

TSU Weekly Wrap Up – June 12, 2020

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Anyone else get whiplash from the week going so fast?!

Distance Learning – School Access occurred for most, this week. Varying degrees of protection were provided throughout the system, apparently, with some schools having much more sanitizer and PPE available than others. We will continue to track the input from you and report the concerns to the Board. Meeting with them this week, they were working on confirming report card timelines, which principals have let you know about.

In the meantime, we continue to hear grumblings from some people about how we are not engaging in video conferencing with their kids, including a former trustee who seems to like to bash teachers these days. And she seems to know how we are supposed to teach under emergency distance learning situations. Cos it's been done before! You're doing a great job and should be proud that you've survived the past three months.

Grievance and Arbitration – A successful day of mediation this week resulted in the resolution of 7 grievances, all to the satisfaction of our members. Cheques are in the mail. No, really, they are.

Local Bargaining – Another Bargaining Team meeting this week. And in order to more fully garner input, we will be issuing another survey, shortly. There was also a meeting regarding OT Bargaining and what form that will take. A number of details need to be ironed out, then we can get moving with that, too.

Staffing – A couple of concerns this week with who's where and why. You should not have been bumped out of your department because someone else would like in. The only reason to move is if you are needed elsewhere. For example, the Physics teacher retired and you're the only one with Physics quals, so you're needed in the Science department for a period or two. And if someone is hired for a posting, that is what they are to teach. It should not result in your departmental assignment being changed nor them teaching something different from the posting. After all, consultation on the assignments and postings went through LSSAC, right?

Executive – Monday saw the last scheduled meeting of this year's Executive. We said good bye to a few who are moving onto other endeavours, and thanked them for all their contributions. That being said, there has now been a special exec meeting called for this Monday to review the updated Terms of Administration for the MCTLTD Plan. So we'll see them one more time.

Association Reps – We also saw the Reps for the last time, this week. We had a really good group this year, who were fantastic at getting us all through some ridiculous stuff! So a huge thanks to all of them for that. In the meantime, nominations are open for next year's Reps. If you haven't heard or need clarification of anything, please let Gillian know.

Committees – It might have been the third last week of the year but there was still plenty of Joint Committee action. Safe Schools, Technology and Health & Safety all met in attempts to wrap up items before everyone heads off. In some respects, the work of the Joint Committees never ends, just slows down a bit in the summer.

And you're up to date. Now that Public Health has said that bubbles are ok, here's a little something to help you enjoy the weekend. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t45DKmtzTHo>

Have a good one!