



Stronger Together

2014 February 19

Staff Rep Weekly

Please share this important information with all VESTA members

Dates to Remember

Meetings at VESTA office
4pm unless otherwise
indicated.

February 20

Health & Safety

February 21

Pro-D Day

February 25

Adult Ed Exec at 2pm

March 4

Aboriginal Education

March 6

International Women's
Day Dinner 5pm

E-mail!

Gerry Kent, President
gerry@vesta.ca

Dan Graves, 1st VP
dan@vesta.ca

Heather Allison, 2nd VP
heather@vesta.ca

Janek Kuchmistrz, 3rd VP
janek@vesta.ca

Chris Murphy,
AE President
murphy@vesta.ca

Office: 604-873-8378
Fax: 604-873-2652

www.vesta.ca

Restored 2002 Language in our CA

The last issue of the *Staff Rep Weekly* asked for anecdotes with regard to our Collective Agreement's restored language. In November 1999, VESTA won a grievance for ten teachers based on our Collective Agreement's class composition language surrounding the need for extra resources in classes where a third special needs student had been identified.

This resolution led to five teachers each having a 0.50 FTE Special Ed Assistant (SEA) added to their class, another teacher having a 0.20 SEA added, one teacher's class getting an extra teacher, and three teachers each getting 0.5 SEA plus another 0.50 FTE UIP (Urgent Intervention) assigned. Yes, this is our real collective agreement in action! Please send in your stories to janek@vesta.ca.

District Professional Development Day – Friday, February 21

A reminder that how members use a professional development day is their professional choice. For the web cast on aboriginal education this Friday, members are advised that it begins at 8:30am, and ends at 10am. Attendance is optional, with several schools and individuals planning alternate professional development on that day.

Special Instructions for TTOCs on SFE

As it is the VSB's responsibility to replace you for any absence, VESTA reminds members that when they call in to SFE, it is fine to leave extra information about the assignment, but not information suggesting who can fill that assignment.

Pink Shirt Day – Wednesday, February 26

Wear PINK on this day! See website www.pinkshirtday.ca for classroom ideas.

Just Film Festival – February 28 to March 2

The Just Film Festival brings the pursuit of justice to the big screen. We feature social justice and environmental documentaries that go to the heart of issues confronting communities here and around the planet. The focus of the festival is to motivate audiences to action by focusing on issues both local and global. It runs February 28–March 2 at Langara College and is BC's largest social justice film festival. See web at justfilm.org.

The Just Film Festival is produced by a group of partners including: CoDevelopment Canada, World Community, Amnesty International and Village Vancouver.



International
Women's Day

Coming Events

International Women's Day Fundraising Dinner

VESTA Status of Women Committee invites you to the Flamingo Restaurant, 7510 Cambie St. on Thursday, March 6 at 5pm. Tickets \$35. Proceeds going to support Downtown Eastside Women's Centre. Call Vilma at VESTA 604-873-8378 to reserve your ticket!