



Stronger Together

2016 March 9

Staff Rep Weekly

Please share this important information with all VESTA members

Dates to Remember

Meetings at VESTA office 4pm unless otherwise indicated

March 10

TTOC Committee

March 15

Deadline for Transfer Cards to be at VSB

March 12-28

VESTA office closed

March 12-15

BCTF AGM
Hyatt Regency Vancouver

March 29

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Thinking of Retirement?

Retirement Workshop: There's More To It Than Money on Tuesday, April 5, 4-6pm at the VESTA office

Teachers need to consider if they are ready to retire just as carefully as they consider the financial implications of retirement. This workshop will direct your attention to the many factors that go into the fashioning of a future that is truly rewarding. The workshop is co-sponsored by VESTA, VSTA and the BC Retired Teachers' Association. There are 15 seats available for VESTA members. Please contact vilmam@vesta.ca or call 604-873-8378 to reserve a seat. These workshops are popular and fill up quickly.

If you are thinking of retiring and are eligible for the VSB Early Retirement Incentive payout you must submit a letter to HR by May 31 stating your intent to retire as of June 30. The information memo *How a Teacher Retires from the VBE* is available in schools.

Pro-D Planning for 2016–17

The dates have been set for the annual Joint VTF/VSB Professional Development Planning days. Your school will be invited to attend on one of the following three days from 9am—11:30am: **Friday, April 1, Monday, April 4 or Friday, April 8**. Pro-D committees, please survey your staff, to find out what interests VESTA members have for pro-d in the coming year. Usually it is the principal and the pro-d chair who attend the session and sometimes another VESTA member may attend with funds from the Professional and Staff Development Fund covering the cost of the third person's TOC. This will be a great opportunity to make some initial plans for pro-d within your school and to connect with other schools with similar interests. Meetings will be held at the VSB, Room 180, as they were last year.

Public Education Conference Postponed

The BCTF has postponed the Public Education Conference, originally set for 2016 April 8–9. The conference will be held in the fall of 2016. If you are interested attending we will send out another notice in the fall.

Spring Transfer Timeline

- The full Spring 2016 Transfer Timeline is posted on the VESTA website
- If you are submitting a vacate card you must hand deliver it to the school board this week to ensure it gets there before 4:30 pm on March 15
- Requests to increase/change FTE must be submitted to HR by March 31
- Requests for leave of one year or longer beginning September 2016 must be submitted to HR by March 31