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BCPSEA Responses to BCTF and Local Teachers' Association Statements

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Prince George District Teachers' Association Statement

"Meetings are scheduled, but no progress happens," Carolyn Rowland, president of the Prince George District Teachers' Association, said Tuesday...

"What happens at these meetings is that the BCTF (BC Teachers' Federation) puts their position on the table, but BCPSEA (BC Public School Employers' Association) has not put forward their position beyond their claim of zero, zero, zero," Rowland said.

BCPSEA Response

The bargaining session on March 8, 2005, began with a discussion of how the parties would exchange their proposals.

The BCTF wanted each side to present their proposals one at a time, offering commentary on the purpose of the article as it is presented.

BCPSEA stated that in our view, the most effective way to move the bargain forward would be for each party to present their entire package on a mutually agreed date; we did not believe that following the BCTF suggestion would lead to the most productive bargaining process.

After some discussion, the BCTF indicated they will present their proposals one at a time and that when they present their last proposal they will expect us to table our whole language package. BCPSEA agreed with this process.