



2011 November 21

Staff Rep Weekly

Dates to Remember

November 23

Communications Committee
4pm, VESTA office

November 24

Professional Issues
Committee
4pm, VESTA office

November 28

Status of Women Committee
presents—Women of Herstory
A film and panel discussion of
women and activism
4pm, VESTA office

November 29

Health & Safety Committee
4pm, VESTA office

November 30

Gifted Ed Section
4pm, VESTA office

WORDS

“The aim of education is the knowledge, not of facts, but of values.”

*William Ralph Inge
(1860-1954.)*

Congratulations

VESTA congratulates the elected school trustees and looks forward to working with the new School Board to provide an adequately supported public school system that respects the rights of students, parents and employees to fair and equitable treatment. The re-elected trustees are: **Patty Bacchus, Ken Clement, Ken Denike, Mike Lombardi** and **Allan Wong**. The newly elected trustees are **Fraser Ballantyne, Cherie Payne, Sophia Woo** and **Rob Wynen**. Our thanks to the outgoing trustees **Jane Bouey** and **Al Blakey** for their dedicated service over the years on behalf of the Vancouver public schools, to our other endorsed candidate **Gwen Giesbrecht** and all candidates who put their names forward.

Thank You and Congratulations to Election Volunteers

Thank you to all members who volunteered in support of our endorsed COPE and Vision School Board candidates. Through efforts of volunteers like you, Vancouver has elected a slate of progressive school trustees. VESTA volunteers who telephoned, knocked on doors, drove supporters to the polls, handed out leaflets and door knockers, lobbied parents, emailed their friends, donated cash to the campaign, put up posters and worked on the ad hoc election committee, played a crucial role in the success of our endorsed candidates. With all the commitments teachers have in their lives, it was gratifying to witness the hard work and countless hours of volunteer time that members gave in support of the candidates and their vision for a progressive public education system.

SSSW Absences

There have been many instances this term of SSSWs not being replaced when they are absent. VESTA will be sending out reporting forms to the Staff Reps in the near future. In the meantime please keep track of occurrences when SSSWs are absent and not replaced with an on-call SSSW and when you receive the forms fill them in retroactively.

Staff Reps

Do not forget to put your Staff Rep sign on your door or outside your room. Please identify yourselves to TOCs who are in your school. Find out if they have concerns or questions regarding the job action or other union issues.

School Visits

Executive members will be scheduling school visits in the very near future. Please be flexible so that all schools can be accommodated.



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