

ETFO DURHAM STATUS OF WOMEN AND EQUITY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, January 17, 2011. - 603 Palace Street, Whitby

PRESENT: Leslie Fallaize, Sirkku Meldrum, Joanna Bowman, Debbie Poole, Maria Provencher, Janet Robinson, Bradford Tanner

ABSENT: Lisa Tsumura, David Mastin, Pam Harrison

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

-the meeting was called to order at 4:36 p.m.

2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

-minutes of the December 13th meeting read and accepted

3. **BUSINESS ARISING:**

-PD committee is still looking at two Media Workshops to be presented on weeknights with further information regarding dates to follow, they are looking for us to participate and supply funding

-Eastview dinner was successful, helpers were put to work wrapping gifts, food preparation, serving the dinner, and cleaning up afterward, many committee and family members showed up to help, it was a good show of support from ETFO, we are considering participating in this event again next year

-participation at committee events was discussed and we determined that ETFO employees (including teachers, OT, and ECE) be given first choice for attending, if there is extra space available a reminder flyer will be sent out to schools welcoming other members in education to participate who will pay full cost, EA's could also be invited depending on the target audience for the event

4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

-International Women's Day Dinner is proposed for Wednesday, March 23rd, 5:00 p.m., at the Mandarin in Pickering, guest speakers to be announced but Sam Hammond will be contacted to bring greetings from Provincial

-other speakers were discussed including Marc Lepine's mother who speaks in the area, Joanna is going to look into costs and availability for her

-give away prizes for the event will be t-shirts from And Still We Rise, Sirkku will order 60 of these at a cost of \$5 each = \$300, t-shirts to be delivered to the ETFO Durham office

-Lauren Chapple would like support for LGBT committee to have a workshop relating to LGBT families in the community, workshop is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, February 24th at the ETFO office from 4:30-6:00, she is looking for funding to cover photocopying, snacks, and possibly give aways if the event occurs, she is also looking for us to attend the event

-ETFO Durham matched the \$500 donation from Provincial for Women's Multicultural Resource Counseling Centre

5. **NEXT MEETING:**

-Monday, February 14, 2011, then Monday, March 21st, 2011

6. **ADJOURNMENT:**
-meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.