



*Stronger Together*

2014 October 16

# Staff Rep Weekly

*Please share this important information with all VESTA members*

## Dates to Remember

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

### October 20

Status of Women Committee

### October 21

General Meeting/SRA  
Tupper Secondary

### October 22

Health & Safety Committee

### October 23

**Back to School Event**  
Toby's Pub & Grill, 4-7pm  
2733 Commercial Dr.

### October 28

TTOC Committee

### November 15

**Civic Election**



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**REMINDER**  
**2014 NOV 10**  
**Schools Closed**

## Volunteers Needed Now as VESTA Reps for VSB Committees

Last week, staff reps would have received a call out to VESTA members to become our union's official representatives to external VSB committees. Please let members know that these are great opportunities to become involved in the elaboration of policy and projects for our public schools. If interested, please submit an [application form](#) available on VESTA's website or fax the form provided last week to 604.873.2652. Please apply by 2014 October 30. Thanks for your interest!

- Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement Implementation & Monitoring
- Active Transportation
- Education Change (2 reps)
- ESL Advisory
- District Health and Safety
- Inner City Advisory
- Modern Languages Advisory
- Pride Advisory
- School Calendar
- Special Education Advisory
- Assessment (3 reps)
- Educational Leave
- Gifted Education Advisory
- ICT Advisory
- Learning Services Consultative
- Multicultural and Anti-Racism
- Professional Development (2 reps)
- School Library Resource Centre Consultative
- Sustainability Advisory

## BC Federation of Labour Convention – Delegates Needed!

VESTA is seeking delegates to the 56<sup>th</sup> Convention of the BC Federation of Labour held 2014 November 24–28 at the Vancouver Convention Centre.

Delegates will be elected at 2014 October 21 VESTA General Meeting at Tupper Secondary. Interested members should complete the CV found at [www.vesta.ca](http://www.vesta.ca). Email your CV to [amy@vesta.ca](mailto:amy@vesta.ca) or fax to VESTA office, 604-873-2652 if you would like to put your name forward for election. Be sure to attend the General Meeting. Any VESTA member is welcome to put her/his name forward and further nominations can be made from the floor. Release time for the entire week will be provided for all VESTA delegates. For more information call VESTA at 604-873-8378.

## School Calendar – No changes made

Members are reminded that there have been **no** changes to the school calendar as originally published. The planned school closure day of Monday, November 10 proceeds, attached to Remembrance Day on November 11. Each school's Pro-D committee needs to select a new date for the missed September Pro-D day, chosen by teachers not management. School Pro-D chairs are asked to again review the letter sent earlier. Members should register for PSA Pro-D activities for Friday, October 24 asap, and apply for reimbursement from their school's Pro-D Committee.

## Upcoming Events

**General Meeting:** ALL VESTA members encouraged to attend our general meeting, at Tupper Secondary, Tuesday, October 21, 4–5:30pm. An important item will be recommended endorsements of school trustee candidates. Do come!

**Back to School Celebration – Thanks for your solidarity!** This happens on Thursday, October 23 from 4–7 pm at Toby's Pub, 2733 Commercial Drive (@ 12th Ave) and close to Commercial Dr. No host bar with appetizers provided. All our VSB union allies are also invited, so please tell CUPE and IUOE at your school.