



Stronger Together

2016 April 13

Staff Rep Weekly

Please share this important information with all VESTA members

Dates to Remember

Meetings at VESTA office 4pm unless otherwise indicated

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

Education Fund (formerly known as the LIF)

It is VESTA policy, as per the SRA on April 21, 2015 :

THAT VESTA seek that the Education Fund be used to replace resource teachers from the first day of absence and that VESTA seek to increase the number of area counsellors, speech language pathologists and resource teachers using the Education Fund .

This information is to be passed on to administration when asked for the recommendations from your staff.

Concussion Awareness Training Tool

BC Children's Hospital is launching a new evidence-based tool for educators to help prevent, recognize and respond to concussion in the classroom. The Concussion Awareness Training Tool (CATT) is an online, free resource that school professionals can use to help children as they return to school after time off from a concussion or if they sustain a concussion while at school.

Teachers can go to www.cattonline.com to find out about modifications they can make for a concussed student such as reducing reading and homework, shortening the school day or adjusting deadlines for projects and tests.

BCTF Policy on Coaching Tax Credit

This motion was passed at the 2015 BCTF AGM and is therefore, BCTF policy.

THAT the BCTF express strong opposition to the BC Education Coaching Tax Credit and:

- 1. discourage members from applying for this credit*
- 2. call on the provincial government to replace it with a tax credit for all teachers in recognition of monies spent on classroom and teaching materials.*

Upcoming Budget Consultation Meetings

The next meeting is Tuesday, April 19, 5pm at the VSB. This Committee III/V meeting will be a public presentation of the revised budget. The next Committee of the Whole is scheduled for April 25 at 7pm. This will allow for further public input from the public and stakeholders. Teachers are encouraged to come out to witness the proceedings. The final budget meeting is scheduled for April 28, 7pm. At this time the trustees will make the final decision on the budget proposals.

Reminder

The deadline for employees requesting leave of one year or longer has been extended for this year only, until April 15. Application for leave must be made in writing to HR by 4pm on that date.



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