



2011 September 26

Staff Rep Weekly

Dates to Remember

September 26

Status of Women Committee

September 29

Health & Safety Committee

September 30

TTOC Social
4pm, Toby's

SURT 9—3pm

October 4, 5, 12, 13, 17,
18, 19, 24 at VESTA office

October 11

Adult Ed SURT
9—3pm, VESTA office

**Staff Reps, please send in
your school contact
information and updated
phone trees**

"We cannot move certain items to the local table because they don't fit with 21st century learning and teacher quality initiatives."
Ominous quote from BCPSEA

Picket Line, What Picket Line?

Did you know that during Phase 1 Job Action each VESTA member is carrying with them a virtual picket sign? We are legally on strike against our employer by not engaging in the duties outlined in our Labour Relations Board sanctioned list. That list is our picket line. Members are expected in our collective job action, and by our BCTF Code of Ethics to honour that picket line and that list. When we engage in activities that compromise our job action we are in fact crossing the picket line.

VESTA members honour picket lines and must consider our Phase 1 Job Action list as our picket line.

The success of our job action depends on the solidarity of our members. Job Action is meant to cause friction with management and it is having that effect. Our future success will depend on our determination, strength and commitment. Hold the Line!

School Based Team and Referrals

School Based Teams are to operate with VESTA members in attendance. Administrators are to attend **only** if they provide direct service to the student being discussed or have pertinent information relating to that student, i.e., personal communication with the parent, Ministry of Children and Families, Vancouver Police etc.

Referrals requiring administrative approval can be given to the principal. If the principal chooses not to respect the considered professional advice of the SBT and does not approve the referral, it is a personal choice that she/he is making. Parents then could be notified by the teacher that the SBT has made the referral and that they should contact the principal regarding her/his blocking of the process.

School Union Rep Training (SURT)

SURT will be restructured this year and will not be held as scheduled at the Maritime Labour Centre and will instead be held at the VESTA office. The new schedule and dates have been sent to your school.

Staff Reps

Please identify yourselves to TTOCs who are in your school. Find out if they have concerns or questions regarding the job action or other union issues.

Check out the 21st Century Learning page at the BCTF website. Click on the "for Teachers link." Lots of great info and links. It may be a personal or group autonomous Pro-D activity.

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