



THE ONTARIO FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS, INC.

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2023

**OFHSA
ANNUAL MEETING
MINUTES**

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Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations
2023 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
April 29th 2023 – 10 a.m. - Online Meeting

Quorum was present with 14 members.

Bylaw - Article XVI, 2: The quorum for the Annual Meeting shall be based on the total potential vote, and 5% (five percent) of this potential vote shall constitute the quorum.

Total potential vote based on paid members in Associations in good standing at Dec 31st (2631 members for 2022); potential votes being 84. Therefore 5% = 4 voting delegates to meet quorum.

Prior to the call to order, meeting norms were reviewed.

1. Welcome and call to order:

This meeting was called to order. 10:01 a.m.

We would like to begin our meeting by acknowledging the "traditional territories" of the aboriginal nations in which the Associations operate.

Chair of the Meeting – N. Raymond , President welcomed all delegates to the 2023 OFHSA Annual Meeting.

Members please change your sign in name to be your First Name/Last Name/Association, all together on one line.

2. Appointment of duties for the Annual Meeting:

Executive Secretary, Angela Murchie: GoTo Meeting host and on-screen presentation

President, Nancy Raymond: Chat monitor

Volunteer Abigail Murchie: speaker list, hands up monitor

* Meeting Norms provided during the meeting and approved.

3. Adoption of the agenda for the 2023 OFHSA Annual Meeting:

APR23-AM-01 THAT THE AGENDA FOR THE 2023 ANNUAL MEETING BE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED.

**MMS K. Draper Quinn, from Arthur Ford HSA
J. Vander Vecht, from Mountsfield HSA
CARRIED**

4. Adoption of the business procedures for the 2023 Annual Meeting:

APR23-AM-02 THAT THE BUSINESS PROCEDURES FOR THE 2023 ANNUAL MEETING BE ADOPTED.

**MMS C. Breninck, from June Rose Callwood HSA
K. Draper Quinn, from Arthur Ford HSA
CARRIED**

5. Adoption of the minutes of the 2022 OFHSA Annual Meeting:

APR23-AM-03 THAT THE MINUTES OF THE 2022 OFHSA ANNUAL MEETING BE ADOPTED.

**MMS C. Breninck, from June Rose Callwood HSA
K. Laur, from J.P. Robarts HSA
CARRIED**

6. CHSF Report:

In order to realize our vision, “excellence in public education of all Canadian children and youth”, and to achieve our mission, “the national voice of parents, promoting excellence in public education as well as the social well-being of children and youth”, our decision making is grounded by core values. These core values include public education, parent involvement and partnerships, independence balanced with meaningful partnerships, volunteerism, research, special worth of every child and youth, respect and dignity, and fiscal responsibility.

The Canadian Home and School Federation believes all children and youth in Canada are entitled to an excellent public education. Parents must be recognized as key

education partners in preserving and promoting excellence in public education. The health and well-being of Canadian students are essential components to learning. Parents must be valued and respected in their role as advocates for children and youth.

Parents like you and I do make a difference. Become involved in your children's school or the school in your community.

Arlene Morell
President

7. OFHSA Bylaw Amendments (see Annual Meeting Package Part A)

In accordance with OFHSA Bylaws the Annual Meeting package was sent out 45 days prior to the meeting.

OFHSA offered 2 Q&A sessions virtually for all members to attend and share their questions and concerns

7.1

APR23-AM-04

Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., adopt the amended Association Bylaws.

**MMS J. Vander Vecht, from Mountsfield HSA
R. Wintermute, from Port Burwell HSA
CARRIED**

7.2

APR23-AM-05

Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., adopt the amended Council Bylaws.

**MMS J. Vander Vecht, from Mountsfield HSA
K. Draper Quinn, from Arthur Ford HSA
CARRIED**

7.3

APR23-AM-06

Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., adopt the amended Federation Bylaws.

**MMS K. Laur, from J.P. Robarts HSA
J. Vander Vecht, from Mountsfield HSA
CARRIED**

**8. OFHSA Expiring Action Recommendations from 2020
(see Annual Meeting Package Part B)**

There are no Expiring Action Recommendations from 2020.

9. New Policy Resolutions and Action Recommendations

POLICY STATEMENT -

APR23-AM-07 Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., adopt the policy that Volunteers are essential roles in school communities.

**MMS J. Vander Vecht, from Mountsfield HSA
C. Breninck, from June Rose Callwood HSA
CARRIED**

10. Adoption of the OFHSA audited financial statements for the year ended Aug. 31, 2022:

10.1 Adoption of the OFHSA audited financial statements for the year ended August 31st, 2022:

APR23-AM-8 THAT THE OFHSA AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31ST, 2022 BE ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.

**MMS C. Breninck, from June Rose Callwood HSA
K. Laur, from J.P. Robarts HSA
CARRIED**

10.2 Appointment of Auditors

APR23-AM-09 Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., appoint Auditor to be Millard, Rouse & Rosebrugh LLP

MMS C. Breninck, from June Rose Callwood HSA
K. Laur, from J.P. Robarts HSA
CARRIED

10.3 Ratification of the 2023 - 2024 OFHSA Fees

APR23-AM-10 THAT THE OFHSA MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2023-24 BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED

MMS A. Bennett, from Stoney Creek HSA
C. Breninck, from June Rose Callwood HSA
CARRIED

11. Nominations report:

The nominations report, presented by A. Murchie, advised that the following nominations for OFHSA Board of Directors are:

Nancy Raymond
Ashley Billedeau
Teresa Lopez
Christine Scheewe
Katharine Draper Quinn
Allison Campbell

Call for nominations from the floor

APR23-AM-11 THAT THE NOMINATIONS OF OFHSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS BE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED.

MMS K. Laur, from J.P. Robarts HSA
A. Bennett, from Stoney Creek HSA
CARRIED

12. New business

Join OFHSA on Social Media @ofhsa1916 Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.
Subscribe to the Association Mailing List for Monthly updates, at www.ofhsa.ca
We encourage Associations to wrap up the business of the Association at school year end and begin plans for the up-coming school year.

13. Ratification of business of the Federation for the year, in accordance with the Corporations Act of Ontario:

APR23-AM-12 THAT THE BUSINESS OF THE FEDERATION FOR THE YEAR BE RATIFIED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CORPORATIONS ACT OF ONTARIO.

**MMS K. Laur, from J.P. Robarts HSA
A. Bennett, from Stoney Creek HSA
CARRIED**

14. Adjournment

APR23-AM-13 IN THE NAME OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE ONTARIO FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS, INC., THE 2023 OFHSA ANNUAL MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

**MMS K. Laur, from J.P. Robarts HSA
A. Bennett, from Stoney Creek HSA
CARRIED**

Adjourned 11:11 p.m.