

Teachers take one step closer to full scale strike

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Elementary teachers threatened this week to hold a strike vote within one month unless contract negotiations with the public school board revive.

And the leader of York Region high school teachers, who have already voted to strike, said a confrontation which sets one off could be triggered easily.

Negotiators are "sitting on the edge of an open pit," warned Lynn Johnston, president of Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, District 11.

On Monday, harsh words from the three teachers' unions seeking contracts with the board followed the release of their reports sug-

gesting how a provincial wage freeze affected board finances.

Accountant Gary Porter said the board saved \$16.5 million in secondary and 36.2 million in elementary teachers' wages during the Social Contract. The board's accounting firm, Deloitte and Touche, concluded last month the board had actually lost \$4.8 million when the three-year freeze ended last year.

Porter, of Toronto firm Porter Hetu, said he was working with "actual" savings for the board, while the board used the government formula in use under the Social Contract.

"I don't think the two reports are necessarily incompatible," he added at an Aurora press conference.

"They start from different assumptions and come to different conclusions."

Board representatives haven't met secondary union negotiators since Dec. 12, or elementary negotiators since Nov. 21. Chief board negotiator Karen Barker called the Social Contract "a moot point" for negotiations but suggested the board's position on it is "irrefutable."

"My hope is that at the table we can sit down and resolve this issue," Johnston said. "If that doesn't happen, it may put us in a position where we have to exercise our (strike) mandate."

Last Thursday, 1,700 elementary teachers met in Markham's Centennial Arena and discussed the possibility of a strike, said

the leader of local women teachers. "The board seems to be treating our negotiations with contempt," said Joan Heeler.

Ice Box gets council green light for '97

The Ice Box, a Stouffville youth drop in centre, came out the big winner at local council meeting Tuesday.

Not only will the Friday night youth centre remain open, it will be rubber stamped at budget time.

Meanwhile, Mayor Wayne Emmerson has pledged to help with its \$3,792 annual funding needs.

The Ice Box, located at the Stouffville Recreation Complex, was an election platform of Ward 5 councillor Judy Scala. While the youth centre got off to a bumpy start and was facing closure, Scala managed to convince council not to pull the plug.

"It's now working well," said Scala. "It's providing a place for many to attend. We have to continue to invest in our youth."

Dances held recently have attracted between 40 and 70 teens. Meanwhile, close to 100 turned out for a youth jam session. The Ice Box also offers board games, videos and basketball.

The name of the centre has posed some problems. Scala emphasized that the Ice Box has nothing to do

with hockey. "It is not a hockey program," she said.

The Ice Box, opened from 6 to 10 p.m. on Friday is supervised.

Ward 1 councillor Ivanka Bradley suggested the teens in Whitchurch-Stouffville's

hamlets including Vandorf should continue to be encouraged to take advantage of the offerings at the Ice Box. Scala said parents in these areas have organize car pools to bring the teens to town.

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