**President’s Report to the Avon Maitland Elementary Teachers’ Local**

**Annual Meeting – May 7, 2024**

As we approach the final days of 2023-2024, I want to express my thanks to the Local executive, and all those who have served on committees for this two year term.

Our Local Executive Members at Large volunteer their time to conduct the business of the Local. I would like to thank Tina Hildenbrand, who also takes on the role of secretary, , Vicki Carter, Krista Ehgoetz-Brown, Kim Finlayson, Barb Maschke, Jason LeRoux, Lindsay O’Reilly and Monique Pregent. I also wish to sincerely thank our Treasurer and Collective Agreement Officer: Drew Macaulay, and our Vice President: Darrell Uhler.

Our Union Stewards work tirelessly in our schools, answering questions and clarifying aspects of the Collective Agreement. They are the connection between Provincial, our Local office, and our members. I wish to thank each of them for their hard work this year: Aimee Durand, Anne Hutchinson, Brenda Eagleson, Christa Beyer, Cindy Spendiff, Connie Drost, Corey Herden, Craig Caldwell, Damon Holmes, Danielle Houston, Deb Satchell McCarthy, Debee Stern, Dorren Foerter, Elaine Jones, Elizabeth Jezard, Emily Agar, Erin Schiestel, Haley Stoll, Holly Durst, Jackie Tinsley, Jason LeRoux, Jennifer Cook, Jodi Regier, Julie Walsh, Keltie Sabin, Kerrilynn Schepers, Krista Ehgoetz-Brown, Kristene McCurdy, Leanna Cornish, Lesley Smith, Lindsay Stewart, Lisa Gardiner, Lori Martin, Melanie Cameron, Michelle Hemingway, Nancy Bicknell, Rob Gackstetter, Sarah Hombach, Scott Hlusiak, Stephanie McArthur, Susanne Ramsay, Tammy Gettler, Taryn Anstett, Tim Barton, Tina Hildenbrand, Valerie Todd, Vicki Carter, and Wendi Steinmann.

Additionally, I’d like to thank the non-executive members on our Local committees: Wendi Steinmann, Carol McGregor, Tim Barton, Stephanie McArthur, Michelle McDonald, Emma McCorquodale, and Terri Houston. Members who are interested in joining one of our committees are encouraged to reach out to me. We are always seeking additional volunteers!

The significant news this year is the negotiation and ratification of our 2022-2026 Collective Agreement. This was a difficult round of negotiations, but I am pleased with the gains we made for members. Much thanks goes out to our Collective Bargaining Committee: Drew Macaulay, Darrell Uhler, Tim Barton, Stephanie McArthur, and Lindsay O’Reilly, and to our ETFO Provincial CB Liaison, Gail Bannister-Clarke.

This spring is an election year in our Local. I am pleased to continue to have the opportunity to serve as your President, and look forward to the work we will continue to do, together.

In solidarity,

Laura Inglis-Eickmeier