

SEIU Local 140 Newsletter 1.19.2023

Local 140 updates

We had our monthly membership meeting this past Saturday. Items included the upcoming bargaining process, approval of a social media committee to launch a union instagram page, and approval of new stewards. Also a reminder to look for an email from SEIU to nominate yourself or a coworker for the open custodial representative at-large position on our leadership team. The full meeting minutes are attached in a separate document in this email.

Bargaining outlook

We will begin bargaining with the district no later than February 10th, though the district has not yet confirmed the date of our first meeting. The bargaining team will meet this coming Saturday to discuss the results of the bargaining survey and develop a strategy and demands for the upcoming negotiations with the district. If you have not already, please complete the [survey](#) so we can hear from as many members as possible! The district is already announcing that they will be short \$50 million for the upcoming budget, however, their fear-mongering does not excuse them from paying a livable wage and addressing the needs of all their employees. We will keep members informed of the bargaining process as it unfolds and will need everyone's input and support to make the district agree to our demands. Please reach out to your bargaining delegates if you have any questions or input.

Bargaining team members: Chris Walters, Veronica Green, Rae Schuman, Amy Silvia, Dave Vecsi, Matt Resnick, Jim D'Arcy, and Gabe Penk.

Social Media Committee

A group of us have had a few meetings to create a social media account for our local. The objectives of this account are to communicate with the public what is happening in our schools, to do outreach for the community and offer ways for community members to get involved, to connect with other unions, and to counter PR that the district is putting out. At this point we plan to start with an instagram account but if more people want to be involved there is potential for other social media accounts as well. We welcome anyone who would like to get involved, as well as feedback or ideas for posts. Please reach out to Gabe at gabepenk@gmail.com if this is something you have an interest in! We hope to launch our union instagram within the next few weeks!

Upcoming events

- Last chance to fill out bargaining [survey](#) before 1/21
- Board meeting Tuesday 1/24 at 6pm at PESC

Useful links

[SEIU 140 union contract](#)
<https://seiu503.org/pps/>