

E.T.F.O. Durham PAC Meeting

September 8, 2011

Present: Pam Harrison, Gerard O'Neill, Barb Haynes, Megan Staples, Joanna Bowman, Neil Redknapp

Regrets: Tim Snodden, Andres Musta, Cheryl Fleury-Eekma

1. Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 4:35.

2. Overview Of 2010-2011:

The Political Action Committee (PAC) was proud to support the Eastview Boys and Girls Club last year as well as the ETFO Durham Teacher of the Month Award. Since the PAC is eager to establish and nurture links with organizations and community groups that advance the causes of public education and social justice, we are looking forward to continuing our community involvement again this year. We are committed to educating our membership around the issues of public education and social justice, as well as encouraging our membership to become involved in social movements and political activities that further those causes.

3. 2011-2012 PAC Terms Of Reference:

The 8 terms of reference for the 2010-2011 PAC were presented.

Motion #1

Moved by: Joanna Bowman

Seconded by: Gerard O'Neill

That the 2010-2011 PAC terms of reference be approved for 2011-2012 without revision. CARRIED

4. All Affiliate Endorsed Candidate Evening:

ETFO Durham Local, CUPE Local 218 and OSSTF District 13 have organized an Open House at Heydenshore Pavilion in Whitby on September 21, 2011 from 4:30-7:00 pm. The PAC of each affiliate has endorsed the local candidate who they feel best supports a strong public education system in Ontario. All unionized education workers in the Durham District School Board are invited to meet their locally endorsed candidate. The flyer for the event will be sent out to all workplace stewards to distribute.

5. October 6 Provincial Election:

The PAC had previously decided which local candidates they would endorse. We discussed how much money our PAC would give the endorsed candidates in support of their election campaigns. Of the 6 endorsed candidates, it was decided that we would give the maximum contribution of \$1,240 to the campaigns of Mike Shields, James Terry, Maret Sadem-Thompson, Joe Dickson and Tracy MacCharles. The PAC decided to give Rick Johnson \$1,215.20, which is 2% less than the maximum amount.

Motion #2

Moved by: Gerard O'Neill
Seconded by: Megan Staples

That the 5 endorsed candidates would receive \$1,240 from ETFO Durham Local and Rick Johnson would receive 2% less. CARRIED

The PAC agreed that we would discuss the following items related to the election at our next meeting on Thursday, September 15: release time, how we wanted to organize our efforts as a PAC on the campaign of an endorsed candidate and how we could promote the involvement of our membership in the election.

6. New Business:

The PAC and the Status of Women and Equity committee are supporting the "Take Back The Night" walk on Thursday, September 15.

Our PAC meetings will be held every Thursday until the provincial election. During election week, the PAC will meet on Tuesday, October 4.

7. Adjournment:

Motion #3

Moved by: Joanna Bowman
Seconded by: Barb Haynes

That the meeting be adjourned at 5:55. CARRIED

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