

**Ontario English Catholic Teachers
Association
Halton Unit**



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**ETFO Credit Course
Executive Meeting Minutes #3**

“ Building Communication & Teamwork In The Classroom ”

An ETFO Credit Course Opportunity Please Note :
This course is the REVISED Edition of “ Project T.E.A.C.H. ” .
If you already received credit for “ Project T.E.A.C.H. ” ,
you CANNOT receive credit for this course.

This course equips experienced and beginning Teachers with the strategies necessary to foster an emotionally engaging, supportive classroom where students are connected to school, to learning, and to improved relationships with Teachers and their peers. The course will help Teachers to:

- * LEARN the best methods for CONNECTING WITH STUDENTS
- * MASTER POSITIVE COMMUNICATION SKILLS
- * USE TEAM BUILDING to CREATE a POSITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT
- * DECREASE DISRUPTIONS by using NONCONFRONTATIONAL STRATEGIES
- * CREATE an “ EMOTIONALLY SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT ”

Practical Skill Based Activities

Accepted by QECO and OECTA Certification for Salary / Category Upgrading

Course Fees are Tax Deductible. Income Tax receipt for course fee will be issued.

Funding *may* be available from your local Federation depending on it's criteria.

Money Now Money For Life MAXIMIZE YOUR PENSION

This will be as “ *Stress-Free* ” as I can possibly make it !!!!

Instructor : Murray M. Mulligan

WHEN : Fridays Jan. 16 & Jan. 23 4:15 – 9:15

Saturdays Jan. 17 & Jan. 24 8:30 - 4:30

Sundays Jan. 18 & Jan. 25 8:30 – 1:30

LOCATION : ETFO Office, 4475 North Service Rd., Burlington, ON L7L 4X7

**COST : \$ 475.00 for Credit \$ 350.00 for Professional Growth
(Plus : a \$ 10.00 Paper/Photocopy/Resource Fee)**

QUESTIONS/ or TO REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT :

Murray M. Mulligan
Phone 905 - 735 - 0607
Email “ mulligan@vaxxine.com ”

To : Federation Reps / Teachers

From : Murray M. Mulligan

On the other side of this sheet, please find a copy of the larger flyer that is attached, concerning an up - coming course that I will be teaching in the area. Would you be so kind as to bring it to the attention of your Staff by :

- * POSTING the large flyer ABOVE THE PHOTOCOPIER**
- * GIVING a copy of this small sheet to any interested staff**
- * MENTIONING this at your next Staff Meeting**
..... especially the information below which outlines the benefits of taking this course (and other ETFO Credit Courses)

ETFO CREDIT COURSES

WHY SHOULD YOU TAKE THESE ?

- 1. Each course is recognized by QECO & OECTA as a “ *half - credit* ” towards moving up a Salary / Category level. (Because each Teacher’s qualifications are different, you should check with QECO or OECTA to ensure this course will be approved for your particular file. This can take awhile inquire early.)**
- 2. Each level you move up will INCREASE YOUR CURRENT PAY from that point on in your career. As well, this will GREATLY INCREASE YOUR PENSION. This is an INVESTMENT of your time and money that is 100 % GUARANTEED to pay off in the end.**
- 3. Upon successful completion of a course, a half-credit will be issued by Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, which can go towards a CATEGORY / SALARY LEVEL RAISE.**
- 4. These courses are PRACTICAL in nature . Work in class is done in pairs, triads, or small groups and can be used immediately in your own classroom.**
- 5. ETFO Credit Courses are the most practical, most convenient, and far and the easiest way to go from one QECO / Salary level to the next.**
- 6. The few take home assignments are directly related to your classroom.**
- 7. I will do my best to make this course as “ *stress – free* ” as I can. Check with Any of your colleagues who have ever taken one of my courses.**
- 8. You may be eligible for funding by your Federation, depending, of course, on your local guidelines.**
- 9. Income Tax receipts for the Course fee will be issued.**

EXECUTIVE MEETING #3

DATE: Thursday, October 30, 2008
TIME: 4:30 p.m.
WHERE: O.E.C.T.A. Halton Elementary Unit Office

MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Brock	Vendy Volak-McLaughlin
Amber McGoldrick	John Fuca
Nina March	Catherine Ross
Michelle Bernal	Alyson Kirkwood
Roberta Maggio	Mary Jean Monte
Betty Vrooman	Penny Hambly

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED

Mary Anne MacDonald	Dana Hanson
Lori Ciolek	Alicia Nunn-DeLuca
Debbie Tolan	Tara Hambly-Van Elsacker
Fred Springer	Bob Boyle
Brian MacDonald	

1. OPENING PRAYER & PLEDGE: Richard Brock
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Motion #24: That the Agenda for Executive Meeting #3, Thursday, October 30, 2008 be approved.

Moved by: Catherine Ross
Seconded by: Amber McGoldrick - carried
3. Approval of Minutes:
Motion #25: That the Minutes of Executive Meeting #2, October 2, 2008 be approved.

