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ELEMENTARY UNIT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

DATE: Monday, May 13, 2019

LOCATION: Liberty North Event Centre, Barrie

CALL TO ORDER:

The Elementary Unit Annual General Meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. with the reading of the OECTA Prayer and Pledge and the Aboriginal Acknowledgement.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: That the Agenda for the May 13, 2019 Elementary Unit Annual General Meeting be approved.

Tina-Marie Lockyer

Trina Feetham

Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: That the Minutes of the March 5, 2019 Elementary Unit General Meeting be approved.

Trina Feetham

Joe Martone

Carried.

REPORTS:

The Elections Chair, Joe Martone, provided members in attendance with an outline of the positions that will be open for elections at the meeting. The positions of First and Second Vice Presidents and Recording Secretary all received one nomination prior to the meeting. The position of Councillor, which allows for a maximum of four members, received five nominations. Each position will be given the opportunity to receive nominations from the floor and the Chair will ask three times for nominations. The elections for Executive positions will be held between reports in case ballots need to be counted. The first position for election is the First Vice-President. Nominations from the floor were asked three times. No further nominations were presented therefore, Shannon McGlynn was acclaimed.

The President, Kent MacDonald, reviewed information that was included with his report detailing staffing; attendance management and Fit for Duty.

The Elections Chair began the process for the election for the position of Second Vice-President by asking three times for nominations from the floor. As no other nominations were received, Rita Borgogelli was acclaimed.

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The Collective Bargaining Committee report which was included in the Agenda, was reviewed by Shannon McGlynn, Chair of the Collective Bargaining Committee. He noted that all wage increases will have been completed by August 31st.

The Elections Chair opened the floor for nominations for the position of Recording Secretary. After asking three times for further nominations, Kevin McCracken was declared acclaimed.

The Treasurer, Josh Goodeill, reviewed the budget report to date. No questions were asked of the report.

The approval of the Unit Levy for 2019-2020 was presented. A question was asked about increasing the fee to \$10.00 per pay. Another question was asked about whether having less teachers mean that an increase is needed. The President, First Vice-President and Treasurer all agreed that the fee should remain \$6.00. After the debate, the following motion was presented:

MOTION: That the Unit Levy for the 2019-2020 school year be set at \$6.00 per pay.

Trina Feetham
Kathleen Holden

Carried.

The Elections Chair began the process for the nominations for the positions of Councillor. Those in attendance were provided three opportunities to support nominations from the floor. No further nominations were received for the position of Councillor. Each of the five candidates was provided the opportunity to speak to those in attendance. Ballots were handed out with the five names listed and members were asked to select up to four of the candidates on the list. Once voting was complete, the ballots were collected for counting.

The Meeting continued with a review of the Human Rights Committee report which was included with the Agenda.

The results of the voting for the position of Councillor were provided and Trina Feetham, Kelley Nelson, Sara Vause and Karen Wilson were declared elected.

The Elections Chair provided information regarding the election process for the position of Designated Occasional Teacher Representative. He indicated that only Occasional Teachers were eligible to run for this position and only Occasional Teachers are eligible to vote for this position. He asked the Occasional Teachers in attendance for further nominations from the floor. John Romanow indicated he would like to run for the position. Ballots were handed out the Occasional Teachers present. Once completed, they were collected for counting.

The results of the election for Designated Occasional Teacher Representative was totalled and Brent Hamelin was declared elected.

Once all ballots were counted and recorded, the following motion was presented to destroy the ballots:

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MOTION: That the 2019-2020 Elementary Executive election ballots be destroyed.

Brent Hamelin
Bev Hostyn

Carried.

The Elementary Unit Executive for 2019-2020 will be:

Kent MacDonald, President
Joe Martone, Immediate Past-President
Shannon McGlynn, First Vice-President
Rita Borgogelli, Second Vice-President
Josh Goodeill, Treasurer
Kevin McCracken, Recording Secretary
Trina Feetham, Councillor
Kelley Nelson, Councillor
Sara Vause, Councillor
Karen Wilson, Councillor
Brent Hamelin, Designated Occasional Teacher Representative

The Legislation Committee provided extensive Unit By-Law revisions to the membership prior to the Annual General Meeting. Most of the changes were as a result of the resolutions which were passed at the Provincial Annual General Meeting relating to the Occasional Teachers Bargaining Unit. Provincial Office also requested that the Unit By-Laws were updated by moving the TBU section back into the general Unit By-Laws. Given there are so many changes, the following motion was presented to move them 'en bloc':

MOTION: That the Elementary Unit By-Law revisions be moved 'en bloc'.

Kevin McCracken
Josh Goodeill

Carried.

After the members in attendance were provided the opportunity to ask questions about the changes, the following motion was presented to approve the by-laws:

MOTION: That the 2019-2020 Elementary Unit By-Law revisions be approved as presented.

Lisa Diessel
Tina-Marie Lockyer

Carried.

A copy of the Professional Development Committee report was included with the Agenda. The reported provided details regarding P.D. sessions that were sponsored by the Unit over the year as well as upcoming P.D. Day activities for the 2019-2020 school year.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no other new business presented.

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ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: That the Elementary Unit Annual General Meeting be adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Trina Feetham
Heidi Lemanczyk

Carried.