

ETFO DURHAM FRENCH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE - COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, March 2, 2011. - 603 Palace Street, Whitby

PRESENT: Sirkku Meldrum, Janet Robinson, Cheryl Marek

ABSENT: Maria Provencher

CALL TO ORDER:

- The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.
- Everyone was welcomed to this first meeting of the Durham FSL Committee.
- The ETFO Human Rights Statement was read.
- It was mentioned that discussions had been had with Johanna Brand, Provincial FSL Cttee. Chair, re: Canadian Parents for French. Johanna said we were not obligated to have them come and speak to us in Durham. That was fully our choice.
- It was suggested we invite Johanna to come speak with the Cttee to give us a sense of direction and maybe as a workshop speaker for FSL teachers.
- We will send Dave Mastin an e-mail, once we have organized our first event, and he will put the event on the Local's website.
- There was an offer to ask Geoff Collins, FSL Facilitator, to put the same info on the French portal.
- Flyers for the event will be sent via ETFO mailing.
- Suggested dates for inviting Johanna were: April 28, May 12 or May 19, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
- It was decided we would do a gift card for her, but Provincial will cover her expenses, if she's on Provincial Office staff.
- What about a budget for Core French teachers in each school?
- It was shared that someone had gone to a conference where CPF discussed the FSL money which comes from the Ministry to Board and then to schools. Seems like money for use for FSL schools is really at "the discretion of the principal."
- What about a classroom for each Core French teacher?
- It was suggested we write a letter to the School Board asking them to address issues of budget and classroom for each Core French teacher.
- Concerns were expressed re: Treatment of FSL teachers.
- It was suggested that we try "selling" FSL Cttee at the upcoming Stewards' meeting.
- How can we support all FSL teachers as a Committee? Some suggestions were: OUTREACH, WORKSHOPS, PUTTING INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE, RESOURCES, LENDING LIBRARY FOR ALL FSL TEACHERS.
- Our next meeting will be April 7th.
- We adjourned at 5: 15 p.m.