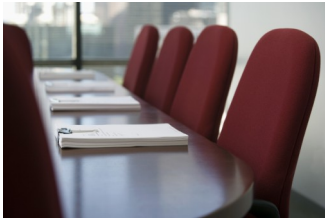




Newsletter

Bargaining Update

This information represents the best efforts of the PTE Bargaining and Leadership Team to keep you informed about what is currently happening with regard to bargaining the master contract between Bates Technical College and the PTE Union.



The Bargaining Team met with Administration last on July 29-31 where we discussed their proposals which included: In-Service, Health and Wellness, Attendance Stipend, revising the Re-class process, discontinuing the Longevity Stipend, eliminating Yearly Steps, Professional Development, and a

new Vacation schedule. We were able to talk about In-Service, Health and Wellness, Attendance Stipend, Re-class, and Longevity. We have requested additional information on Vacation, Longevity, Yearly Steps, and Professional Development (aka Training Increments).

As of now we have the following days scheduled for bargaining:

August 27th noon—4 pm, August 28th 9 am—4 pm

September 9th, 11th, 17th, 18th 9 am—4 pm

Our goal is to be finished with the bargain when we have met the needs of our members. We will not rush through a process, “just to get it over with” as we do no favors to ourselves and you.

The information we received from the supplemental survey is turning out to be very useful for the Bargaining Team. Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill one out. We got over 75% participation! We have also received the budget analysis back from Andrea Hardy at WEA. However, because we didn't have the 2007-08 budget documents we don't have a complete picture. We are currently working with Administration to fill those information gaps.

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