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E.T.F.O. Durham PAC Meeting

February 19, 2013

Present: Pamela Downward, Gerard O'Neill, Mark Sturman, Bev Fiddler, Andres Musta, Barb Haynes, Mary Fowler, Cheryl Fleury-Eekma, Jennifer French, Neil Redknapp

Regrets: Sirkku Meldrum

1. Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 4:35.

The ETFO Human Rights Officer for this meeting is Mark Sturman.

2. Previous Minutes:

The minutes from the PAC meeting on January 15, 2013 will be presented at the next meeting.

3. New Business:

What's Next For PAC?

We discussed as a committee where we want to go from here. We are going to look at broadening our horizons and diversifying our political action so that we are not just attending protests with signs. We will brainstorm at our next meeting how we can creatively communicate our message. 2 ideas that came up were writing letters to the editors of newspapers as well as having a poetry slam.

EduAction Bulletins

PAC has decided to keep the EduAction name since it is a familiar name with our members. We discussed the idea of meeting one week, then having the next week as a planning session for what could be included in the EduAction bulletin we send out. In addition to having information on upcoming political action, the bulletin could also include links to recent political news, links to sound clips and videos, a list of upcoming PAC meeting dates and a list of upcoming Durham Region Labour Council meeting dates.

We feel as a committee that we need to continue some form of information publication to keep members engaged and informed. We will try for one publication per month for the remainder of the school year. PAC will meet again on March 5th. We will bring items that could be included in our first bulletin to that meeting. Our meeting on March 5th will also be dedicated to Jennifer and Andres sharing their report on the culmination of their ETFO Durham Local EduAction Campaign.

Buses To Trillium Lakelands DSB February 26th

Durham ETFO members are standing together with our brothers and sisters from the ETFO Trillium Lakelands Local and the ETFO Upper Canada Local. We will be protesting outside the TLDSB office on February 26th as the TLDSB holds their board meeting.

4. Other:

Right To Work Conference

On Saturday, March 2nd, there is a day-long conference being held at the Allstream Centre at Exhibition Place in Toronto. The conference runs from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. Registration is \$50 and interested members can register on the Toronto & York Region Labour Council website.

5. Adjournment:

Motion #1

Moved by: Neil Redknap  
Seconded by: Mary Fowler

That the meeting be adjourned at 5:45. CARRIED

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