

Teachers' Bulletin

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Vice-President Candidates – 2 to be elected

Stephanie Briggs
Colin Post
Rod Whate


I am honoured to be part of OSSTF, an organization that works to ensure that teachers are valued and supported in order to further our ultimate goal of enhancing public education in Ontario.

I have had the opportunity to work in all areas of Halton and teach in diverse settings including traditional classrooms, learning skills classes and self-contained programs which has given me a unique perspective on some issues facing teachers in Halton. I am confident that my personal qualities as a positive, highly motivated self-starter and natural leader with broad experience will allow me to make a significant contribution as Vice President of District 20.

As an OSSTF Member I have been actively involved at both at the District and Provincial level and served in the following roles:

- **Provincial Committee Member: Benevolent (2014-Present)**
- Annual Meeting Of The Provincial Assembly: **Delegate (2012-16)**
- District 20 TBU Executive:
- **Vice-Speaker (Present)** District 20 TBU Council:
- **Branch President (2012-13, 2014-Present)**

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Colin Post is running for re-election as V. P. of the TBU. He has been an active participant and supporter of District 20 TBU for the past 14 years. He is a staunch supporter of organized labour and a strong advocate for active participation in our union.

District Involvement

- Vice President Teachers' TBU 3 years, first elected 2013
- Branch President M. M. Robinson H.S. 2003 – 2012
- Hiring Committees for Staff Officers - Health and Benefits, Member Protection 2008-2016
- Rules Committee 2011-2012 and 2014-2015
- Grievance Committee 2010-16
- Communication and Political Action Committee 2013-2016
- Compensation Committee 2012-2013
- Staffing Committee 2013-2014
- Executive, Oakville District Labour Council 2014-2016
- Member Oakville District Labour Council 2012-2013

Joint Union / Board Committees

- Staffing Advisory Committee 2013-2014
- Co-op Committee 2014-2015

Provincial Involvement

- Provincial Council 2014-2016
- Benevolent Committee 2014-15
- Health and Safety/Workplace Safety and Insurance Act Committee 2015-2016
- P. C. Liaison to Health and Safety/Workplace Safety and Insurance Act Committee 2015-2016

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Philosophy:

I am a firm believer that ongoing dialogue is our greatest tool as advocates for teachers and education. If we are able to maintain positive working relationships with administrators and school board officials, we are able to maintain our voice and influence.

Similarly, inviting discussion from all members of our bargaining unit brings unity, even in disagreement. It is when members feel that they have no voice that they become disenfranchised. However, when dialogue is maintained, we understand each other and are better able to represent the broad interests of the bargaining unit.

Local Experience:

I have been a local leader in our bargaining unit since 2011 as a Branch President, TBU Executive Communications Coordinator, and a member of numerous committees including the Collective Bargaining, Staffing, and Finance committees, as well as other ad-hoc committees from the TBU Council.

Local Advocacy:

As a member of the TBU executive, I have spent a considerable amount of time advocating on behalf of teachers at

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Stephanie Briggs for VP!

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- District 20 TBU Committee Chair: **Communications & Political Action**
- District 20 TBU Committee Member:
- **Collective Bargaining, Staffing,**
- **Hiring**
- **Teacher Performance Appraisal Review**
- **Assessment and Evaluation Admin. Procedure Review**

As your Vice President, I am committed to communicating on behalf of the membership and continuing to build positive working relationships with the Board through participation in Joint Committees and the District Executive. I am asking for your support on April 19.

Colin Post for VP!

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- WHMIS 2015 Presenter at Health and Safety Conference Toronto, November 2015
 - Regional Coordinator Health & Safety Workshops May, 2016
 - Communications and Political Action Conference 2013
 - Human Rights Conference 2014
- ### Union Training
- Health and Safety courses 2009- 2016
 - Canadian Labour Congress – Together Fairness Works 2013
 - Summer Leadership 2013-2015
- ### Political Activism
- Marches on:
 - Queen’s Park August 2012
 - Ontario Liberal Leadership Convention January 2013
 - \$15 Fair Wage November 2013
 - Steel Workers Local 1005 VS US Steel, Hamilton City Hall, January 2016
 - Labour Day Parade 2013 –2015

Rod Whate for VP!

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the Board level on both the Joint Staffing Advisory Committee, and the Joint Investigations Committee

These two forums involve administrators, human resources officers, and superintendents and cover a wide range of serious issues affecting the day-to-day lives of teachers.

Provincial Experience:

I have attended and represented our bargaining unit at numerous provincial gatherings, including Annual Meetings of the Provincial Assembly, the Special Meeting of the Provincial Assembly, and Collective Bargaining Conferences.

Janet Scott for Educational Services Officer



Qualified!

- Educational Services Officer - 5 years
- Member, Provincial Educational Services Committee - 3 years
- 9 years of experience coordinating and planning OSSTF PD events
- Winner of OSSTF Provincial Educational Services Award

Experienced Leadership!

- initiated Children’s Christmas Party - 4 years
- initiated New To Teaching & Teachers Helping Teachers programs
- expanded local Educational Services Committee
- created Self-Directed PD Fund
- organized various OSSTF workshops and OTIP/Educators Financial retirement workshops
- developed and launched the PD Survey to assess local PD and drive new initiatives

Union Committed!

- Chair Rules Committee (2011-2012)
- Chair Joint PD Committee table team - 3 years
- Strike Coordinator (2015)
- Chair CWS subject council PD Committee - 3 years (Ottawa-Carleton)
- Staffing Committee member - 5 years
- Staffing Advisory Committee - 4 years
- Collective Bargaining Committee (2014-2015)
- Provincial Assembly (AMPA) delegate - 6 years
- participant at Educational Services conferences, Collective Bargaining regionals & conference, and Summer Leadership
- branch rep Political Action Committee - 3 years (Ottawa-Carleton)

Kelly McCarthy for Treasurer!



I am Kelly McCarthy and I am running for reelection to the position of TBU treasurer. I have been our treasurer for the past two terms and I look forward to continuing on as TBU Treasurer.

During my time as treasurer, I have reduced our budget and helped determine how we could afford to buy our own building. My goal is to always make the best financial decisions that we can to ensure we are prepared and ready, financially, for the future.

I am also a member of the provincial finance committee and work on the budget that is passed at the Annual meeting for all OSSTF members. In that role I do my best to make the Provincial finances as transparent as possible.

My education includes a BA in Business Administration, Specializing in Management, two Masters of Science, in Education and Economics. I also have my Accounting AQ and an Honours Specialist in Business. That education helps me be the best possible candidate for treasurer.



Halton Secondary Teachers' Annual Assembly

Tuesday April 19th

Meeting 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Dinner at 5:45 p.m.

Executive Elections

Key Note: Jo Dean, OSSTF Executive Officer

UNIFOR Galaxy Club

475 North Service Rd E, Oakville, ON

See your Branch President to sign up as a delegate!