



Executive Committee Meeting

February 5, 2016

Elgin Room - New Street Ed office

3250 New Street, Burlington, ON

9:00 - 2:00pm

Present: Dario Rossit, Kevin Shea, Cheryl Lovell, Sergio Borghesi, Karen Linehan-Caulfield, Bob Corney Cheryl Lovell, Dan Crabbe, Ron Aimola, Jeff Piro

Regrets: Dave Graves, Bob Fularski, Carol Rossit, Sue Phillips, Roy Smith, Wade Richardson, Tim Martens

1. Welcome, Celebrations, Introductions, Notices

Kevin

Kevin Shea reported 200 Grade 8 OCDSB participated in a Science & Technology workshop using syringes and tubing to construct and test a hydraulic lift.

Karen Linehan-Caulfield reported that Grade 7 & 8 go through Secondary Schools, 90 minute blocks-as part of a Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board initiative.

2. Approval of Minutes – December 3, 2015

Kevin

Motion: Cheryl

Second: Karen

All in favor

3. Business Arising from the last meeting/minutes

Kevin

Technical Teacher training information was sent out in December to Teacher Federations

4. OCTE Conference - Workshop and Vendor updates

Kevin/Wade

Photographer - photos

ACTION ITEM: Dario to contact last year's photographer to see if interested in photoshoot for this year's conference

Conference report February 5 2016-Dave Graves

Conference quick reference and program session descriptions are up on the web site for both elementary and secondary. 45 secondary sessions confirmed with 3 I am holding for people that still have not sent me the presentation descriptions. Roy Smith has confirmed he will be sending 2 presentations from the board leads shortly so one left

Only 14 registrations for the conference at this time. I think that dollars may be short this year due to board cut backs (no strike action but money cutbacks). I know Halton has told people at this time they have to try and find their own resources if they wish to attend the conference (40 participants from Halton last year). We may have to work harder promoting the conference this year.

Web site showing one series of elementary sessions but I have 3 rooms to run a second set if numbers warrant it. I have to cancel the second set of rooms 30 days prior to the conference.

27 vendors paid and Wade has sent out reminders to past attendees to get their applications in as the space is limited

Sent out emails to all session participants Early January and have not received any cancellations so this is good.

Have asked Sue to send out the Elementary Quick Reference and program descriptions to the elementary chat conference and to other board elementary contacts and ask them to post the material in their sites hopefully to drum up more elementary registrations.

People start looking at who you will invite to Fern this June 10, 11, and 12. Please remind them that they must commit to attending the whole 3 days Friday dinner till Sunday lunch as it costs us just over \$300.00 for each attendee. (Sergio has already submitted his group)

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5. Board Leads Update

Roy/Dave F.

Next Week (February 8-12, 2016) , Board Leads are meeting in Niagara Falls. ACTION ITEM: Kevin Shea to call in to meeting. Roy Smith-We have a Board Leads meeting next week Thursday Feb 11, agenda items include: overview of the DSBN's Walker Living Campus Outdoor Education Centre, updates from past meetings, roundtable discussions for topics and successes, Pre-Service Education program update, Ministry of Labour representative discussion, leadership and promotion of Technological Education, OCTE / membership and Conference discussions.

We have 2 speakers confirmed for the Board Leads OCTE Conference presentation, those names and description have been sent to Dave Graves

6. Treasurer's Report - Discussion

Kevin/Dario

Treasurer's Report Bank Balance \$143,382.42 and we have \$100,000.00 invested in GIC's which we have made \$74 to date.

7. TECO Update

Technology Education Consortium of Ontario

Kevin

Brock University Technical Teacher training (new program starting 2017)
<http://brocku.ca/education/futurestudents/consecutiveteched>

8. 2016 Summit on Talent and Skills Bob Fularski)

Kevin (on behalf of

Summit 2016 – I would like to speak to this in March as there were a lot of important people there including the Premier, Education Minister, MTCU Minister, a number of CEOs from large industry, etc. I'm guessing there were probably close to 300 people there. Once again they are "brainstorming" for ways where all parties involved in education can collaborate and come up with some good strategies. Also it was mentioned numerous times about learners taking initiative for their own learning. It was a good day and I was glad our organization was involved

9. OCTE Executive structure – Board of Directors

Kevin-Bob Corney

Changes have been made and document will eventually go to Sergio, to be forwarded to Yolanda for posting and suggest the 2015 document be left on website as well, so members can compare changes.

