



Stronger Together

2014 October 9

Staff Rep Weekly

Please share this important information with all VESTA members

Dates to Remember

Meetings at VESTA office 4pm unless otherwise indicated.

October 14

Adult Ed Executive, 2pm

October 14

Executive Committee

October 14

Election Committee
9am—3pm

October 20

Status of Women
Committee

October 21

General Meeting—Tupper

October 23

Back to School Event

4—7 pm
Toby's Pub & Grill
2733 Commercial Dr.



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Questions about September Salary

If you're on the ten-month pay plan and you're a continuing teacher, you were paid 1/20 of your salary as we always are, twice a month, regardless of how many days you work in the month. However three strike days were deducted from the September 30 deposit. They were September 16, 17, 18. No deduction was made for Friday, September 19. So teachers were, therefore, paid for that day.

If you had the same FTE last year you can look at your gross income from early May and compare it to the gross income on your September 30 pay statement. You should notice a 2% increase (old pay x 1.02 = new rate of pay). This is our newly negotiated increase. From that will be deducted three days, as mentioned above, at the daily rate, which depends where you are on the pay scale (about \$400/day if you're at the top of the scale). See the VESTA website for the salary chart from July 2010 in our collective agreement to find out your new daily rate.

Teachers who do not normally work Fridays but who are on a contract were also paid for the extra day of September 19.

BC Federation of Labour Convention – Delegates Needed!

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

Delegates will be elected at the 2014 October 21 VESTA General Meeting. Interested members should complete the CV found at www.vesta.ca. Email your CV to amy@vesta.ca or fax it to the VESTA office, 604-873-2652 if you would like to put your name forward for election. Be sure to attend the General Meeting on October 21 at Tupper Secondary.

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.

Please call VESTA for more information at 604-873-8378.

Civic Election Coming – Saturday, November 15

Our next job as teachers is to help elect a progressive group of school board trustees in Vancouver. Trustees' decisions have a great impact on our work. We need volunteers for this election— give your name to janek@vesta.ca

Upcoming Events

General Meeting: VESTA members are invited to a general meeting, at Tupper Secondary School, Tuesday, October 21, 4—5:30pm. A major topic will be potential endorsements of school trustee candidates. Please attend!

Back to School Celebration – Thanks for your solidarity! Taking place, Thursday, October 23 from 4—7 pm at Toby's Pub, 2733 Commercial Drive (@ 12th Ave) and close to Skytrain. No host bar with appetizers provided. All our VSB unionized colleagues are also invited to attend.

