



Stronger Together

2016 September 14

Staff Rep Weekly

Please share this important information with all VESTA members

Dates to Remember

Meetings at VESTA office 4pm unless otherwise indicated

September 20

Staff Rep Assembly
4pm, Tupper Secondary

September 22

Urban Learners 11
Info Session, 4pm

September 28

Professional Issues
Committee

October 3, 4, 5

SURT

October 11

Executive Meeting



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Chevron Fuel Your School

At a Staff Rep Assembly in December 2015, VESTA staff reps passed a motion stating: *THAT members not participate in the My Class Needs crowd funding initiative and that school based members be reminded that the VSB is not participating in the Chevron Fuel Your School Project.* The VSB has policy regarding solicitations and advertising in schools. All members need to ensure that they are complying with board policy and VESTA policy and not participating in the Chevron Fuel Your School Project.

Article B:25.4 Categories: Procedure for Change of Salary Category

If you have recently completed requirements for reclassification of salary category you must submit an application to the school board. The deadline for reclassification to be effective for salary purposes from September 1, must be submitted by September 30. The application form *Application for Change of Salary Category for Teachers* has been sent to schools last week and should be available in the office.

Collaborative Inquiry Timelines

Staff reps should have received an email from the Professional Issues Committee via the VESTA office last week reminding schools that the deadline for applications is September 15. If you have missed the latest deadline but are still interested in applying for Collaborative Inquiry Fund, there is a final deadline of October 25 for schools to complete an application and be eligible for the upcoming 2016—2017 school year. There is also a workshop at the VSB on September 26 at 4pm for anyone interested in the Collaborative Inquiry process.

The Future of Public Education Event

The Tyee presents *The Future of Public Education: Beyond the Headlines* event on October 5 at the Segal Building, 500 Granville Street. The event will feature a variety of guest speakers discussing the future of education. The doors open at 6:30pm and guest speakers will present from 7—9pm with a reception to follow. If you are interested in attending, up to 20 free tickets will be available at the Staff Rep Assembly. You can also purchase tickets (\$15) online by visiting the website: thetyee.ca/TyeeNews/2016/08/31/Tyee-Future-of-Public-Education/