Website Responsibilities

Kevin

All Executive Members should check their area for up to date information on the Web Site and advise Sergio of any changes.

10. New MOE Proposal - OCTE Best Practices

Karen

60 video/Lesson Plan for resources almost completed. Target date for release is end of February. Only 10 videos were funded by Ministry. The other 50 were funded strictly by OCTE. Should we have a locked/password entry for those 50 videos? Sergio suggested that lengthy discussion at Fern on how to set this up. **ACTION ITEM: Kevin to contact Mario to discuss how to upload and protect videos with password/firewall.**

11. OTF Summer Workshop Proposal

Kevin (Paul Fraser)

Is OCTE interested in offering, putting a proposal forward to offer this. Could be three day workshop, various models. Asking Paul for additional information. OTF Forum is this weekend and Peter Beens suggested Yolanda to attend. Yolanda has agreed to attend and will report back for next OCTE Meeting.

12. Membership and Conference registration up-date

Carol

I apologize that I cannot attend the February 5th meeting due to family obligations.

In my stead, I have attached the OCTE Board Affiliation and Registration Recap spreadsheets for your perusal. Our Membership is down considerably from last year as is Affiliation. Last year at this time we had 26 Board affiliations as compared to this year's 18. Please see Recap for membership comparisons.

On January 26th I sent out membership recap spreadsheets to all affiliated OCTE Board Leads advising the OCTE Board Membership Affiliation registrations to date. Since that time we have had 80 new registration. I will continue to do this periodically in the future in hopes of increasing membership.

There is a note that as at January 26th we had 5 boards that had affiliated and did not have any members registered. Currently there is one board in this situation. I believe ongoing communication is key to our success.

Please advise if there is further information that you require.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and again I apologize for my absence.

Regards,

Carol Rossit

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13. Report of Committees

I. Communications

Sergio

Website:

- ♣ all recent requests have been completed
- ♣ the full presentation descriptions have been posted
- ♣ a reminder to check your specific division content to ensure the web site is up-to-date

Publications:

- ♣ the publication team has decided to concentrate on the conference newsletter only at this point. There was intent to create a Winter newsletter but the thinking was that we would not be able to get enough articles for both. A bigger and better conference newsletters would have a better impact when packaged within the conference bag
- ♣ please submit articles as soon as possible. Although we are in the early stages of development, we would appreciate submissions now to ensure the creation of an informative newsletter in time for the conference
- ♣ work on the conference program guide has begun now that most conference presentations are confirmed,

Social Media

- ♣ we've had some minor twitter account problems but they have been quickly resolved
- ♣ we are currently working on ideas to increase communication (and traffic) among our Twitter followers. Ideas include a contest/challenge similar to what our curriculum group initiated.....e.g. share your best projects, creative ways to promote program, successful community project, post a picture of your active classroom, share what you love about teaching technology, etc
- ♣ The GoogleGroups and Constant Contact continue to be a great sources through which we communicate to our membership and tech stakeholders

Marketing

- ♣ the advertisement initiative is well under way
- ♣ as mentioned at our last meeting, we are reaching out to anyone interested in advertising in our 2016 conference program guide
- ♣ will start with sending out to our current and past vendor.....promote through our social media network
- ♣ a promotional notification is complete.....currently working on a final list of vendors to send out to
- ♣ we are hoping to send out our first notice at some time next week

II. Human Resources

Susan

Membership

Awards

Dave

ACTION LIST:Kevin to follow up on Google Nomination form to ensure only awards committee (Cheryl Lovell, Dave Cianfrini) get nominations when "Send" or "Submit" icon is clicked.

III. Curriculum

Karen

Curriculum Report:

-Erin continues to produce the ISLLP videos and sends updates on a regular basis.

