

LAURA BARRETT FOR EXECUTIVE MEMBER

A Caring Communicator With The Right Skills To Serve Our Members

Hello, fellow occasional teachers! Over the past couple of years, I've ramped up my union involvement, currently serving as your Secretary, and I'd love to remain on the Executive as an Executive Member. Being an Executive Member would give me the opportunity to advocate for you and stay in touch with our members' dynamic needs.

Being an Executive Member requires:

- **Care** - Each of you deserves a voice, whether you're dealing with an individual school or the Board as a whole. I'm here for you, and I will go to bat for you in these difficult conversations.
- **Communication** - Across all of my jobs, whether inside or outside the teaching field, I have needed to be an effective communicator. If elected, I'm especially interested in making our website even more responsive to members' needs, and analyzing member survey data with a high level of precision.
- **Coordination** - I've had the honour of coordinating large groups of educators, catering staff, and festival volunteers. These high-level organizational skills will serve me well when helping to plan Local events and workshops.

Selected CV

- 15+ years of teaching/instructor/trainer experience
- Receptionist, administrative assistant, web developer
- Equity and Social Justice Committee Executive Liaison
- ETFO AM delegate, Collective Bargaining Committee



My Vision for Our Local

I'd like our Local to be appreciated for the crucial work we do to support the functioning of the TDSB. We can and must flex our collective muscle to mobilize for fair and safe working conditions. We need to demand paid sick days, not just in light of the pandemic but also in conjunction with larger fights for worker justice happening in Ontario and beyond.

I also want our Local to be responsive to the needs of its members (and our students) facing systemic oppression. Our working conditions are our students' learning conditions, and if our members are struggling, we won't be able to support our students and colleagues. I would like to remain on the Executive to help serve anyone in need of assistance.

Many thanks for reading,

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