

Education Sub-Committee Meeting

Friday November 8th, 2024

12pm

Via TEAMS

Record of Decisions

Via Teams: N. Burron (Chair), A. Yeo (Vice-President, EC/LoP/OPBO), G. Latour, R. Ajmera, P. Atwere (Volunteer), D. Theriault (Volunteer)

Observer: Brian McDougall

Regrets: N. Prier (President), B. Panasyuk, M. Wylie, G. Brabazon, M. Davidovic, D. Hagar, A. Benedict (Volunteer), L. Gillis (Volunteer), M. Favreau (Volunteer), S. Newman (Administrative Assistant), A. Poliquin (Director of Representation and Education), J. Hutt (Senior Advisor to the President)

Staff via Teams: D. Osorio (Education Officer), J. Courty (Local Liaison Officer), N. Conner (Executive Assistant to the President)

1. Opening of the meeting
 - Meeting was officially called to order at 12pm. Quorum was reached.

2. Welcome to new members

3. Approval of Agenda

- G. Latour suggests switching items 6 and 7. Be it resolved that the amended November 8th, 2024, agenda be approved unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes from April 12th, 2024, and June 14th, 2024, and September 13th, 2024

- Be it resolved that the April 12th, 2024, and June 14th, 2024, and September 13th, 2024, minutes have been electronically voted on after the meeting due to not reaching quorum.

In favour: A. Yeo, R. Ajmera, P. Atwere, D. Theriault, D. Hagar, N. Burron, M. Davidovic

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 8

Motion carried.

5. Debrief on film night and planning for next screening

- N. Burron discusses the success of the first film night, part of a three-part series called "Imperfect Union. "
- The event had about 20 attendees, and the discussion was rich, with a focus on the film's social democratic political viewpoint.
- G. Latour brings up the issues with the Zoom link.

6. Update on Queer and Trans Anti-Hate Fireside Chat

- N. Burron provides an update on the "Queer and Trans Anti-Hate Fireside Chat" scheduled for November 25th, focusing on trans activism and labor.
- N. Burron also mentions potential speakers and the need to finalize details, including logistics and communication.
- D. Osorio will be coordinating the event.

7. Discussion on the implications of a Conservative Victory

- B. McDougall emphasizes the importance of understanding the political climate and the need for a serious analysis of the election results.
- D. Thériault raises questions about the role of members and the distinction between education as struggle and experiential learning.
- N. Burron highlights the need to prioritize and consider the resources available for the campaign.
- B. McDougall suggests organizing a panel discussion to allow members to raise concerns and identify questions, which would also buy time for further planning.
- N. Burron mentions the need to report back to the committee and form a sub-committee to flesh out the proposals.

8. Update on Bargaining and Common Front planning

- N. Burron mentions ongoing work on understanding the technical and historical aspects of the common front and the potential for future discussions or articles.

- N. Burron and D. Thériault discuss the importance of having a credible plan and the need for a strong defence fund and education sessions on its importance.

9. Closing of meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 1 pm.

The above record of decisions is accepted as a true representation of the Education Sub-Committee meeting held on November 8th, 2024.