



Stronger together Staff Rep Weekly

Dates to Remember

*Meetings at VESTA Office,
4:00 pm unless otherwise
indicated*

November 3
Daylight Savings Time ENDS

November 4
Anti-Poverty

November 5
Islamic New Year– Muharram

November 11
Remembrance Day

November 12
TTOC Committee

November 14
Professional Issues

November 19– 10:00-12:00
Adult Educators' Executive

November 20
WLC / B Committee

Please share this with all VESTA members

Bursary for Child of a VESTA Member

Applications for this \$1000 bursary will be distributed at the November 19th SRA at Tupper. The bursary will be awarded by lottery at the SRA on Tues. Dec. 10th, 2013, to the child of a VESTA member in good standing who graduated from a public secondary school or a public adult education centre, and is also attending a post-secondary institution in 2013-2014.

The deadline for submitting applications is Friday Dec. 6th, 2013.
See our website <http://vesta.ca/> under link "Documents & Forms."

HUH? Pilot Projects or Surprise Consultations

At the VESTA Executive meeting held on Oct. 22nd, a discussion about the VSB bypassing representative committees to directly attempt to meet members and initiate pilot projects without consultation occurred.

Members know that there are existing processes and structures between VESTA and VSB for consultation, so that all pilot projects should first go through these steps (advisory or standing committees or both) before they are rolled out. Also, members know that surprise VSB on-site consultations or meetings from district administrative staff are not the right way to express our views.

The VESTA Executive needs to appoint any VESTA reps on VSB committees, task forces, workgroups etc.

Any interested teachers can apply to represent VESTA.

See your Staff Rep for application forms.

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Together Fairness Works Campaign

The Canadian Labour Congress has a new ad, airing until Nov. 17th. If you haven't seen it yet, see <http://canadianlabour.ca/#>

ADVICE CORNER:

School-Based Professional Development

Members need to recognize that the School-based Professional and Staff Development Fund monies cannot be used in order to subsidize any member's individual Pro-D, transportation costs, meals, accommodations etc. Only planning time by the school committee, speakers fees, token gifts for workshop presenters, professional materials, and supplies and expenses for workshops are permitted expenditures in our VSB/VTF Professional Development Handbook (v. 2010).

Also, it is the school's Pro-D committee that administers these funds, under the Staff Committee. The chair has a right to monthly financial reports and ensures the accuracy of all expenses shown.