

CUPE 523 Chronicle

Spring 2015



CUPE Local 523 Delegates at CUPE BC Convention

CUPE Local 523, General Meeting, April 11th, 2015

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Thank You Angelique Wood, NDP candidate for the Central Okanagan Similkameen-Nicola constituency, for speaking at our General Meeting this past April!



CUPE BC Convention 2015



Our very own Secretary Treasurer, José van Berkel was elected as a 3 CUPE BC Trustee.

Congratulations!

Meet new CUPE delegates

Cory Thomas
CUPE 523, Aboriginal Education Worker from Enderby

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In my school district my aboriginal education department was quite small.

At that time there was only 18 of us. Our shop steward was stepping down and they were looking for somebody and I thought it would be a good thing to do – to make sure that aboriginal workers in School District 83 were represented fairly.



This is my first convention. I'm just excited to learn and soak it all up. I'm hoping to get more involved and I'm just excited about all of it.



Delegates to CUPE BC's 2015 Convention in Vancouver today re-elected President Mark Hancock and Secretary-Treasurer Paul Faoro, as well as a new Executive Board.

Education Opportunities ...

Contact the Education Rep. in your unit to request to attend courses that are being offered through CUPE BC.

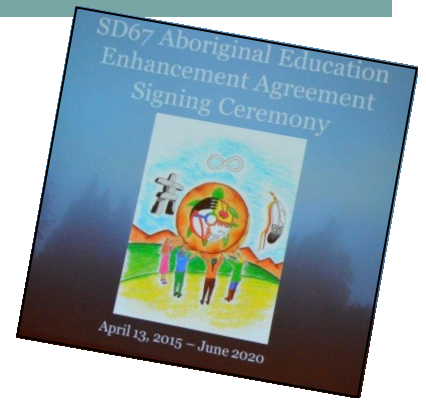
www.cupe.bc.ca/resources/union-education

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Aboriginal Education in SD67

On April 13, 2015, was an important day for Aboriginal Education in School District 67, as their local Enhancement Agreement was signed. This document, which will be in effect until 2020, sets out the goals for Aboriginal Education within the District. It is a collaborative effort of a number of groups, including the school district, all the local Aboriginal communities, and the Ministry of Education. The four goals for 67 are represented by the Four Food Chiefs, a Syilx (Okanagan) oral story.



Goal 1 (Black Bear): To raise awareness and understanding of Aboriginal history, traditions, and culture for all students and staff in the Okanagan Skaha School District.

Goal 2 (Saskatoon Berry): To increase Aboriginal student's sense of belonging, including sense of place, personal and cultural identity, and self-esteem in a caring, safe and inclusive environment.

Goal 3 (Speetlum): To nurture and foster relationships between the Okanagan Skaha School District and Aboriginal families, communities, and organizations.

Goal 4 (Spring Salmon): To increase the educational success of all Aboriginal students.

The principal of Aboriginal Education for 67, Anne Tenning, asked me to participate and sign the document on behalf of CUPE. This was truly an honour, as I also am a member of the Aboriginal Education team.

Here is an excerpt from my speech:

*"Since its inception just over fifty years ago, CUPE has been committed to equality, justice, full inclusion and the right to self-government for all First Nations, Metis, and Inuit peoples. Our current national president, Paul Moist, has said: **"We must all learn of Indigenous peoples' history when we seek to understand and address the persisting injustices faced by them."***



After asking my fellow CUPE ABED EAs to stand with me, I said:

"Ladies and Gentlemen, these are the Education Assistants who work in the Aboriginal Education program, here in School District 67, under the direction and leadership of the amazing Anne Tenning.

Together, we are a team that is privileged to work with and support Aboriginal students.

Together, we offer academic support and cultural opportunities to the very children addressed in this document which we will sign today.

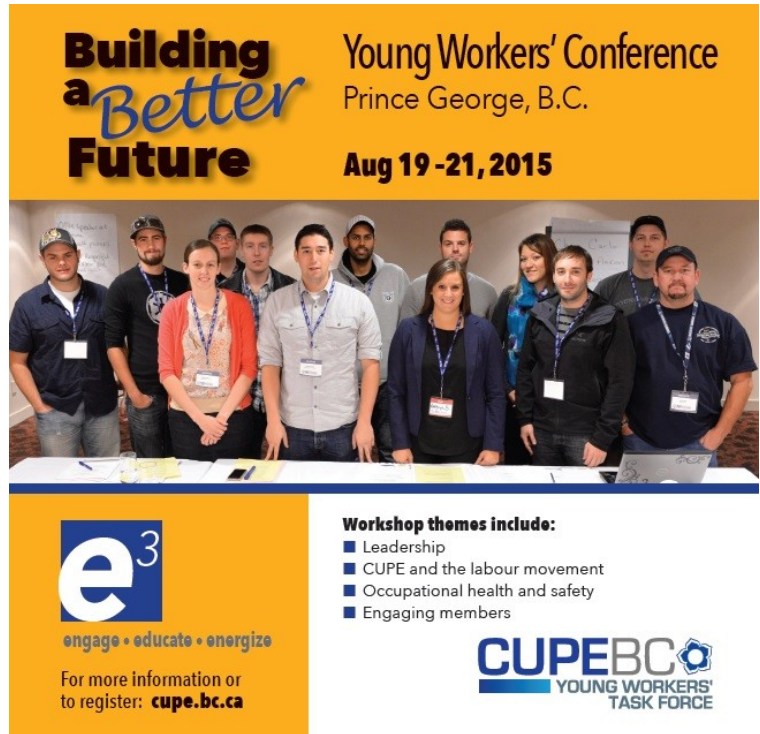
Together, we will do our utmost to follow the mandate in this document and to help to make a better educational environment for our students.

