



TOGETHER, EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE

OSBCC Bargaining Update 2012

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Sisters and Brothers,

The OSBCC represents over 50,000 CUPE school board members across the province. On June 9, we held a Leadership meeting where it was clear the leadership of our locals remains committed to working together in this process.

We updated delegates on the status of the Provincial Discussion Table (PDT) and our attempts to get a deal with the school board trustee associations. We clarified our position with the government and the disproportionate impact its proposals would have on support staff.

We discussed and voted on a strategy to move forward together.

Please ensure your assigned CUPE National Staff Rep and your OSBCC Area Rep have a way to reach you over the summer months.

On June 12 and 13, we met with the four school board trustee associations.

The discussions kicked off with questions surrounding changes to the School Operations line of the funding formula. In particular, we asked representatives from the Ministry of Education why these changes were not raised at the School Operations Committee meetings prior to their implementation. Both the associations and CUPE expressed concern with the process and the impact on board budgets. Our points were noted but did not appear to generate any move to roll back the changes.

It was very difficult to make much headway at the table. The associations said they could only speak about job security if the government provided funding for it. Another meeting date is scheduled with the school board trustee associations for Thursday, June 21.

Please continue to send information on layoffs or staff reductions (including through attrition) to Paul O'Donnell at podonnell@cupe.ca and Terri Preston at terri.preston@cupe4400.ca.

A template for a media release relating to layoffs and closures has been developed to assist those who have been dealing with cuts. Please contact your CUPE National Representative for more information.

Marjorie Savoie, our Communications Rep, is working on a campaign to raise the profile of the services we provide to students and the education system as a whole. We will be providing locals with information on how you can contribute shortly.

We count on you to maintain clear and consistent messaging to our members. Please continue to distribute our Bargaining and Mobilization Updates to your members. Information is power and a well-informed membership is the key to our success at the bargaining table.

We thank you for your support as we continue to move forward together.

In solidarity,

Your Bargaining Committee

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