



2012 January 10

Staff Rep Weekly

Dates to Remember

January 9

Anti-Poverty Committee
4pm, VESTA office

January 12

Professional Issues
Committee
4pm, VESTA office

January 12

Health & Safety Committee
4pm, VESTA office

January 19

Aboriginal Ed. Committee
4pm, VESTA office

SURT

Feb. 8 and 9
Maritime Labour Center—
one Staff Rep from each
school will attend for one
full-day workshop

WORDS

*"To me the sole hope of
human salvation lies in
teaching."*

George Bernard Shaw
(1856—1950)

FSA Parent Information

VESTA sent out information, including translations, on Jan. 9 and 10 for teachers to send to parents of Grade 4 and 7 students. (**Please check the school audio-visual bag.**) Teachers will be required to photocopy the letters and pamphlets and put them in envelopes that VESTA has provided. FSAs are scheduled to start as early as Jan. 16 so teachers will need to do this as soon as they get the materials from VESTA. Other teachers on staff should assist with the process. Please distribute these materials to the students at the same time, if possible, with the FSA letter from the VSB. If the VSB letter has already been sent, send the VESTA materials as soon as you can. VESTA is giving approval for teachers to hand out the VSB letter to students, **but it is important not to include it in the VESTA envelope.**

Anti-Poverty Conference February 17.

The VESTA Anti-Poverty Committee has received a BCTF grant to co-host with the Surrey Teachers Anti-Poverty Committee two conferences: Vancouver Feb. 17 and Surrey April ** This would make an excellent professional development activity. More information will be coming to the schools.

Bargaining — VTF at the Provincial Table

The VTF bargaining team was invited to present at the Provincial Bargaining Table on Monday, Jan. 9. The major topics that the team presented included the importance of local bargaining for dealing with local issues, as well as two of our bargaining objectives that are currently on the provincial table.

Prep Time made up for Jan. 2

Teachers are entitled to their prep time if it was scheduled for Monday, Jan. 2. If they did not receive it, then VESTA reps should inform their principal that this needs to occur.

VESTA News — Letters to the Editor

Please send in submissions to the *VESTA News* about the concerns of teachers regarding job, child poverty, educational change or other issues that affect teachers and students. Positive stories are welcome.

ACM Delegate Applications

Nomination forms to become a delegate to the BCTF Annual General Meeting, 2012 Mar. 17—20 are due into the VESTA office by **January 11**. Delegates will be selected at the General Meeting on Jan. 17.



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