This is our passion and this is our promise.


And so, on behalf of CUPE, I congratulate Anne and all of our partner groups on the completion of this document. And on behalf of my fellow CUPE members, I pledge our commitment to supporting Aboriginal Education in our schools."

Young Worker Conference

There is a young worker's conference scheduled for August 19 - 21 in Prince George and CUPE 523 would like you to attend. If you are 30 years of age or younger and you are a CUPE member you are eligible to attend. An invitation will come to you in the mail or you can contact your local executive to let them know you are interested. All expenses will be covered by CUPE 523.



Building a Better Future Young Workers' Conference
Prince George, B.C.
Aug 19 - 21, 2015



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engage • educate • energize
For more information or to register: cupe.bc.ca

Workshop themes include:

- Leadership
- CUPE and the labour movement
- Occupational health and safety
- Engaging members

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CUPE National Convention



National Convention will be in Vancouver this year from November 2 - 6, 2015. CUPE 523 has four credentials (votes) and will therefore be appointing delegates very soon. Please submit your name to the executive if you are interested in attending by June 10th, 2015

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Retirement Planning Seminar



Apply Today:

1. Go to our website: 523.cupe.ca
2. Click on tab "Forms"
3. Complete the "Retirement Planning Seminar Application form"
4. Print the form and send to: cupe523@telus.net
5. Your name will be added on the wait list. You will be notified when space is available.

Facts:

- This seminar is open to the member and their significant other.
- Wages are covered jointly by the employer and CUPE 523.
- Hotel costs are covered by CUPE 523.
- Mileage is paid at \$0.55 per kilometer
- The cost of meals is covered by CUPE 523 for the member only. (Please be sure you put any alcohol and spouses meal on a separate receipt). All receipts submitted must be itemized (credit card receipts are not acceptable).



Good and Welfare



If you know someone who is celebrating a special event or going through a hard time in life, please notify your good and welfare committee. CUPE 523 wants to recognize these members with a card or a gift. When your coworkers are off sick or caring for a loved one they need a little boost from a friend. And when they are celebrating, it's fun to celebrate with them. Please help us to know who they are by giving their names to the Good and Welfare committee rep.

NOYFSS

North Okanagan Youth And Family Services Society

JOIN THE MOVEMENT
JUNE 21, 2015
 Ride and raise funds for mental health

Creekside Park, Coldstream
 *Registration 8am *Ride Begins 9:45am
 Virtual Riders & Children under 12 Ride for Free

www.ridedonthide.com
 RideDon'tHide @ridedonthide

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HOCKEY CHALLENGE

NORTH OKANAGAN YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES SOCIETY

NOYFSS is pleased to present

Girls Connect

A group designed to promote self-esteem for girls ages 6-8 and 9-12.

In the sessions, the girls will learn about:

- ✓ Respect
- ✓ Values
- ✓ Body Image, Health and Nutrition
- ✓ Personal Strengths, Resources and Supports
- ✓ Relationships and Giving Back to the Community
- ✓ Assertiveness
- ✓ Self-esteem



Mondays 3 - 4pm
(6-8) May 25 - June 29

This program is free, but you must pre-register by contacting

Jordan
 (250) 545-3572 ext. 519
groups@noyffs.org

MIXING IT UP

For Mental Health

An evening to enjoy the company of others, local entertainment and an amazing silent auction!



Saturday, May 2, 2015
6:00-9:00 P.M.

Durali Villa

5960 Old Kamloops Rd, Vernon BC

~ Appies, Drinks, Silent Auction ~

Tickets \$30.00 each,
 Available at CMHA Vernon,
 3100 28th Avenue, Vernon BC

All proceeds directly support CMHA Vernon Branch Programs and Services



April 8... Autism Awareness Month

Vernon's 2nd Annual
Autism Awareness WALK and BBQ



NO DOGS

Wear BLUE and join us Sunday, April 12th to be the voice for people with autism.
 Rain or Shine

April 12th
1-3pm
Polson Park

Warm Up @ 1:15 Walk @ 1:30

Thank You to our Community Sponsors:

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| WONA Child Development Centre | Cobs Bread | Vernon Kia |
| Bounce Hire | Marble Slab | Coopers |
| Spring Services | Sportball | Tesch and Leon |
| NOYFSS | Kiki the Eco Elf | Toeser Totter Toys |
| | Sun FM | Kina FM |
| | | Shriners |

Lots of past and upcoming events....check out our Facebook page for more info.

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John Howard Society

This is an ongoing vital initiative. Thanks to John Howard Societies Shelter, housing & addictions recovery staff, City of Vernon's Community Policing, Bylaw, mayor & councilor, Probation, Ministry of Social Development & Social Innovation Outreach, Interior Health, Social Planning Council & Upper Room Mission's Practicum Students.



Thank you Nixon Wenger Lawyers for your donation of chairs to Bill's Place.

School District 53, 67 & 83

There are many exciting events and socials that are in all of our Units.

SD83 just hosted their Retirement Dinner and Dance and SD67 is hosting their Annual Family Fun Day on May 30th. Please check your site bulletin boards for events in your Unit.

Make sure that you stay informed of important information, events, and meeting dates that are happening in our Local.

Ways to Stay in the Know:

Email Updates from your Unit Chair and your Executive (so make sure that we have your email address!)

Our **Website** has all of our Local Information

Check your site **Bulletin Board**

Attend **Unit & General Meetings** And



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Upcoming General Meetings

All members are encouraged to attend!

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| June 12th, 2015 | The DEC @ 10:00 AM | Salmon Arm |
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Local Bylaws, Section 4, d):

Members shall be paid mileage to attend general meetings when they are driving two or more other members to the general meeting.



If you have any ideas or additions for the next issue please contact a member of the communication committee.

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