park, Guelph, On.

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

1. **Call to Order and Welcome:** Marina welcomed the Executive members. She welcomed Jacquie Gray to our Executive and thanked everyone for support over the summer.

2. **Approval of the Agenda:**

'Motion 1' "Move to accept the Agenda." Moved by Ralph Rainford, Seconded by Andrew Aloe
CARRIED

3. **Approval of minutes** of the June 19, 2007 meeting:

'Motion 2' "Move the minutes of the June 19, 2007 meeting be accepted as read." Moved by Donna Henderson, Seconded by Barb Walkey
CARRIED

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Ted Pritchard in John Ritchie's absence. Balance in Chequing- \$5222.19; in Savings- \$7425.93. We will get another infusion of funds the end of September. Major expenses upcoming are the Auditor fees of \$1600 approx. Rent for the Local OT Offices is \$500 every four months. The office telephone cost is \$300.00 annually. In general we are in good financial shape. The Chequing Account is \$2000.00 better than at this time last year. Savings is \$3000.00 better. There are also 27.5 Executive Release Days to be paid to the Board.

'Motion 3' "Move to accept the Treasurer's Report." Moved by Ted Pritchard, Seconded by Barb Walkey
CARRIED

5. **President's Report:**

(a) Release Days Sept. 2007 – June 2008: The exact number of Presidential release days are not confirmed yet. According to ETFO's document we should have 80. Marina has calculated the number to be 90. There are lots of LTO positions for contract teachers.

(b) Executive Update: We reviewed the list and there were few corrections.

(c) OT Executive Meeting Dates: The meetings were set as to place and meal preparer.

Oct. 16 O.P.- Ted Pritchard ;

Nov. 20 O.P.- Carol Christie;

Dec 13 Donna's- Orangeville Donna Henderson and Andrew Aloe ;

Jan. 15 O.P.- Pat Klypycz ;

Feb. 19 O.P.- Ralph Rainford ;

Mar. 25 Ruth's- Orangeville Ruth Tomlins ;

Apr. 22 O.P.- Jacquie Gray ;

May 20 O.P.- John Parkyn ;

June 24 John's- Guelph John Ritchie

(d) **New Teacher Orientation** : The last week in August the Board presented a Board-wide workshop. Thirty-five – 40 new LTO's were present.

- Number of LTO's hired- There have been 75 LTO positions filled.

- Casual OT list- The casual list has had 50-60 new hires. There has also been some purging of the list. Perhaps 15-20 more OT's will be hired by the end of September. That will affect our FTE.

(e) **Provincial Annual Meeting Motions**: We were all congratulated on the articles prepared for the Newsletter. One motion affecting OT's concerned Presidential Release time. The motion was referred to Rep Council to be presented to the 2008 AGM. The OT's were complimented by the newly elected President on demonstrating fiscal responsibility in their locals. With a concentrated effort our Candidate for the Executive was elected.

6. President's Meeting: Royal York, Toronto- Sept. 17, 2007- Marina attended. This meeting was to show the Liberal Platforms re Education. The Liberals are committing to close/ reduce the gap from \$711 to \$75 between Elementary and Secondary students. They have been listening to the ETFO position. Money is being spent in some ridings to swing the candidate. Polling results indicate there could be a Liberal Minority with the NDP holding the balance of power.

7. POT's Meeting: Sept.16, 17, 18, 2007 in Sudbury. Marina and Andrew will be attending. At our own Local a meeting was held to revamp the Human Resources Department and change some contacts at the Board Office. Because of this there may be more grievances.

8. Professional Development: The Classroom Management Conference which stresses Professional Learning Opportunities has some funding from the Government. We have OT's who need PD. There is a Reflective Learning Model of ½ day in the Fall with journal assignments of reflection. In the Spring the participants come together again. Twenty-five can sign up with ½ day release, the next two parts are on their own time. The Spring session will be after school. Oct. 26 and Nov.16 are ½ day workshops. The application will come in the Newsletter.

9. ETFO Leadership Development –Toronto Sept.27, 28: Andrew, Marina and perhaps Jacquie attending. Topic is Social Justice.

Rep Council – Toronto Oct.11,12 : Marina, Andrew, Barb and Ted are attending as the meeting is also a Collective Bargaining Workshop.

10. Provincial Election- Oct.10: There is always a need for volunteers and scrutineers.

A special thank you to Barb Walkey for preparing our delicious meal.

Meeting adjourned 6:10 P.M.

Next meeting Tues.Oct.16, 2006 at 4:45 PM at Ted Pritchard's in Guelph. Ted Pritchard is preparing the meal.

