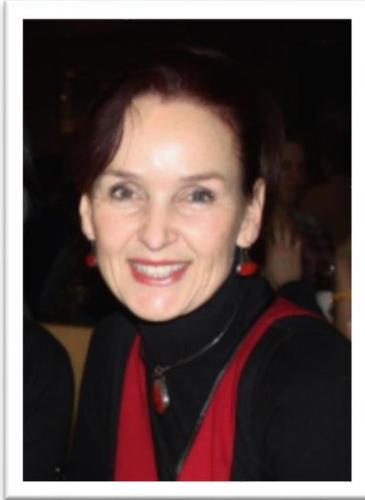


## District 25 - PECCS (Professional Educators and Child Care Staff) 2016-2017 Executive

### **Biana Gordon, President of PECCS**



Primary-Junior school teacher, Continuing Education Interest Course Instructor, Early Childhood Educator, and currently, an ESL Instructor: Biana has done just about all! She has taught or worked at most locations where our classes are delivered and in any of them you will likely find at least one person who has been her student. In the past, Biana served as the PECCS Rep at the Adult and Albert Street locations and was a member of the CBC committee. In her new role as the PECCS President, she is excited about working toward achieving a living wage and sufficient prep and admin time for members. In her limited spare time she is involved in her community, dances Bulgarian folk and Scottish country dance and enjoys nature walks with her dog Kali.

### **Alison Trusty, Vice President**

Alison has been a member of PECCS since 2009. She currently teaches a Child Care Assistant Program within Literacy and Basic Skills. As such, she instructs in class as well as visits our childcare programs to meet with students in their work placements. Prior to this position she taught in ESL and LINC classrooms. She is happy to be representing PECCS in the Vice President position and hopes to bring an understanding of what PECCS role is to our diverse membership.



### **Glynis Saylor-Stokes, Chief Negotiator**



Glynis is your Chief Negotiator for the 2016-2017 school year.

### **June Myles, Secretary**

June has been an ESL Instructor with the OCDSB since 2013 and currently teaches ESL for the Trades. Prior to joining the Board, she taught public servants in Ottawa and has taught in Mexico and China as well. Before she found her way home onto the ESL path, she worked in labour relations, customer service, and retail. She has a BComm from Carleton University and recently earned a Master in Education from the University of Ottawa. June has studied French, Spanish and Mandarin, personally knows the challenges of learning a new language and takes that experience into the classroom. Coming to Canada when she was a child gives her a glimpse into the other obstacles her learners face. In her spare time, she loves to cook, bake sweet things, and do yoga.



### **Ibtisaam Abboud, Treasurer**



Ibtisaam has been in ESL for about 12 years, teaching overseas, in high school and a couple of specialty courses with private organizations, here in Ottawa. She has been with OCDSB for 4 years and with the Union for 3 of them. She teaches a BM1 in the morning and Academic Test Preparation, at night, at 440 Albert St. She also does a lot of supply work, in the afternoons. She loves what she does because it's so rewarding and it makes such a difference in many people's lives. Her time with PECCS has been equally rewarding since she has seen what a difference it has made in many of our members' lives

### **Sarah Williams, Membership Services Officer**

Sarah Williams, your Membership Services Officer, is a native of Ottawa. She finished a degree in English at Carleton University before she decided to pursue a career as an ESL teacher. She received her CTESL from Algonquin College, and later her Bachelor of Education from the University of Ottawa. She was thrilled to join the PECCS team in 2008, where she is constantly impressed by the professionalism and dedication of her colleagues.

Sarah has been on the PECCS Executive as the Secretary and Communications Officer in the past. She took a break from the executive and has returned this year to serve as the Membership Services Officer. She is also a member of the Collective Bargaining Committee.

In her leisure time, Sarah enjoys gardening and cheering on the Toronto Blue Jays.



### **Patrick Chan, Communications Officer**



Patrick has teaching qualifications in the junior (grade 4 – 6), intermediate (grade 7 - 10) and senior (grade 11 & 12) divisions. His teachable specializations are English and Social Sciences (General). He also finished his TESL certification. He aspires to create a lasting and positive impact through education.

This is first year on the PECCS executive and is excited to learn more about his role as your Communications Officer as the school year progresses.

In his spare time, he enjoys sketching and lion dancing with the local lion dance troupe.

**Colin Maclean, Health and Safety Officer (non-voting)**



Colin has been an ESL instructor since 1996. He was involved in the work associated with joining the Union back in 2004-2005 and is a proud member of PECCS and OSSTF. Currently he represents our members on the Board's Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee (JOHSC), which meets monthly. He has served as Secretary, Treasurer, as well as a Provincial Councillor for District 25. When not attending to work and union matters, Colin is actively involved in building community and coaching his two young daughters in hockey and soccer. He loves sports, politics and spirited conversations.