



2017 Bluewater Occasional Teachers' Annual General Meeting

2016 - 2017 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COMMITTEE REPORT: ANDREW CHITTKA, CHIEF NEGOTIATOR

In preparation of Local Bargaining for the 2017-2020 round of Collective Bargaining, a Local Collective Bargaining Committee was formed after a call was put out to the Membership. We were pleased to have Amanda Anderson, Heather Weber, Rochelle Fraizinger and Andrew Chittka form the Committee. We chose to wait to meet until the results of a potential Central Agreement contract extension were revealed and ratified, an extension that included no Local Collective Bargaining. As a result, we did not meet and will reconvene when the next round of Local Bargaining approaches.

On April 19-20, 2017, ETFO held a Collective Bargaining Conference. The focus of the conference was around ensuring that provisions of the Central Agreement extension are enforced. Time was spent ensuring that Local CB leaders understand the importance of monitoring the new terms of the Central Agreement extension, including Full Day Kindergarten class size caps and Junior/Intermediate class size averages. One item of particular note for OTs is the Priority Fund, a pool of money that will ensure Daily OTs have access to one paid PD Day per year. We will be meeting with the Board this spring to work together to discuss how we see that rolling out, and have already budgeted out enough money to cover 1 paid day of PD for each OT in 2017-18.

In the interim, while there will be no formal Local negotiations until 2019, our Local President and Chief Negotiator will continue monitoring the activities of the Board to ensure they are in compliance with the terms of both our Local and Central Collective Agreements.

Andrew Chittka

Chief Negotiator, Collective Bargaining Committee



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