Moved by: John Fuca
Seconded by: Vendy Volak-McLaughlin - carried –
- c) Business Arising from Minutes:
 - No report
4. CORRESPONDENCE:
 - a) IN:
 - No report
 - b) OUT:
 - No report
 - c) BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:
 - No report
5. COMMITTEE REPORTS (UNIT PORTION):
 - A) Standing Committees
 1. Finance: Dana Hanson
 - Handout
 2. Professional Development: Richard Brock
 - No report

3. **Individual P.D. Fund:** Richard Brock
 - Paying for six (6) to attend “When Faith Meets Pedagogy” and “Reading For the Love of It” instead of three (3) as is our practice.
4. **Young Authors’ Awards:** R. Brock/M.A. MacDonald
 - Documents have been sent to the schools.
5. **Association Day 2009:** D. Tolan/R. Brock
 - Plans are in motion and going smoothly.
 - The next meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2008.
6. **Summer Program** Richard Brock
 - No report
7. **Social:** Lori Ciolek
 - Casino Rama on October 17, 2008 was cancelled.
 - Floor Hockey is scheduled for Friday, November 21, 2008.
8. **Political Action** John Fuca
 - Federal Election is over.
 - OECTA is getting together in Toronto on November 5, 2008 for a ‘Lobby Day.’
9. **Web-site:** R. Brock/F. Springer
 - The web-site is current and up to date.
10. **Pension:** V. Volak-McLaughlin
 - The Pension Workshop was held on October 14, 2008.
 - Advise to the membership: Teachers should attend the workshop if they are within two years of retiring.
 - January 28, 2009 is a Pension Workshop at St. Dominic’s regarding upcoming changes to the teacher’s pension.
 - Marshall Jarvis, OECTA Provincial, is the guest speaker.
 - The Unit Executive is advised to attend as well.
11. **E.A.P.:** Richard Brock
 - No report
12. **Wellness:** Richard Brock
 - No report
13. **Educator’s Award:** R. Brock/A. Nunn
 - No report
14. **Legislation/Legal:** R. Brock/B. Boyle
 - Three (3) Resolutions for A.G.M. 2009 to go to General Meeting #2 on November 20, 2008:
 1. Secret Ballot vs. show of hands
 2. O.T.: 50% of June 30 and insert “the” (inconsistent)
 3. O.T.: Increase regional regions to 6 from 4
15. **Communications:** Richard Brock
 - Halton Hilites #3 is in the schools.
 - News release #6 is in the schools.
 - C.B.C. Flyer #7 is in the schools.
 - FaxGram #12 is in the schools.
 - FaxAgenda #3 is in the schools.

- **AWARE** #1 is in the schools.
- **Communique** #1 is in the schools.
- **P.A.C.** #0 is in the schools.
- **O.T. Info** #3 is in the schools.

16. **Retirement Club:** Penny Hambly
- Wellness Meeting for retirees is to be held on November 20, 2008 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Unit Office.
 - Dr. Sparrow and Carol Kent are guest speakers.
17. **Occasional Teachers:** Michelle Bernal
- Ratification Meeting was held on October 15, 2008 and it was approved by 97%.
 - L.T.O.'s retro pay will be on the November 12th pay and new grid.
 - Casual Occasional teachers will get new pay on November 3, 2008.

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS (BARGAINING UNIT PORTION):**

1. **Negotiations:** Richard Brock
- Teachers ratified on October 20, 2008 at 98% approval.
2. **Grievance:** Richard Brock
- No report
3. **Managed Health Care:** Richard Brock
- Manual lymph drainage was approved as an isolated case
4. **L.T.D.** R. Brock/C. Campbell
- No pending cases.
 - Various stages of returning to work.
5. **Health & Safety** R. Brock/D. Chapman
- No report
6. **S.A.C.** Richard Brock
- No report
7. **Labour Management:** V. Volak-McLaughlin
- C.B.C. Flyer #6 – must see.
 - **Issues:**
 - Literacy & Numeracy Secretariat Plan.
 - Consultants are not to do role of Co-ordinator.

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A) 2009 Beginning Teacher Conference on February 19 – 21st.
- Michelle Bernal
 - Lisa Davis
 - Melissa Lance
 - Erica Lopes
 - Laura Piccinin
 - Evonne Quintal

Motion #27: To approve the 2009 Beginning Teacher Conference Delegates.

Mover: Nina March
 Secunder: Mary Jean Monte

- carried -

- B) The Executive Unit Mass will be held on Thursday, December 11, 2008.

C) The Executive Christmas Dinner is to be held on Thursday, December 18, 2008.

7. **OFFICER'S REPORT:**

No report

8. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

A) Vendy Volak-McLaughlin and Dana Hanson to attend the "Women Abuse" conference in November.

B) **Board Improvement Plan (B.I.P.):**

- Vendy attended the one hour long meeting with introductions and questions – do you feel the B.I.P. was sifting down to teachers?
- Principal must steer ship with B.I.P. and S.I.P. and get up to speed fast.

9. **OPEN/OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Teacher Manuals, such as Religion – (Fully Alive We Belong) should be in every class! We are a Catholic School and is taught everyday and should not be shared.
- Correspondence Character Development and Virtuous Life – distributed for all to read.

10. **MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Motion #28: That Executive Meeting #3 be adjourned.

Moved by: Nina March
Seconded by: Alyson Kirkwood

- carried -