

**E.T.F.O. Executive Meeting – Wednesday May 16**  
**603 Palace Street, Whitby**

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**PRESENT:** Gerard O'Neill, David Mastin, Pamela Harrison, Willena Harrison, John Whitman, Larry Debrouwer, Bill Ferguson, Cheryl Fleury-Eekma, Kent Clark

**REGRETS:** Sirkku Meldrum, George Taylor

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

- the meeting was called to order at 1:10
- David Mastin read the ETFO Human Rights Statement

2. **MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING:**

- were presented and amended

**MOTION # 1**

MOVED BY: John Whitman

SECONDED BY: Larry Debrouwer

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 20 EXECUTIVE MEETING BE APPROVED AS AMENDED

CARRIED

3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

- we discovered that we could not financially support our candidates in the Federal Election due to federal regulations.

4. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Cheryl Fleury-Eekma

- was presented

**MOTION #2**

MOVED BY: David Mastin

SECONDED BY: Kent Clark

THAT THE TREASURER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED A PRESENTED AND IT WILL BE AMENDED

CARRIED

5. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- YWCA : thank you for donation of food

6. **PRESIDENTIAL REPORTS:**

**PRESIDENT:** Gerard O'Neill

- met with the board with regards to Report Card writing day
  - the report card writing day in June is to be just for that, not for anything else
  - promotion meetings should be held at other times
  - discussions occurred with the staff officer about grievances
  - attendance management: the board is keeping us busy with our members being asked about their absences
  - remind members that they don't make statements to anyone without the executive present
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**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT:** Dave Mastin

- we have done amazing things this year
- we established the constitution debate

**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT:** Sirkku Meldrum

- literacy classes are drawing to a close
  - we hope to have them up and running again in the fall
  - thanks to Teacher Volunteers for making it a success
- some principals are refusing to complete the violent incident report
  - the principal is acting as a gatekeeper
  - we are looking into making the filing of the report available to all members, not just the principal of a school
- some members are being attacked in the workplace and are reluctant to defend themselves
- More Than A Play workshop is on June 1

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Annual Meeting:** David Mastin

- committee meeting today at 4:30
- planning as much as we can tonight

**Board Meeting:** Gerard O'Neill

- May meeting
  - admin movement created 4 teaching positions for the next transfer round

**Collective Bargaining:** Gerard O'Neill

- provided the terms of reference for the committee
- lively discussion ensued

**MOTION # 3**

MOVED BY Bill Ferguson

SECONDED BY: David Mastin

THAT THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COMMITTEE  
BE TABLED TO THE NEXT MEETING CARRIED

**French As A Second Language** Sirkku Meldrum

- flyer sent out to schools about FSL Soiree

**Gay Straight Alliance of Durham** David Mastin

- June 14 Wine and Cheese
- June 11 Gay Pride celebration at Heydenshore

**Goodwill:** Larry Debrouwer

- 50 cards have been sent out

**Health & Safety**

John:Whitman

- visited Thorah Central PS and Beaverton PS to accompany them on their Health and Safety walkthrough
- the Health and Safety Committee member visits to schools continue to be well received by both admin and workers in schools
- next WIRC meeting May 25
- next JHSC meeting June 9
- three recommendations have been forwarded to management on parking lot safety

**New Teacher/First Five**

- no report

**Occasional**

George Taylor

- no report

**Political Action:**

Pamela Harrison

- attended a fund raiser for MPP Joe Dickson
- presented a cheque for \$1240 to support him in the next election
- meeting with new trustees OSSTF office tonight

**Professional Development:**

Willena Harrison

- May 25 workshop is cancelled due to lack of participation
- Rage Against The Machine is scheduled for September
- looking into a mental health workshop for the fall
- looking towards an eco workshop in the fall

**Social:**

Kent Clark

- 86 adult 20 kids tickets for Canada's Wonderland
- June 3 next cooking class is around Greek food

**Status of Women/Equity**

Sirkku Meldrum

- encourage members to attend DDSB Aboriginal symposium
- looking at Take Back The Night Walk and applied for provincial funding
- motions were passed to donate \$500 each to Sisters In Spirit and Herizon House
- a list of organizations we are supporting is being developed: weblinks will be placed on our website
- the final meeting is on June 13 at 4:30 with dinner to follow

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a) Stewards Council Meetings

- the need to setup meeting dates to approve the elections committee
- let Gerard know any dates that don't work for each executive member

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION #4**

MOVED BY:

Larry Debrouwer

SECONDED BY:

Kent Clark

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED

**CARRIED**