



Stronger Together

2014 January 8

Staff Rep Weekly

Please share this important information with all VESTA members

Dates to Remember

Meetings at VESTA office
4pm unless otherwise
indicated.

January 7

TTOC Committee

January 13

Anti-Poverty

January 16

Adult Ed Exec 2pm

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Sustainability Committee
Professional Issues

New Teachers' Conference – Feb. 28 – Mar. 1

Are you a new teacher, teacher teaching on call, or student teacher? This conference is specially designed for you and takes place February 28 and March 1, 2014, in Richmond, BC. Contact Janek at VESTA to inquire about possible funding for the conference. Conference registration opens January 20. Go to <http://bctf.ca/NewTeachersConference2014/> to find out more about the conference.



Unions under Assault: North Shore Winter Club and Mexico

After seven months on the picket line, CUPE 389 concludes that the North Shore Winter Club (NSWC) in North Vancouver has no real motivation to resolve the longest ongoing labour dispute in British Columbia. The actions of the North Shore Winter Club are a disgraceful example of an attempt to bust a union – in order to lower wages and reduce benefits.

Although mediation talks took place December 2, CUPE National Representative John Strohmaier said that the employer came back with their most insulting offer yet. Strohmaier says the club insists on cutting the unionized workforce in half and contracting out the jobs performed by the workers who will be terminated.

In Mexico, the government of president Enrique Peña Nieto has been pushing anti-labour laws targeting education workers under the pretenses of 'education reform'. Key aspects: the utilization of standardized student examination results to determine individual salaries and job security; and greater 'school autonomy'



intended give principals the discretionary power to discipline and fire teachers based on standardized test results. Mexican teachers are protesting loudly and have been doing so for many months!

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Coming Events

VTF and VESTA General Meeting – On Tuesday, January 21 at 4pm, Tupper Secondary Auditorium. Election of our BCTF AGM delegates, discussion of VESTA building issues and school calendar changes are on the agenda.

Staff Union Rep Training (SURT) – Tuesday, 2014 February 4.