



# Staff Rep Weekly

\*\*\*Please share this important information with all VESTA members\*\*\*

## Dates to Remember

*Meetings at VESTA Office, 4 PM unless otherwise noted*

January 16

FSA Letters Workshop

January 16

Anti-Racism Committee

January 21

Working & Learning Conditions / Bargaining Committee

January 22

General Meeting / Staff Rep Assembly, Tupper Secondary

January 23

Health and Safety Committee

January 24

Sustainability Committee

January 28

Status of Women Movie Night

January 28

Anti-Poverty Committee

February 5

SURT Training, Maritime Labour Centre, 9 AM-3 PM

## BCTF Annual General Meeting

Nomination forms for the BCTF AGM were faxed to schools and were also included in kits at the Staff Rep Assembly. The AGM runs from Saturday March 16 to Tuesday March 19 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Vancouver.

Delegates will be elected at the January 22 VESTA General Meeting. Members interested in becoming delegates should send their forms to the VESTA Office by January 15.

Any member can attend sessions of the AGM. It is an excellent opportunity to hear from teachers around our province and to witness our democratic decision-making in action.

## Calendar Survey

At the December Staff Rep Assembly a short survey was handed out asking for feedback on possible changes to the 2013-14 school calendar. Discussions at a school-based VESTA meeting should include the effect on teacher practices, implications for the school community, and staff preferences going forward.

Please return surveys to the VESTA Office as soon as possible.

## SURT

Please make sure to register for the School Union Rep Training at the Maritime Labour Centre, Tuesday February 5. It is important that every school be represented.

Sessions will include advocacy for public education, information on our CA and communications in the upcoming provincial election.



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## FSA Letter Writing and Workshop

This week material was sent to schools to help staffs draft letters to parents outlining our concerns about the Grade 4 and 7 Foundation Skill Assessment (FSA) testing in January and February. **Please do not copy the materials as sent** but use the information in them as the basis for letters sent by your teaching staff.

For those who'd like some additional help formulating their letters, there will be a workshop at the VESTA office at 3:30 PM on Wednesday January 16.