



## Weekly Update for October 17th, 2022

**OSBCU Central Bargaining Days....** - Today, tomorrow and Wednesday your OSBCU Central Bargaining Team lead by Laura Walton will be meeting with the Crown and CTA with the assistance of a provincial mediator. The hope is that the Crown and CTA will come to the table with some actual proposals for our team to consider instead of simply playing politics in the media and demanding like a dictator that “you need to adjust YOUR proposals before we respond to anything”. That’s not bargaining.



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**We have not yet received the "No Board Report", once we do receive it, a communication will be sent notifying workers that the 17 day waiting period has begun.**

**We have agreed to enter into mediation with the Government & Council of Trustees Association when we return to the bargaining table on Monday. We have also been able to secure an additional date this session which will give us a three day block. We have agreed to William Kaplan as a mediator. Mr Kaplan has worked with us in the past.**

**We will continue throughout the mediation process, to update you as part of our commitment to ongoing transparency.**

**While we continue the fight at the table for a deal that ensures real wage gains and better services for our students, we encourage workers to continue to raise awareness of our issues with our family and community allies. We must send a clear message to this government - Negotiate not Legislate!**

**In solidarity,  
Your OSBCU CSCSO Bargaining Committee**

**PURPLE SHIRTS ARE HERE!!!** - Our mobilizers were out and about over the last few weeks speaking with members before our strike vote and they took shirt sizes from everyone they talked to. Well, after some printing delays and shipping issues, our shirts have arrived! Our office will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week for members to drop by and pick up your shirts from 8am to 4pm. The office is located at 795 King St. East at the corner of Stirton. Park around the back of the building and follow the prompts on the buzzer at the back door. Janna will be off sick this week but Darlene Barrick will be in the office Tuesday and Wednesday and I'll be in the office on Thursday as part of our Local Elections so drop on by and pick up your shirts for yourself or your school staff and save a few trips!

**Picket Captains** - After our historic YES vote for the OSBCU, we're now organizing for a strike if one is needed. Everyone is still hoping for a negotiated settlement, but given the events of last week and the Crown and CTA providing no response except for asking OSBCU to reconsider their proposals – it doesn't look like that is likely to happen at this point. In the event that we do go on strike, we need people to organize our people. Those people are our Picket Captains and many of you have probably already heard from someone about being your contact person. Picket Captains will be the link between the Local, OSBCU and our members. You'll be responsible for a group of about 20 people, contacting them, providing information to them on and off the picket line and assisting with picket line issues. Training is available through the OSBCU. **We need about another 6-10 Picket Captains to have everything covered for our Local and if you're at all interested in helping out – please contact either Laurie Penner at 905-518-7024 or Jason Atkinson at 289-237-5672**

**Local 4153 Elections** - Next Thursday, we will be having our own election for a few positions. The following positions and candidates will be on the ballot at this time. Candidates are listed in alphabetical order.

Chief Steward (1 position) – Chris Cosby, Dave Dickhout

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Bylaw Committee (2 positions) – Chris Cosby, Shelley Livingstone, Marilyn MacAloney, Laurie Penner, Dave Winger

All candidates are encouraged to submit an election letter to the Election Committee for approval. No flyers or letters should be shared in person or online without approval and candidates are reminded not to distribute material during their work shifts. Letters/flyers can be submitted to the office at [cupelocal4153@bellnet.ca](mailto:cupelocal4153@bellnet.ca)

**Voting emails will be sent our Thursday morning starting at 8am to members personal emails on file. Be sure to check all your email folders for your voting information. And remember – your personal email, not your HWDSB email. Voting will be open from 8am to 5pm. Winners will be contacted Thursday evening and results will be posted by email to all members Thursday night or Friday morning.**

Cheers & have a great week everyone,

Blake