



2011 November 8

Staff Rep Weekly

Dates to Remember

November 17

Aboriginal Ed Committee
4pm, VESTA office

November 23

Communications Committee
4pm, VESTA office

November 28

Status of Women Committee
4pm, VESTA office

November 29

Health & Safety Committee
4pm, VESTA office

November 30

Gifted Ed Section
4pm, VESTA office

"The powers of students
sometimes sink under too
great severity in correction
...while they fear everything
they cease to attempt
anything."

Quintilian
(c. 35-95 A.D.)

Volunteers Needed

To elect a strong progressive school board VESTA volunteers will be phoning from the VESTA office all BCTF members living in Vancouver to remind them to vote on November 19.

We will meet at 5pm at the VESTA office on the following evenings: November 9, 15, 16 and 17. If you can spare a few hours on any of these dates for this very important work that will affect all teachers and students in Vancouver please call Nancy at the VESTA office or email: nancy@vesta.ca

BCTF AGM Motions

A notice was sent to all school reps requesting resolutions for the BCTF AGM. Resolutions may deal with Bargaining, Health and Safety, Social Justice etc. Refer to the *BCTF Members Guide* at your school to see current policies. Resolutions need to be faxed to the VESTA office by Friday, November 18. Submitted resolutions will be presented at the December 13 VESTA General Meeting.

Resource Teacher Absences

The VSB provides coverage for resource teachers on the third day of absences. VESTA feels this is unsatisfactory and we continue to seek improvements in this area. It is important to note that Resource Teachers should not be asked to provide coverage for colleagues who are absent.

Early Retirement Incentive Plan (ERIP)

All teachers eligible to retire at the end of December may do so and receive the ERIP which is normally available only at the end of June. Each teacher who would qualify for this plan should have received a letter notifying them of their eligibility. To receive the ERIP all normal rules will apply and the notice of retirement must be in by **2011 November 30** in order to begin retirement, with pension, on **2012 January 01**.

For more info on applying for the ERIP call VSB Human Resources.

Staff Reps

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.

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