- we have been asked (executive) to approve the "toolsafe" logo that will be tagged at the bottom of all videos along with the blurb down below:

Produced by OCTE (Ontario Council for Technology Education – 2016)

- we are also looking at posting the following blurb on the website AFTER we have decided where the videos will be posted on the website Coming Soon! There's a new OCTE toolSAFE video series resource linked with NEW, extensive, teacher created safety training resources and the SafetyNET. Come back at Conference 2016 for the launch of this amazing new material. It's a benefit for you being an OCTE Member our latest proposal has been accepted by the MOE (after some changes were made per Maureen) in the amount of \$75,190.00. Kevin and I will put together a blurb for the website and prepare the application for a project manager and writers

ACTION ITEM: Karen to Respond to Bob Emptage with regards to e-Learning

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OCTE Safety Lesson Update

Karen

Karen-Erin organized entire schedule for videos and videotaped the lessons. Has sent pictures of students and sites so far. Has had some difficulty getting signatures for release (students), teachers getting release time. Erin is using her fee to cover teacher supply coverage. **ACTION ITEM: Bob Fularski to release remainder of funds to Erin for producing remaining videos.** Erin is asking what message to finish Video with. Suggestion VIDEO PRODUCED BY OCTE (ONTARIO COUNCIL FOR TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION)

PD
Health and Safety

Bob
Wayne/Karen

IV. Elementary (STAO)

Cheryl-Sue

Elementary Committee Report February 5, 2016

- the date for the elementary planning weekend has been changed due to report card writing challenges; it will now take place on Saturday, March 5th; the location has not been confirmed as yet as we are trying to save the fees that New Street Education Centre would now be charging (since Ron is now retired and does not have the same access as before)
- I have been in contact with Sheila Rhodes, from STAO, to help set up her members with our members so that we can do the team planning for the conference on that Saturday in March – she should have the names to me shortly (she has given me some possibilities but has not confirmed all as yet)
- There is the possibility that she may be able to fund the teachers that are part of their Ministry of Education grant to attend our conference but she has not yet confirmed – this will add to our numbers in all three divisions
- I have forwarded Dave Graves the contact information that he needed for the AWIM and Engineers in Residence for the conference
- Dave Cianfrini has the awards nominations forms all done (Google forms so that they can be completed on line)
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Proposal by Cheryl Lovell: Elementary Committee is asking for funding (up to \$500) to cover room rental for March 5th Elementary meeting. Seconded by Sergio. All in Favor

14. New Business

Dan Crabbe, Ron Aimola -OYAP Coordinators- What can OYAP do for the Conference? Is it possible to have an area for a OYAP Booth? Yes-Hallway at the Hilton Meadowvale in Mississauga across from the Vendors area. **ACTION ITEM: Is it possible to have a workshop session available for OYAP Coordinators? Dave Graves to respond**

Partnership with OCTE. Would like to partner with us sharing resources, ideas

What is OCTE's role in advocating for Tech Teachers for renewal funds in Secondary and Elementary schools?

Cheryl Lovell provided receipt for Ronald McDonald House London, requesting reimbursement for \$100 made on behalf of Bob Fularski's mother

OCEA-Jeff Piro speaking about, Debra Tackaberry who took over for Sue Boychuk and sitting in on GTACEA meetings, John VanderDolen, Director of Prevention services, has been tasked with Construction fatalities and working closely with OCEA to develop resources for COOP teachers and students. OCEA Conference is scheduled for April 24-26th Ottawa, Ontario. Ministry will unpack new resources related to Co-op and Experiential Learning

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Press Releases

York U's Tech Ed program receives major provincial ministry grant for expansion

December 15, 2015

TORONTO, December 15, 2015 — York University's Faculty of Education is developing an enhanced Bachelor of Education in Technological Education program through a \$444,218 grant over two years from the Ontario government's Technological Teacher Education Collaborative Initiatives Fund.

Students from partnering universities and colleges will have increased access to the enhanced program. It will also offer a flexible learning environment for those who are in the workforce and wish to become teachers in this field.

"We are delighted with the provincial government's investment into expanding the B.Ed. in Technological Education," says Ron Owston, Dean of the Faculty of Education. "The grant will allow us to address key issues such as meeting the demand for quality teachers and developing innovating ways to educate future technological education teachers."

According to a recent survey of school boards by the Council of Directors of Education (CODE), about 50 per cent of technological education teachers would be eligible to retire within the next five to 10 years.

As part of the Sustainable and Enhanced Bachelor of Education Program in Technological Education initiative, part-time offerings, greater access for Aboriginal students, instruction in the French language, courses based on geographical need, and online courses will be prioritized.

"We are pleased to be able to support this innovative program, which will train the next generation of Ontario's technological education teachers. Our province's public education system is recognized as one of the best in the world and that is due in large part to the quality of graduates from our teacher education programs," says Reza Moridi, Ontario Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities.

