



Bargaining 2012

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Local Updates:

Thanks to all of you who completed the bargaining survey. There has been a good response and we are in the process of collating and analyzing the results. Thanks also to those who attended the bargaining drop ins. These forums provided interesting and lively discussions on a variety of issues. Member input is very important to the committee.

Provincial Update:

We have been meeting with other FPSE locals to discuss timing and bargaining strategy. Most locals have completed their bargaining now. However, there are a few unions (including Capilano, Douglas and Emily Carr in the Metro area) who will continue into the next round.

Bargaining Climate:



It is clear that so far the provincial government is not moving from their net zero mandate which was imposed on all the public sector unions in the last round and prevented anyone from making any monetary gains without major concessions.

The mandate continues to be imposed on the teachers and the BCGEU members who are currently in talks with their respective employer groups. From all media reports these two groups are not able to make any headway in addressing their monetary issues without being asked to give up something from their agreements. It becomes apparent that the current government has no appetite for bargaining without wage and rights controls being imposed on us.

While we are determined not to accept another round of net zero, in order to maximize our opportunity we have to carefully examine the bargaining context that we are in. We will be discussing the wider context at our next meeting. Rather than call a special meeting on February 22nd, we have asked that part of the next General Meeting on March 29th be set aside for a bargaining update and discussion.

We look forward to more discussion and input from you at the next General Meeting on March 29th.

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