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SECONDARY UNIT GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, November 13, 2018

PLACE: Unit Office, Barrie

CALL TO ORDER:

The Secondary Unit General Meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m. with the reading of the OECTA Prayer and Pledge.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: That the Agenda for the November 13, 2018 Secondary Unit General Meeting be approved.

Anne O'Neill Bradt

Dino Zorzi

Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: That the Minutes of the October 9, 2018 Secondary Unit General Meeting be approved.

Steven Zawacki

Greg Quinn

Carried.

REPORTS:

The Elementary Unit and York Secondary Unit have requested the Secondary Unit consider supporting three resolutions for the 2019 Provincial A.G.M. A copy was attached to the Agenda for members to review. The first two resolutions speak to the addition of a Political Advisory Committee and the third was for an action directive regarding extreme and excessive heat as a workplace hazard.

Questions were asked regarding the reason the committee was taken out as a standing committee and replaced by the current Member Engagement Committee and if this new committee addressed the need for a Political Advisory Committee. The standing committees were modified at the 2017 Provincial A.G.M. and the Member Engagement Committee does not directly involve itself in political matters.

As a result of this discussion and clarification provided, the following Provincial A.G.M. Resolution motions:

MOTION: That the proposed Resolution to amend the Provincial Handbook - 2. By-Laws, Provincial Committees, Networks, Workgroups, Project Teams and Task Forces - 2.79 (page 26) be amended by the addition of a new section to read: “political advisory committee”, be supported as presented.

Michele MacDonald
Wade Tower

Carried.

MOTION: That the proposed Resolution to amend the Provincial Handbook - 4. Procedures - Duties of Standing Committees - Member Engagement Committee - 4.197 (page 92) be amended by deletion and substitution of:

Political Advisory Committee

to promote Association positions and interests at political party conventions and other political events;
to advise and assist unit in their local political action and labour council activities;
to advise the provincial executive and membership of the political issues at the municipal, provincial and federal levels that affect Catholic education and to suggest strategies to influence the course of these issues.

be supported as presented.

Terry Beaumont
Anne O’Neill Bradt

Carried.

Questions were asked regarding the Action Directive resolution and the need to have it considered. There currently is no upper heat limit for classrooms included in the Occupational Health and Safety Act that specifically addresses upper heat limits in classrooms.

The following motion was presented for this resolution:

MOTION: That the proposed Resolution to amend the Provincial Handbook - 5. Action Directives (page 96) be amended by addition of:

That the Association lobby the Ministry of Labour to include extreme and excessive heat as a workplace hazard, when the temperature in an Elementary school or High school building reaches 32 degrees Celsius or hotter during the school day.

be supported as presented.

Dino Zorzi
Steven Zawacki

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no other new business presented.

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ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: That the Secondary Unit General Meeting be adjourned at 5:05 p.m.
Greg Quinn
Michele MacDonald
Carried.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019
A.G.M. Delegates/Resolutions
Unit Office, Barrie
4:30 p.m.