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● **Durham Local** ●

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E.T.F.O. Durham PAC Meeting

March 19, 2013

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

Regrets: Sirkku Meldrum, Mark Sturman

1. Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 4:39.

The ETFO Human Rights Officer for this meeting is Andres Musta.

2. Previous Minutes:

The minutes from the PAC meetings on January 15, 2013 and February 19, 2013 were presented.

Motion #1

Moved by: Mary Fowler
Seconded by: Cheryl Fleury-Eekma

That the minutes from the PAC meeting on January 15, 2013 be approved. CARRIED

Motion #2

Moved by: Cheryl Fleury-Eekma
Seconded by: Barb Haynes

That the minutes from the PAC meeting on February 19, 2013 be approved. CARRIED

3. Business Arising From The Minutes:

School Board Trustee Social

We discussed arranging a guest speaker for the social who would have a common viewpoint between the trustees and our local (e.g., the need for strong, democratic, local school boards). Since Education Week is in May, we are going to try and set the social up for that month. At our next PAC meeting, we will brainstorm a list of possible guest speakers that we could contact.

Friday Protests At MPP Offices

In April, ETFO Durham is going to be protesting at the offices of Conservative MPPs around Durham Region. On Tuesday, March 26 at 4:00 pm, we will meet at our local to make signs that are based on what the Conservative party is proposing to do should they be elected. The Friday protests will be a joint effort

between members of ETFO, OSSTF, CUPE as well as other unions across the labour movement. Since there is a stewards council meeting next Wednesday, this will be a good opportunity to let stewards know of our planned protest dates and locations so that they can take this information back to our members at their schools:

April 5, 2013: Christine Elliott, MPP for Whitby-Oshawa, 114 Dundas Street East, Whitby

April 12, 2013: John O'Toole, MPP for Durham, 75 King Street East, Bowmanville

April 19, 2013: Jerry Ouellette, MPP for Oshawa, 170 Athol Street East, Oshawa

All 3 protests this month will be from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. We will plan our next set of protest dates at our next PAC meeting.

4. New Business:

Durham Region Labour Council

Durham ETFO has 18 delegate seats at DRLC meetings. We need to send our list of delegates to the DRLC. We will also generate a list of alternate names so that we can make sure our voting spots are filled.

5. Other:

Right To Work Conference

The DRLC sponsored Jennifer and Debbie to go to the Right To Work Conference put on by the Toronto & York Region Labour Council. The conference was held on Saturday, March 2, 2013 at the Allstream Centre at Exhibition Place in Toronto. Jennifer shared documents and handouts from the conference as well as 2 reports from the OFL, The Rising Of Us All and Working For Less. These 2 reports document the role of unions in creating equality as well as the impact of losing the Rand Formula.

6. Adjournment:

Motion #3

Moved by: Pamela Downward

Seconded by: Andres Musta

That the meeting be adjourned at 5:50. CARRIED

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