



*Stronger Together*

2014 May 14

# Staff Rep Weekly

*Please share this important information with all VESTA members*

## Dates to Remember

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

**May 14**  
Teacher Psychologists

**May 15**  
Adult Ed Exec 11:00

**May 20**  
VESTA AGM – 4:00  
Museum of Vancouver

**May 22**  
Sustainability

**May 28**  
Health and Safety



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## Our Job Action Continues Forward – Week 4

Since stage one of job action began on April 23, VESTA members have shown a determination to act in solidarity with each other by following the five points of our job action.

Members have continued to provide quality learning experiences for our students, despite the challenges inherent in any job action. The BCTF Executive Committee is meeting today and tomorrow, and members are advised to stay updated about developments by visiting the BCTF's Member Portal at [www.bctf.ca](http://www.bctf.ca)

## Looking for Help to Resolve a Conflict with a Colleague?

The BCTF provides confidential mediation services to BCTF members. A team of volunteer BCTF members, trained and experienced as mediators, makes up the Federation's Internal Mediation Service (IMS). BCTF's mediation is a carefully designed, non-adversarial process. Two mediators work to facilitate conversations between professionals to help them resolve, in their own manner, workplace conflict.

When conflict in your school threatens your positive relationships, call on BCTF IMS by contacting Patti Turner, [pturner@bctf.ca](mailto:pturner@bctf.ca) or 604-871-1803.

## School-based Pro-D Planning

Recently, a Pro-D chair raised a very relevant question, "How can teachers on a school staff deepen their Pro-D?" Here are some of the responses from an engaging discussion at VESTA's Professional Issues Committee:

- as an essential part of Professional Development, open a teacher discussion on how to make Pro-D more meaningful to each teacher,
- examine, and challenge, the sometimes static nature of the growth plan in your school,
- explore the potential for Collaborative Inquiry
- plan an ED Camp approach for a school-based pro-d day by focusing activities on the teacher expertise already on your staff.

## IKEA Workers Locked Out for More Than One Year!

Wednesday, May 7 marked a whole year that the workers at IKEA Richmond have been locked out. IKEA insists on a discriminatory two-tier wage system. Remember to boycott all IKEA stores and online shopping too. Thanks for your support!

## Coming Events

### VESTA AGM on Tuesday, May 20 at Museum of Vancouver, Vanier Park

This meeting starts at 4 p.m. with refreshments available about 5:30 p.m. Elections will be held for positions on the 2014-15 VESTA Executive Committee. All members are welcome to attend.

### Resource Swap Meet/BBQ – Friday, June 20

The annual TTOC Swap Meet/BBQ has been scheduled for Friday, June 20 at the VESTA office. Beginning teachers or those new to a grade level should mark this date! Come and browse through teaching resources donated by other teachers. Teachers can drop off "gently used" teaching resources to the VESTA office June 18 or 19.