

The Provincial Discussion Table (PDT) met last week for a series of meetings with the representatives of the Boards and the facilitators from the Ministry of Education. The parties worked for a total of 50 hours over the course of four days, including a 26 hours stretch from Friday to Saturday.

Even though significant progress was achieved, some critical issues remained unresolved. Therefore, the parties agreed to adjourn bargaining until Monday May 26th.

One of the outstanding issues is the supervision of students. The employer does not appear to have turned its mind to this problem even though CUPE has been talking about this since the beginning of the PDT process. Hopes are that the next series of discussions will bring concrete results regarding supervision.

Reference group meeting

The OSBCC executive and the Reference group also met in Toronto during the course of these four days with the collaboration of Morna Ballantyne, CUPE Union development director. In addition to analyzing the PDT proposals and discussing about local bargaining issues, the Reference group worked on developing an action plan for the rest of the bargaining process.

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In solidarity,

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