"Our goal is to equip graduates with the latest in learning skills and knowledge that include strategies to improve student critical thinking skills, literacy and numeracy levels and to strive to create the best educators in technological education in the province," says Project Coordinator Robert Wager. "This funding from the province will help us to build on our successful concurrent and consecutive B.Ed. in Tech Ed and to ultimately pilot a new model."

The Ontario College of Trades, College Boreal, Skills Canada, University of Guelph@Humber, Ryerson University, George Brown, Seneca, Humber and Centennial Colleges will be among the postsecondary education institutions that will be consulted for input and suggestions for this initiative, led by the office of Academic Programs, Faculty of Education.

Any new program pathways developed through the initiative will be introduced in the 2017-2018 academic year.

York University is known for championing new ways of thinking that drive teaching and research excellence. Our 52,000 students receive the education they need to create big ideas that make an impact on the world. Meaningful and sometimes unexpected careers result from cross-discipline programming, innovative course design and diverse experiential learning opportunities. York students and graduates push limits, achieve goals and find solutions to the world's most pressing social challenges, empowered by a strong community that opens minds. York U is an internationally recognized research university – our 11 faculties and 24 research centres have partnerships with 200+ leading universities worldwide.

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There are no jobs for new teachers in Ontario, right?

Think again. The next few years could see a startling undersupply of tech-ed teachers – you know, shop, auto, computers, machinery, food, health, hospitality and more.

"Thinking again" is what the Ministry of Trades, Colleges and Universities has been doing, through a Hamilton-based planning team. Rethinking the place of tech, not only in the schools, but in the training of teachers.

The launching of a new 16-month (uninterrupted) tech teacher preparation program was announced Thursday at Brock University's Hamilton campus. It's good news – for both prospective teachers and those with an interest and experience in the trades and other areas of applied competence.

The program, formulated by the Technological Education Consortium of Ontario, begins January 2017; applications are being accepted this March.

Says Bob Moulton: "Despite the indication in the news that there is an oversupply of graduating teachers, this is not the case for certified, qualified technological education teachers."

It's projected that Ontario schools will lose three out of seven of their tech teachers in the next three to five years, says Bob, a retired Hamilton tech teacher, now coordinator of the new program.

"Some 50 per cent of tech teachers in Ontario are eligible to retire in the next several years," adds Tony DiPetta, team leader of the TECO group that has been developing the program.

"There's going to be a shortage."

The new "extended" technical teacher education program, being offered only through Brock's Hamilton campus, will produce fresh cohorts of certified, qualified tech-ed teachers to meet the need, a need caused partly by the closing of tech-ed programs by many Ontario faculties of education in recent years.

It's tailored to candidates with experience in the trades, for which they'll be given credit. Certification as a plumber, for instance, will be counted – as equivalent to post-secondary education – toward admissibility.

"What's innovative about the program is that students will come here (to the campus) for five weeks, then go home where they can do e-learning and online learning in the evenings and weekends," says Bob.

While the program is being offered only at the Hamilton campus, for now, it should draw candidates from all over, as the teaching block components of the curriculum (actual experience in a school environment) can be done wherever the candidate calls home.

This allows candidates to continue working while qualifying as secondary school tech teachers. Moreover, says Tony, while the program is based in Hamilton, it features partnerships with Queen's, University of Windsor and several community colleges, so there's flexibility around where candidates pick up classes.

Bob, Tony and the team have been researching the program and find that there's a growing curiosity about and receptivity to "trades" education in high school, especially as trades people become more in demand in the economy.

"Back in the day," says Bob, "if you asked parents, they all said they'd like their kids to go on to university." Now, some boards are seeing huge turnouts for tech-ed parent-teacher nights, says Tony. "Interest in tech ed is doing really well."

It's doing very well among females, he adds. Women are still under-represented in the trades; but in tech class, not so much.

One of TECO's recruitment ambassadors is Ivana Galante, who did tech ed at Brock while working in precision machinery. Another is the colourful Jeff White, a restaurateur, who now teaches in Oakville.

The new initiative reintroduces tech education to Brock's faculty of education; it had been discontinued two years ago because of the introduction of the two-year program and reduced allotments from the province. Some education faculties, like University of Toronto's, still have no tech-ed program.

At the announcement of the program Thursday, the TECO group recognized the generosity of UA Local 67 in supporting the tech-ed program.

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