



JEN REID

for ETFO Vice President, Open

WHY I AM RUNNING

I am running for Vice President because I am passionate about the benefits that our local brings to our members and I believe that I can make an important contribution. I am currently proactively working for you in an active leadership role within both my school and the ETFO Halton local. I have a good understanding of the collective agreement, am responsive to the needs of members, and am willing to directly address issues with admin.

MORE ABOUT ME

I am an educator with 25 years of experience, 20 of those in Halton (at Tecumseh, Bruce Trail, and Charles R. Beaudoin). I have experience in all divisions, in the south and in the north, at large, medium, and small schools, and in special education. I embed my passion for social justice and love for inquiry into my current role as a grade 3-4 teacher. This breadth and depth of experience will support my role as a released officer.

I have been chair or co-chair of the Political Action/Public Relations Committee since 2018, and with my leadership the committee has tripled in size and is one of the most active ETFO Halton committees, bringing forth several new, important initiatives. These include the development and presentation of a climate change workshop, the initiation of a Labour Cares event, development of resolutions for the annual meeting, and many successful political events and workshops. I believe in strong and open communication, and do so clearly and consistently, whether it be advocating for and supporting members at the school level, publishing an article in ETFO Voice, or speaking at the microphone at all-members meetings.

MY STRENGTHS

Leadership: I have a leadership style that supports and empowers others with a goal of creating future leaders.

Creative: I have innovative ideas that I consistently bring to fruition.

Empathetic: I am a very kind and caring person, and will listen to the concerns of and emotionally support members.

Integrity: I am honest, straightforward, and interested in social justice.

Communicator: I have strong interpersonal and public speaking skills.

WHY VOTE FOR ME?

Inclusive: I will actively encourage and support members of equity-seeking groups to become involved with the local, and support their leadership.

Member Engagement: My goal is to continue to support and engage members, whether that means event involvement or joining committees.

Experienced: My twenty-five years in the classroom allow me to understand the many current challenges facing educators today.

Hard Working & Enthusiastic: I am a hard worker and, combined with my natural enthusiasm, will continue to strengthen the local to best meet your needs.

Proactive & Collaborative: I have a track-record of accomplishments for members and the local.

ETFO EXPERIENCE & LEADERSHIP

- ~ Member of Halton Executive (2019 - 2021, Fall 2022 - present)
- ~ Chair or Co-chair of the Political Action & Public Relations Committee (2018 - present)
- ~ ETFO Provincial Political Action conferences (2019, 2020, 2022)
- ~ Delegate to ETFO Provincial Annual Meeting (2018 - 2022)
- ~ Former member of Health & Safety Committee (2020 - 2022)
- ~ Member of ad hoc Budget Committee (2021 - 2022)
- ~ Initiated creation of ETFO Halton's Climate Justice Committee (2022)
- ~ Developed a new scholarship, The ETFO Halton Memorial Scholarship (2020)
- ~ Workplace Steward (2007 - 2008, 2021 - 2023)
- ~ Anti-Oppressive Framework Program (2023)
- ~ Collective Bargaining for Women Course, Parts 1 and 2 (2021)

OTHER EXPERIENCE, LEADERSHIP & COURSES

- ~ Initiated concerned teachers group that led to HEWS Facebook group
- ~ Former Chair of several EcoSchools committees
- ~ Former member of Equity Committee
- ~ Facilitated PLC on Outdoor Education
- ~ Former Chair, Assistive Technology Committee
- ~ Developing Leadership Practices
- ~ Understanding the Leader Within

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