



Stronger Together

2014 April 30

Staff Rep Weekly

Please share this important information with all VESTA members

Dates to Remember

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

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Post & Fill Workshop

May 1

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May Day Rally– 5:00

May 5

Anti-Poverty Committee

May 8

Professional Issues

May 10

Adult Ed GM– 11:00

May 12

Status of Women



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Stage One of Our Job Action – Week 2

VESTA thanks all members for their strong show of solidarity during stage one. We are staying on course to apply increasing pressure at the bargaining table. Your solid support and continued excellent work on behalf of our students, despite difficulties, is a testament to your devotion to public education. Staff reps are encouraged to contact any IHTO if you have questions about stage one job action.

Pro-D Flexible Days and Calendar – Scheduling for Next Year

Schools should hold a VESTA meeting early in May to discuss scheduling next year's two flexible Pro-D days (September and January) to ensure that part-time teachers are getting their fair allocation of Pro-D.

The results of any school calendar decisions may then be verbally reported to the administrative officer by the staff rep.

Show Your Support for Workers at IKEA in Richmond

VESTA continues to support Teamsters Local 213 in their fight for a fair and reasonable contract at IKEA in Richmond. We ask that you show your support:

1. Do not shop at IKEA

This includes all IKEA locations and online. Any shopping at IKEA is equivalent in effect to crossing the picket line as it helps the company.

2. If you are a Twitter user, join the Twitter campaign by replying to/ sending tweets from @IKEACanada using the #HouseRules. Some sample tweets:

- #HouseRules @IKEACanada mean unfairness to workers
- @IKEACanada's #Houserules mean making more and while employees get less
- #HouseRules @IKEACanada Richmond workers locked out for over 300 days

3. Visit the picket line at Richmond IKEA to show your support.

May Day Rally – May 1 at 5pm at 14th and Commercial Drive

Join in solidarity with other labour unions for a march and rally on May Day! Meet up at Clark Park, Commercial Dr. & 14th, at 5pm, march with the Carnival Band to Grandview Park at Charles St. Irene Lanzinger from the BC Federation of Labour, locked-out IKEA workers, and Lillian Howard of Idle No More are speakers. Come out and meet allies for our cause of defending public education!

Coming Events

VESTA AGM on Tuesday, May 20 at Vancouver Museum

This meeting starts at 4:00 pm, with refreshments available about 5:30 pm. Elections will be held for president, all vice-presidents, Local Reps, and members-at-large on the VESTA Executive Committee. All members are welcome to attend.

TTOC BBQ/SWAP MEET – Friday, June 20

Our annual TTOC Swap Meet/BBQ will be on Friday, June 20 at the VESTA office. Here's a great opportunity for beginning teachers or those new to a grade level to acquire teaching resources donated by other teachers. Experienced teachers can drop off "gently used" teaching resources to the VESTA office on June 18 and 19.