

EANA BARGAINING UPDATE

Laying the Groundwork for our New Contract

February 2, 2010

Bargaining has begun.

Last night (2/1/10) we met with School Board members and administrators to begin discussions concerning our new contract. The meeting was relatively brief but productive. We outlined some of the broad issues of importance we gathered from your bargaining surveys. Thanks to all of you who voiced your opinions. We heard you.

We also spent some time discussing the importance of recognizing the work you do and that the terms of the new agreement should reflect that good work.

We are scheduled to negotiate again on Monday February 22. Please look for an update in the day or so following the bargaining. If you know someone who not yet signed up for our updates using their HOME email, please have them visit www.eana.wikispaces.com and complete the form. It is important to all of us that everyone is well informed!

Being Prepared

Our EANA Bargaining Committee has worked hard since last spring to develop our bargaining position. We met more than 10 times to carefully scrutinize our strategy and to review and analyze piles of economic and contract data. We thank each of the members of the committee for the time they spent away from their families and friends. Their contributions have us well prepared to negotiate the successor agreement.

The Committee will meet less often as its role will shift to a bargaining support function. The Bargaining Team (all of us) also served on the committee but we will be doing the at-the-table bargaining work alongside our PSEA negotiator.

We also appreciate the support of our Rep Council and Executive Board which meet regularly to support and enforce our current contract. The day to day work of both of these groups as we all know keeps us strong.

The Bargaining Team

We are a strong diverse group from all over the district. The team consists of: Lee Speers, Mike Casey, Karen Rosenberg, Steve DiNenno, Jess Kriegner, Rich Campbell and Alternates Jocelyn Hakos and Sara Harrington

The School Board will be represented by: Dee Ashe, Mike Melnyk, Karen Shanoski (alt), Anne Rohricht, and Wendi Vargas

Looking Ahead

We anticipate putting the finishing touches on our proposal this week so we can present it to the School Board. We are optimistic that we will achieve a solid new contract!

"Together, We Will Bargain for Respect and a Fair Contract"