



Stronger Together

2016 June 1

Staff Rep Weekly

Please share this important information with all VESTA members

Dates to Remember

Meetings at VESTA office 4pm unless otherwise indicated

June 7

Executive Committee

June 9

VTF General Meeting, 4pm @ Tupper Auditorium

June 9

PD Workshop
9am—3pm

June 14

Staff Rep Assembly

June 20

EI Workshop for TTOCs

Wednesday Rallies at the VSB

VESTA is continuing to hold weekly gatherings at the VSB on Wednesdays at 4:30pm. Come out to hear updates on the meetings with the Minister of Education from VSB Chair Lombardi and listen to other public education advocates speak. Sign the banners to show your support for the call for properly funded public education. This is a critical time as we approach the June 30 Ministry deadline for passing a balanced budget .

We also encourage all teachers to email the Minister of Education, Mike Bernier, mike.bernier.mla@bcleg.ca to share your concerns about the budget cuts in Vancouver and the underfunding of education in the province. We need to continue to support our trustees in their advocacy for stable funding for our district.

Postcard Campaign

The VESTA Executive passed a motion on Tuesday, May 10:

THAT VESTA undertake along with VSTA a postcard campaign in schools with one teacher per school bringing a bag of postcards to the VSB rally and that the staff reps invite and promote the postcard campaign with school PACs.

Postcards should have arrived in your schools early this week. Please promote these cards with teachers and school support workers, and your PAC chair. We ask that signed cards be delivered to the VSB at our rally on June 8 and 15. Hope to see you there!

Social Justice and Solidarity

June is LGBTQ Pride Month. For teaching resources, look under Pride on the VESTA website under Committees. Then follow the link [Resources that positively reflect LGBTQ people in the curriculum](#). Here you will find recommended Primary and Intermediate books, video resources and websites.

Have you moved recently?

Please update your contact information with the VESTA office. You can email lori@vesta.ca with your new address.

Reminder

The VESTA Communications Committee survey closes this week. Please take a moment to respond to the survey at this link: <http://www.surveymonkey/r/VTQ2273> .



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