



Stronger Together

2014 April 4

Staff Rep Weekly

Please share this important information with all VESTA members

Dates to Remember

*Meetings at VESTA office
4pm unless otherwise
indicated.*

April 14

Status of Women

April 15

New Teachers' BCTF
Focus Group

April 15

Staff Rep Assembly
Tupper cafeteria

April 17

Sustainability
Movie Night!!!

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School Closure! Roberts Education Centre in Downtown

This past Wednesday evening at the VSB's Committee II on Facilities and Planning, we at VESTA became aware of the Board's intent to close Roberts Education Centre (REC), a school for adults that has served its community for almost 25 years.

We consider REC a school, not just a program and believe that this school closure must follow due process as outlined in the VSB's own school closure policy and not occur without any consultative process. It is imperative that we hold firm and insist that the Board's processes be followed and that decisions reflect the importance of public education and schools for everyone.

Our fellow VESTA members in Adult Education are the first among us to face a school closure without due process. Come out to support our union colleagues at this Board meeting!

LOCATION: Room 114 (Boardroom), Vancouver School Board Education Centre
1580 West Broadway, Vancouver, BC **TIME:** 7:00pm

**We need to show the Board that they are accountable to teachers,
students and their electorate.**

New Teachers Needed – BCTF Focus Group

Are you a new teacher with less than five years experience? Would you be prepared to participate in a Focus Group with a small number of your colleagues to share your experiences as a new teacher and to give us your views on how the BCTF might better meet the needs of new teachers? **The Focus Group will take place on Tuesday, April 15, 4pm at the VESTA office, 2915 Commercial Drive.** Light refreshments will be provided.

Please email vilmam@vesta.ca by **April 11** if you are interested in participating.

Speaking to your PAC about BCTF Bargaining

If you have been requested by your school's PAC to speak to them about the current state of provincial bargaining and our job action, the VESTA office has a list of useful links to resources for you. These documents can be provided to parents at your meeting. Visit BCTF's bargaining website: www.afairdeal.ca Contact **any** VESTA table officer by email for this information.

Coming Events

21st Annual Fundraiser for Queen Alexandra

On Friday, April 11 at the Maritime Labour Centre, 1880 Triumph St, the Vancouver & District Labour Council is hosting this dinner on behalf of Queen Alexandra School. Contact Keziah at VDLC office for tickets: 604.251.0703

VESTA AGM on Tuesday, May 20 at Vancouver Museum

Meeting starts at 4:00 pm, with refreshments available at 5:30 pm. Nominations are open **now** for all positions on the VESTA Executive Committee. Nominations **must** be submitted by Tuesday, April 15, 2014.



