

## **TSU Weekly Wrap Up – October 2, 2020**

By Pete McKay-TSU President

The Wrap Up might be a wee bit redundant this week after yesterday's update...although, I'm sure there are a few who think it's always redundant. Don't worry, I get the same response at home, often enough.

**Staffing/scheduling** – It appears everything has settled in this area, if not happily. While the establishment of the virtual school and the processes surrounding it and the reorganization of the day schools are not part of the CA, there are a few aspects of this that will need to be discussed at SSSAC. I don't anticipate any further changes from that but who knows what is down the line with the increases in cases.

**Health and Safety** – Mention was made, yesterday, of cleaning materials and the lack of availability in some places. You should also have received an email that I forwarded from our H&S committee. Please review all that information for your safety. The JHSC also met with the Board this week as it continues its attempts to have the Occupational Health and Safety Act properly adhered to.

**Bargaining** – We have received the go ahead from OECTA on the Initial Proposal and have scheduled an Exec meeting for Monday afternoon.

**Committees** – A number of initial meetings were held this week and budget requests have been submitted. The Budget and Finance Committee will meet next week to review those and develop a budget for this year.

**Racial Justice Summit** – On Wednesday morning, three of our members attended the Racial Justice Summit that we had put a call out for. Charmaine D'Souza, Anne-Marie King, and Allan Griffith were those selected. We then met in the afternoon, by Zoom, to discuss the session and consider future actions. I must say that it was an enlightening, moving and humbling experience for me to join in conversation with the attendees. Their experiences, and insights, along with their commitment to racial equality, should serve our members well as we move forward with this effort. We will be meeting again, soon, and hope to bring in more people to assist in developing plans. A huge thank you to Charmaine, Anne-Marie, and Allan.

**New Reps Day** – We finally managed to hold the training this week after postponing it from September 9. The day consisted of information overload in looking at the CA, LSSAC processes and providing assistance to members. Great to see the new faces in the role. And thanks to them for taking on this responsibility and serving us all.

Apart from that, just the usual deluge of emails and phone calls, with a spattering of investigation, accommodation, and return to work meetings thrown in for good measure. As it was for most of you, a tiring but productive week for those of us in the office.

We hope you take the time for yourself that you need and deserve this weekend.