

BARGAINING TEAM MEETING REPORT – JULY 18th 2017

The Bargaining Team (BT) for Units 1, 2, and 3 met for the twelfth time on Tuesday July 18th, 2017 from 10 am to 12 pm.

Attendees: Murray, Chelsea, Sabina, Lina, Kyle (1 hour), Mike, Raj and Sandra.

Regrets: Justin, Mariful, Steff, Maria

Chair: Murray Cooke

Agenda Items:

- 1) Approval of Minutes
- 2) Discussion and Approval of Bargaining Proposals
- 3) Health Benefits Bargaining Proposals
- 4) Bargaining timeline
- 5) Procedure for Presenting and Ratifying Bargaining Proposals
- 6) Division of Labour re: work for the slides/Opening Presentation

Bargaining Proposals and Procedures

Background:

At today's BT meeting, we did not have quorum, as some members could not attend. As a result, some agenda items could not be addressed. The meeting was more of an informal one, where action items were brainstormed and discussed throughout.

The meeting was composed of 5 representatives from the union's BT.

Ongoing Issues and Conversations

- We need to approve the minutes each week, hard copies need to be distributed and printed, and then a copy should also be put into the bargaining binder.
- Centralized proposal document is being updated and edited for language.
- Unit specific proposals need work; Unit 1 and Unit 3 are coming together, but we still need to focus more on Unit 2 proposals.
- We are working on changing the language for the health care benefits proposals.
- Setting up additional bargaining parameters for the Fall; dates and times.
- Additional priorities: first day at the table, strike mandate, job security, all unit solidarity, and membership support.

Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting will be a joint BT/Executive meeting that will be held on Tuesday July 25thth 2017, from 10-12 PM. This meeting will take place a day before the July GMM.

The BT will continue to meet each Tuesday morning throughout the summer and we would like to remind everyone that all bargaining team meetings are open to the general membership and we will continue to put efforts towards publicizing these meetings on the events section of the website; please join us on Tuesday mornings, if you can.