



Stronger Together

2016 April 6

Staff Rep Weekly

Please share this important information with all VESTA members

Dates to Remember

Meetings at VESTA office 4pm unless otherwise indicated

April 12
Executive Committee

April 14
TTOC Committee

April 18
Social Justice Committee

April 19
General Meeting/
Staff Rep Assembly

April 25
Professional Issues
Committee

April 26
Executive Committee



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VSBC Budget Proposal

The VSBC Budget Proposal was made public last week and is available on the VSBC website. The timeline for the stakeholder and public consultation is also on the website. Teachers are a stakeholder group and our participation in these meetings is through our VESTA reps at the Committee III/V meetings. Individual teachers or groups of teachers may submit their concerns to the VESTA in-house table officers but are advised not to send letters to VSBC staff or trustees on their own behalf. As employees of the school board it is not advisable to criticize the decisions of your employer. VESTA representatives have been appointed to speak on behalf of all teachers.

We have a General Meeting/Staff Rep Assembly scheduled for Tuesday, April 19. This is an opportunity for all members to come and share their concerns or ask your staff rep to present the concerns of your staff. The VESTA executive has had a special meeting to discuss the proposed VSBC budget and will have a motion coming to the General Meeting. Please share the meeting notice with your staff.

Deadline Extension

The deadline to apply for leaves of one year or longer to begin in September 2016 has been extended for all members for this year only. Application must be made in writing and submitted to Human Resources by 2016 April 15.

Fingerprint Verification Letters

Please advise members who have received a letter asking for them to submit to a fingerprint verification that the receipt for the fees can be forwarded to Joann Horsley-Horwill, VSBC Human Resources for reimbursement.

According to VSBC, reimbursement requires a copy of the receipt for police fees paid which must state: "**Fingerprints required for Criminal Records Review**". Please ensure that the police receipt has this written on it as well as your full name.

BC FED – National Day of Action

British Columbia now has the lowest minimum wage in Canada. Join workers across Canada in the call for a \$15 minimum wage. This BC FED event will be at Canada Place on April 15, 5—6:30 pm.

The location for the after party has changed to the Rogue Wetbar, 601 West Cordova St., Vancouver.