

# **CUPE EDUCATION WORKERS STEERING COMMITTEE**

## **Report for CUPE Saskatchewan Convention 2008**



### **A Better Way, A Fair Way Campaign**

- Numerous campaign meetings took place throughout the province
- Will Bauer Local 34 developed a campaign poster for the Saskatoon area as well as a complete presentation binder that we brought to all meetings with MLA's.
- Call script developed by Will Bauer.
- Letterhead and envelopes were developed by Will Bauer for the campaign.
- Meeting request letter developed by CUPE research
- Guy Marsden put together the revised version of A Better Way, A Fairer Way: Provincial Bargaining for Saskatchewan School Board Workers – November 16, 2007
- Ann St. Denis presented provincial bargaining presentation to Saskatchewan Rivers School Board - January 24, 2007 article in Prince Albert Daily Herald – 'Janitors, Bus Drivers seek wage equity through single deal'.
- Committee was struck to meet with the SSBA and the government
- A mediator was selected

### **Ed Workers Steering Committee Conference held at the Radisson Hotel – October 2-3, 2007**

- Camp Easter Seal project developed by Earl Booth and Will Bauer.
- A Better Way, A Fair Way Campaign Buttons were developed by Will Bauer and Earl Booth for conference
- Highlights – Minister of Learning Deb Higgins
- Two Workshops included: Representative Workforce Workshop and Provincial Bargaining Media Workshop – organized by Mark Kincade
- Occupational Group Workshops/Report Back
- Advocate Award was presented to past Chair Rona Tyson
- Greetings from CUPE National President Paul Moist
- EWSC election results from conference:
  - Vice Chair, Omar Murray and Secretary Treasurer Sheila Bindig were reelected to a two year term. Will Bauer, Carmen Graham and Rita McKaig re-elected as Members at Large 2 year term.

### **Camp Easter Seal**

- The Education Workers Steering Committee (EWSC) held its annual conference on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 in Saskatoon. This conference was for all affiliated members to discuss business and take part in workshops and other events designed to involve and inspire our education workers. Will Bauer and Earl Booth, executive members for the EWSC, introduced a new initiative and fun component at this year's conference-- a raffle table. A number of CUPE Locals and businesses in Saskatoon, Regina and Moose Jaw were approached and asked if they would participate. We explained that their donation will be raffled off to help us achieve our goal of raising both money and awareness for Camp Easter Seals.
- The EWSC was very grateful to receive donations from CUPE Locals and twenty one businesses. On December 12, 2007 Earl Booth presented a cheque for \$625 to Sean Davis, 2007 Easter Seals Ambassador for Regina, and Karen Moore, Regina Director of the Saskatchewan Abilities Council.
- Camp Easter Seals, which is located at Watrous Saskatchewan and provides a summer camping experience full of activities for adults and children in Saskatchewan with disabilities.
- CUPE is a community union, and the EWSC is proud to have helped Camp Easter Seals.

### **Earl Booth, Executive Member, EWSC**

### **EWSC Web Page Development**

- EWSC Chair, Brigitte Scott took the basic CUPE Web page training and has also taken some additional training through CALM.
- A new web page was developed and is an ongoing project. Brigitte has a solid contact that will assist with the web page development.

### **Meeting with LEADS**

- Thursday, November 22, 2007 at the Delta Hotel in Saskatoon – Ann St. Denis, Brigitte Scott and Bill Cronin
- Ann St. Denis made a complete presentation on our campaign. There was an opportunity for questions and answers from the LEADS Executive.

### **SSBA Convention**

- Sunday, November 25 – Tuesday, November 26, 2007 at the Sheraton Hotel in Saskatoon – Brigitte Scott
- “Renewing Our High Schools’ - Keynote present by John Abbott “What Kind of Education for What Kind of World”
- Reviewed their bylaws and resolutions, nominations for President and Vice President. Roy Challis was reelected as President. Andrew Bergen lost to Sandi Urban-Hall Vice-President
- Brigitte Scott attended the banquet with her husband Dale.
- Second day key note speaker Bob Pearlman “New Skills and New High Schools for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century’
- Networking Time for Constituencies at various locations and in-camera.
- Presentation by a panel - Saskatchewan Panel 2020 Vision for Saskatchewan High Schools
- Greeting from new Minister of Education Honourable Ken Krawetz
- Third day – Workshops – Brigitte Scott attended the John Abbott continuation of Sunday keynote address.

### **Nova Scotia – Council of Unions Conference**

- December 2 and 3, 2007 at the Citadel Hotel in Halifax – Brigitte Scott
- Greetings from President Danny Cavanaugh
- Coordinators Report
- Report on Benefits – Peter Baxter – National Rep.
- Introduction of Panelists – Rick MacMillan – N.B., Brigitte Scott, Saskatchewan and Gary Johnson B.C.
- Presentations from panelists occurred throughout the first day.
- First day focused on the ‘Frame Work Agreement’ that was signed 2 years ago.
- Elections/caucus choice and an alternate of each local
- Two votes per local
- Presentation on Mandatory Retirement
- Greetings for Paul Moist’s E.A. Rene Fortin

### **Davidson Group**

- June 15, 2007 – Discussions included: updates on the origin of the Davidson Group and the goals of the group, economic climate in the province of Saskatchewan and Collective Agreements
- September 28, 2007 – Discussions included: Upcoming negotiations, local issues and reports, news/info
- December 7, 2007 – Discussions included: Bargaining – where is everyone at? Timelines and preparations. Economic climate and change in government, Provincial Bargaining, locals issues and reports, Horizon decision, Public Private Partnerships, LEADS meetings with EWSC, Nova Scotia Council of Unions Conference, SSBA Convention, casual workers, Scope Clauses – “All Inclusive”.

***Report is a collaborative effort by: Chair, Brigitte Scott and the 2007-08 EWSC Executive***