

Laurie Adam



Laurie Adam is an energetic teacher who is currently the LRT at Orchard Park School. She has served as a school steward for the past 9 years and has held the position of Family of Schools Representative since September 2015. She is also currently serving on several local committees such as the Social Equity, Professional Development and Budget committee. ETFO initiatives that Laurie has had the privilege of being a part of include: Provincial Leadership Conference, Women's Technology Conference, Union School 2017, And Still We Rise 2017, AGM 2016, after school steward training workshops, summer academy, additional qualification courses, local annual meetings, teacher performance appraisal workshop, trivia night, growing in your teaching career workshop, school leadership workshop, silent auction, picketing outside local political offices, resume writing workshop, and the Queen's Park rally for education. Laurie's ETFO involvement has steadily grown over the last five years and she is looking forward to continuing this by having the opportunity to continue in her current role as Family of Schools Representative as well as attending the Annual Provincial Meeting in August, 2018.

Troy Garrah



Hello colleagues,

My name is Troy Garrah, and I have been a teacher in the DSBN for twenty years. I would like to ask you for your vote, for two positions within Niagara ETFO. The first, is as a Family of Schools Representative (formerly called Regional Representative). Secondly, as a Delegate, to represent Niagara at the ETFO Provincial Conference, held in Toronto this August. Why am I asking for this?

As a part of ETFO I have served in various roles:

- ETFO Provincial Conference Representative (ten years)
- Executive member (thirteen years)
- Regional Representative (six years)
- Committee member on various issues (Building, Budget Committees. Etc)
- Committee Chairperson (Males in Education- four years)
- School Steward (thirteen years)

I work well with our current President and both Vice-Presidents. I have been to this Conference numerous times, and understand the process well. These past two contract negotiations have been frustrating to say the least. I listen to co-workers and hear their complaints. I enjoy being involved and receiving/giving information regarding ETFO. More then ever, there is a disconnect between Administration and teachers- I would like to continue helping communicate and be a “voice” in ETFO matters. Looking forward to continuing the process that makes educators informed, strong, and Professional!

Thank you for your support,

Troy Garrah

Hank Steingart



Hello to all ETFO Niagara members!

My name is Henry Steingart and I have been on the ETFO executive for the greater part of 25 years. I started off as the Occasional teacher President way back when DSBN was the Lincoln County Board of Education. I have been Area Representative for several years. I took the last two years off from the executive but am ready to do it again!! I have been on the Collective Bargaining Committee for the last two rounds. I have been present at many protest marches in Toronto and Hamilton as well as serving as Steward in every school I have been teaching in for the past 27 years. I have several years of experience working with ETFO and would be VERY honoured if you would vote for me as a Family of Schools Representative. Communication is KEY to getting things done! Thank you.

Hank Steingart

Tracey Storr



As union steward for the past 7 years at Kate S. Durdan I have made it my goal to keep up to date on the various issues affecting fellow members by attending both steward and general meetings. I do my best to advocate on behalf of my colleagues; seeking guidance or direction from the local office in order to assist members with questions or concerns they may have. I would like to become more active in our union, especially with the changing political environment that lies ahead. I am confident that I can be of more service to members and for these reasons I am seeking your support as an Area Representative.

Paul Waldie



Dear Colleagues,

It has been my privilege to serve your interests on the Local E.T.F.O. Executive as the Collective Bargaining Representative for the past several terms and more recently as the Treasurer. I am seeking your support again for a **Family of Schools Representative** in the upcoming election.

I am well qualified for this position for several reasons:

- I have been a member of the Executive in various capacities for over fifteen years and I have served on several committees as your representative.
- I have recently received training from E.T.F.O. in Toronto to help me better serve you.
- I have attended several Annual Meetings as a delegate where important motions are debated and decided upon.

I believe that experience and integrity matters on your Local Executive and I can be that voice at the Executive table with your support.

Thank-you for considering my candidacy.

Sincerely, Paul Waldie