

TSU Weekly Wrap Up – December 20, 2019

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Last one for 2019!

Bargaining – No bargaining took place at the table this week, however, OECTA was able to negotiate a couple of bargaining dates for the first week of January. In the meantime, as mentioned last week, there will be a Special Council of Presidents meeting on January 7. More to come!

In preparation for upcoming job action, we have compiled the names of the Picket Captains and Alternates from each school. They have been notified of a meeting to be held on January 9, at which time we will lay out what we know from Provincial and how we are going to conduct ourselves when job action takes place.

This week's Lecce's Lies: So, how does it feel to be "some of the highest paid workers in the WORLD"?!

Not just amongst the highest paid teachers in Canada, any more, NO, we're moving on up!

TSU Emails – The number of members still to activate their TSU email address has dropped significantly this week as more people "get on it." I'll say it, again, it is becoming critical that each of you activate the TSU email created for you. With the increasing likelihood of job action, we want to be sure that you directly receive up to date information on what is happening. Directions on how to do this are attached to this email.

Committees – The Communications Committee has begun compiling the "Did You Know..." items, which they intend to begin tweeting out in the new year. If there is something you think could fit on a particular day, please send it to one of us at the office and we'll see if there is room for it. SSSAC met this week, and discussed placements for Supernumeraries for Semester 2, as a few of the assignments are in LTOs that are up then. Everyone will have a position for the rest of the year, which is good news. Also for Semester 2 there may be an increase in the day e-learning offerings, depending on the student demand (all voluntary!) and teacher availability.

Varia – Meetings with teachers, administrators and Superintendents continued this week, as usual. Some good understandings were arrived at, which will, hopefully, assist everyone moving forward. We did some further reviewing of the grievance list and managed to reduce the number of outstanding grievances, and continued to prepare groupings of grievance for resolution through the Arbitration/mediation process. We also held an office meeting to wrap up the month and set things up for the return in January. A huge thank you to our office staff, Sabina and Hayley who contribute so much to the running of the Unit! A great team to work with.

And that concludes this week, and this year.

Have a very Merry Christmas and stay safe over the New Year. See you in 2020!