



*Stronger Together*

2016 June 22

# Staff Rep Weekly

*Please share this important information with all VESTA members*

## Dates to Remember

*Meetings at VESTA office 4pm unless otherwise indicated*

### June 24

Drop off donations for TTOC Swap Meet 8-4pm

### June 27

Rally at VSB @ 4:30pm

### June 28

TTOC BBQ/Swap Meet

## Results of the Vote on Extended Health Benefits

The VTF General Meeting was held yesterday at the VESTA office. The result of the vote held following the presentation was **in favour of retaining our current extended health benefit plan**. We will be holding a meeting and a vote again next year as per the motion passed at the January 2015 General Meeting. For your information the changes to the Provincial Extended Health Benefit plan are laid out in Appendix A of the Collective Agreement.

## School Closures

The preliminary list of schools that might be considered for closure was announced on Monday. There are 10 elementary schools and 2 secondary schools on the list. The VESTA Executive will be visiting the schools on this list before the end of June. School closures are an issue for all VESTA members and any concerns from members should be shared with staff reps to be forwarded to IHTOs. Employees should not be contacting the school board directly. The trustees are having to consider closing schools due to the lack of funding from the Ministry of Education. The Ministry of Education's arbitrary requirement for 95% capacity will affect schools across the district. Please see the VSB website for more information about the process for school closure as well as the Long Range Facilities Plan.

## June 27 @ 4:30pm Rally at the VSB

This is our last chance to show our support for our VSB trustees who have refused to accept the continual attack on public education in our province. The trustees have not passed a budget and continue to advocate for reliable, predictable and adequate funding for Vancouver schools. Come out to show your support on Monday, June 27 on the lawn at the VSB office. Stand with other unionized VSB employees, parents, students and teachers to show your support for our trustees and to protest the continued cuts to public education in our province. We are stronger when we stand together.

## Reminder to Retiring Teachers

If you have teaching resources that you would like to donate for the VESTA TTOC barbeque please drop them off at the VESTA office on Friday, June 24, 8am—4pm.



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