



*Stronger Together*

2016 May 25

# Staff Rep Weekly

*Please share this important information with all VESTA members*

## Dates to Remember

*Meetings at VESTA office 4pm unless otherwise indicated*

### May 26

Social Justice Committee

### May 29

Adult Ed AGM, 11am, VESTA office

### May 30

Professional Issues Committee

### June 7

Executive Committee

### June 9

VTF General Meeting 4pm @ Tupper Auditorium

### June 14

Staff Rep Assembly



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## Reminder – VESTA Communication Survey

Have you responded to the VESTA survey about the forms of union communication that you feel are the most effective? The survey is at this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VTQ2273>. Please ask all VESTA members at your school/worksites to complete the survey before 4pm on Friday, June 3. Member input will help our union develop more effective communication strategies.

## Things to Remember when Participating in Interviewing Committees

VESTA policy is that *VESTA members on an interview committee not ask questions during interviews.* (GM Oct 2010) Applicants are already VSB employees and are not being “hired” to the school. As the VESTA rep on the interview committee you are there to answer questions from applicants and provide information about the school. Your role is to ensure that VESTA policy and collective agreement rights regarding seniority are maintained. If the Administrative Officer does not follow your advice, email [heather@vesta.ca](mailto:heather@vesta.ca). The staff rep who has attended the Post and Fill workshop should attend each interview.

## VSB Sustainability Survey

The VSB has launched a consultation process with its school communities to develop input to a sustainability action plan. An **educator only** survey has been developed with the input of the teaching (VESTA/VSTA) and administrator (VEPVPA, VASSA) organizations within the VSB – through an advisory committee. The anonymous survey is being distributed through the four educator groups and is not being broadcast publically. If you wish to participate follow the link provided here: <https://survey.vsb.bc.ca/TakeSurvey.aspxPageNumber=1&SurveyID=943Imn4&Preview=true>

## Collaborative Inquiry Timelines for 2016/17

In order to give inquiry groups more time to investigate their questions there is a new timeline for submitting your inquiry questions. There are 3 dates to submit your questions for 2016/17 by; June 15, September 15 and October 25. Pro-d chairs can get the revised form from principals after May 25. VESTA will also be posting and sending out the forms shortly.

**REMINDER OF THE RALLY AT THE VSB TODAY AND EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 4:30PM. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**