



Stronger Together

2016 January 20

Staff Rep Weekly

Please share this important information with all VESTA members

Dates to Remember

Meetings at VESTA office 4pm unless otherwise indicated

January 25

Professional Issues Committee

January 26

Executive Committee

January 27

Infusing Aboriginal Content Workshop
4-7pm

January 29

Communications Committee

February 1

Health & Safety Committee

February 2

SURT 9am-3pm
Maritime Labour Ctr.



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Supreme Court of Canada to Hear Appeal

Last week the Supreme Court of Canada agreed to hear the appeal of the longstanding court case between the government of British Columbia and the BCTF. This is an important development in the ongoing case. For more information read the BCTF press release [here](#).

Spring Transfer Process – Deadline for Transfer Cards

The deadline for employees who commit to a transfer as per E.21.12 is March 15, 2016 before 4:30pm. This date falls during the spring break. You must inform Human Resources in writing of your intent to transfer and then your position will be considered vacant for the purpose of posting. You would then enter the spring posting rounds as a “B” candidate. The transfer form is available in your school office.

VESTA's Standing Committees

VESTA has 6 standing committees. These committees meet monthly to discuss teachers' issues through the lens of their respective committees. If you are interested in joining a committee please contact the respective chairperson. A list of committees and contact persons is available on the VESTA website. Our union is stronger when we all get involved.

February 2 Vancouver—Mount Pleasant By-election

VESTA endorsed Melanie Mark, NDP candidate for Vancouver-Mount Pleasant riding at our General Meeting on January 19. Melanie is the former president of the Urban Native Youth Association. She has worked at the Office of the Representative for Children and Youth with Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond, BC's first Representative for Children and Youth. She grew up in East Vancouver and has been actively involved in the community. If successful she will be the first aboriginal woman to serve in the BC legislature. Be sure to get out and vote if you live in that riding.

VTF General Meeting –February 2

The meeting will be held in the Tupper auditorium at 4pm. The agenda for the meeting will be the VSB's proposed 2016-17 calendar and the effects on our Collective Agreement.