

Limestone Executive Meeting
Friday, March 3rd, 2017 @ 12:45 pm
Limestone Local Offices

1. **Call to Order at In Attendance:** D. Wells, J. Roberts, A. Elliott, D. McLatchie, S. Charron, S. Stenman, P. Olmstead, M. Chung, A. Gale, K. Spanton, N. Mailloux, E. Jacques **Regrets:** N. Grew
2. **Additions to the Agenda**
 - none
 - **MOTION:** McLatchie/Spanton *to approve the agenda* **CARRIED**
3. **Treasurer's Report - D. McLatchie** (dave.mclatchie@gmail.com)
 - bank balance is healthy
 - updated financial statements were shared that reflected July 1, 2016 - January 31, 2017
4. **President's Report - D. Wells** (debi.wells@gmail.com)
 - issues around violent incidents in schools was discussed and how we can help
 - we have asked the school board where our Collective Agreement is and why it hasn't been printed yet, why agreed-upon changes weren't made, we continue to advocate for teachers' right to access their Collective Agreement
 - there continues to be a high interest among teachers in accessing information about pensions and various types of leaves
 - the Elections Committee met and has created a Terms of Reference
 - **MOTION:** Wells/Jacques *to adopt the Elections Committee Terms of Reference, which includes two points (11 and 12 are constitutional amendments) that will be voted upon at our Annual Meeting on April 27, 2017* **CARRIED**
 - OSSTF has reached their Tentative Extension Agreement; this is a different agreement than their Remedy Agreement.
5. **1st Vice-President's Report - J. Roberts** (janerobertsetfo@gmail.com)
 - met with board officials about the school year calendar; looks like it will be similar to this year's calendar, but has yet to be approved
 - TELC (Teacher Education Liaison Committee) meeting occurred at the beginning of February. An OTF (Ontario Teachers' Federation) conference happened on the attached Saturday, with a lot of talk about how to engage more teachers in taking teacher candidates. There's another meeting of the TELC next Tuesday, March 7th, 2017.
 - participated in PRS: Beyond the Basics training at provincial this week
6. **2nd Vice President's Report - S. Charron** (charron.stephane@gmail.com)
 - Retirement Dinner preparations continue to move forward.
 - Will be attending a JHSC (Joint Health and Safety Committee) meeting next week.
 - The Limestone Local's constitutional review will occur on Tuesday, March 7th at the Limestone Local offices.
7. **Political Action Committee Chairperson's Report - S. Stenman** (steve.stenman@gmail.com)
 - 65 "Make it Fair" postcards collected at member information meeting and will be delivered to MPP office
 - Community Forum planning meeting will take place Thursday March 9th at 12:30 pm

- 8. Professional Development Committee Chairperson's Report - M. Chung** (magschung@gmail.com)
- Inspire and Inquire workshop series is March 22nd & 29th, 2017 from 4:30 - 7:30 pm at the Health Unit on Portsmouth Avenue; there are some spaces remaining
 - Exploring workshop topics including Yoga and Wellness
 - Summer Academy application has been submitted. We are hoping to host in early July (4th - 6th, 2017)
 - Summary of discussion at Professional Learning/Curriculum committee re: Ministry initiatives and EQAO
- 9. Social & Goodwill Committee Chairperson's Report - N. Mailloux** (nabil.mailloux@gmail.com)
- Buses booked for Jays game against Texas Rangers (May 27th) and Prince Edward County Wine Tour (April 29th)
 - Flyer for Wine Tour to come out next week, will be a little more expensive. All wineries have started charging tasting fees.
 - next and final TGIF will be on May 26th, 2017 and will likely be at Sir John A's Public House.
 - Summer activities?
- 10. Equity Committee Chairperson's Report - K. Spanton** (karen.spanton@gmail.com)
- Gender and Sexuality Workshop booked April 6th, 2017 from 4:30-7:00 pm at the Local Office. This is a brand new provincial workshop which focuses on supporting gender independent/transgendered children in the classroom. Information will be sent out next week.
 - Day of Pink will be on April 12th, 2017; Positive Space posters have been ordered for all members. These will be sent out via courier along with announcement to use at school on April 12th. Link from ETFO Provincial will be sent to stewards to send to members so they have it electronically.
<http://www.etfo.ca/AdvocacyandAction/SocialJusticeandEquity/dayofpink/Pages/default.aspx>
 - Also the hashtag #ETFOpink is set up for all members to use to show what they are doing.
 - Attended Disabilities Issues Provincial Standing Committee meeting was on February 6th, 2017; there was much discussion around member mental health and mental health first aid.
- 11. Occupational Health & Safety Committee Chairperson's Report - P. Olmstead** (paul.olmstead@gmail.com)
- School inspections have begun. Sites are being contacted to schedule inspection dates.
 - Site reps are allowed a half day release for the inspections. School principals are to contact Michael Jou to give him a heads up prior to the visit so he can approve the release time. Site reps should use Smartfind to book the half day using the JHSC (Joint Health and Safety Committee)/Site inspection code.
 - Classroom clutter, trip hazards and blocked access to panels have been identified areas for improvement in elementary schools. Infrastructure problems such as yard drainage and wear and tear on older buildings in general continues to be a growing concern. The good news is that Daisy chaining power bars has been significantly reduced Board wide.
 - JHSC meeting is March 7th. Molly Brant will be on the agenda for that meeting.
- 12. Collective Bargaining Committee Co-Chairpersons' Report - N. Grew & E. Jacques** (grewn5052@gmail.com & mrjacqueshabsfan@gmail.com)
- all members are encouraged to vote on the TEA (Tentative Extension Agreement); online voting ends today at 11:59 pm EST. In order to pass, the TEA needs a double majority (50%+1 of voting members PLUS 50% +1 of locals)
 - Bill 115 Remedy discussions have not yet begun provincially

13. Status of Women Committee Chairperson's Report - A. Gale (lenagale@gmail.com)

- The 2017 Women's Retreat was on February 24th and 25th at the Gananoque Inn & Spa. 63 women attended. The feedback has been positive and will be used to guide planning for the 2018 retreat. Additional funding was provided from provincial.
- Funds from provincial for an International Women's Day activity have been approved. The committee is interested in using these funds for a community screening of a pro-women/pro-union movie. (Date & title: TBD)

14. Unfinished Business

- none

15. New Business

- none

16. Next Meeting

- Friday, April 7th, 2017 at 1:00 pm
- **MOTION:** McLatchie/Elliott *to approve the minutes* **CARRIED**
- **MOTION:** McLatchie *to adjourn* **CARRIED**
- adjourned at

17. Upcoming Calendar Dates

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