

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

Tuesday, September 18, 2008 at 4:45 P.M.  
Orchard Park, Guelph, On.

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

1. **Call to Order and Welcome:** Marina opened the meeting with hopes that all had had a good summer and were ready for a busy year.

2. **Additions/ Approval of the Agenda:** Add- #11 (a) Poverty Conference, (b) Health and Safety Conference,

‘**Motion 1**’ “Move to accept the Agenda with additions- Poverty Conference, and Health and Safety Conference”

Moved by Jacquie Gray, Seconded by Pat Klypycz CARRIED

3. **Approval of Minutes** of the June 24, 2008 meeting:

‘**Motion 2**’ “Move the minutes of the June 24, 2008 meeting be accepted.”

Moved by Donna Henderson, Seconded by Ralph Rainford CARRIED

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Balance in Chequing- \$4675.68; in Savings- \$9687.34. There was a moving of \$2000.00 from the Savings Account to the Chequing to cover all the summer expenses. In September the rebate comes for the AGM and the first installment of our fees to ETFO so that by month end we will be solvent. The books are at the auditors' and we are waiting for the final analysis to meet the Sept.30<sup>th</sup> timeline for ETFO.

‘**Motion 3**’ “Move to accept the Treasurer's Report.”

Moved by John Ritchie, Seconded by Barb Walkey CARRIED

5. **President's Report:** (a) **Release Days:** Sept. 2008 to June 2009 could be 100 days once all the ETFO factors are considered.

(b) **Executive Update:** The address directory (email addresses) was updated.

(c) **Executive Meetings and meals:** We reviewed the dates, places and meals.

Thurs. Oct. 23, 2008	Orchard Park, Guelph	Carol
Tues. Nov. 11, 2008	Orchard Park, Guelph	
Tues. Dec. 16, 2008	Donna Henderson's, Orangeville	Donna and Andrew
Tues. Jan. 13, 2009	Orchard Park, Guelph	Pat
Tues. Feb. 24, 2009	Orchard Park, Guelph	Ralph
Thurs. Mar.26, 2009	Orchard Park, Guelph	Jacquie
Tues. Apr. 21, 2009	Marina Howlett's, Guelph	Marina and Donna
Thurs. May 21, 2009	Ruth Tomlin's, Orangeville	Ruth
Tues. Jun. 23, 2009	John Ritchie's, Guelph	

(d) **New Teachers' Orientation, August:** The workshop was a success. There have been **85-90 LTO's** hired and the **Casual OT list** has seen **75** more hired. There is a back up of 10 reserves per area.

(e) **Provincial Annual Meeting Motions:** Most money motions were defeated except that now MILEAGE for ETFO business is \$.45 a km. The main thrust was to be free of the deficit in three years. There was approval of Policy statements on Homework, Assessment Routines, and Professional Growth. Concerns appeared on the STILL WE RISE conference being a National conference (in 2009). That moves away from the initial plan. There could be an AGM in Windsor at the Casino. UG Locals were opposed to that move.

6. **POT's Meeting:** On Sept.21, 22, 23 in London Andrew and Marina will attend. Much of the agenda will deal with Collective Bargaining. Ted had reviewed the Model Collective Agreement and had prepared a synopsis. There are many ideas to consider in our Collective Agreement. Ted and John Parkyn have reviewed the Collective Agreement and found many grammatical and typo errors. We are waiting for the Contract Teachers to meet before we progress any further. There was discussion of the possibility of a Province wide teachers' strike.

7. **Professional Development Workshops:** We will try to have one per term by connecting with any presentation topic from Provincial ETFO. There will be info to come. Maybe we can have a workshop in November.

8. **Provincial Leadership Development:** Sept. 25, 26, 27. Andrew will attend the New Presidents' Training workshop. Marina has been asked to be a facilitator.

**Rep. Council:** Oct. 1, 2. Much of the debate will centre on the topic of Collective Bargaining.

**Collective Bargaining:** Oct.2, 3. Karen Hunsberger, Andrew, Ted, Barb and Marina will then be in attendance to hear discussion on Collective Bargaining.

9. **Federal Election:** Oct. 14, 2009 Everyone is encouraged to volunteer, perhaps as a scrutineer and above all VOTE.

10. **Other Business:** (a) **Poverty Conference:** Nov.6, 7- Andrew will attend to get information on how schools can address these issues. His expenses will be taken out of the Professional Development line in the Budget.

(b) **Health and Safety Conference:** Nov.7, 8- Jacquie is our rep and she will attend.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15p.m. after an enjoyable meal prepared by Barb. Super menu, Barb!

**Next Executive Meeting** will be Thurs., Oct. 23, 2008 at 4:45 PM at Orchard Park, Guelph.