



Stronger Together

2016 September 21

Staff Rep Weekly

Please share this important information with all VESTA members

Dates to Remember

Meetings at VESTA office 4pm unless otherwise indicated

September 22

Urban Learners 11
Info Session, 4pm

September 27

TTOC Committee

September 28

Professional Issues
Committee

October 3, 4, 5

SURT

October 11

Executive Meeting



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Support for Carleton Teachers

An updated report about the Carleton fire was given at the Staff Rep Assembly this week. Many teachers affected by the fire have had their teaching materials destroyed. Half of the Carleton teachers were surplused and are now at various schools across Vancouver. The VESTA website has been updated with a link to help those teachers affected by the fire. Staff reps have a list of needed materials and supplies which can also be found on the VESTA website. If you are interested in donating any of your personal materials or units please check the website and email joanne@vesta.ca, who can then connect you to a specific teacher requesting that item. There is also a fund that has been created at the VESTA office for anyone wishing to donate financially. Please send cheques made out the VESTA office with a note in the memo line indicating that the funds be used to support teachers affected by the Carleton fire in purchasing teaching materials.

Orange Shirt Day – September 30

At the September 13 Executive Meeting a motion was carried, *THAT VESTA recognize and commemorate Orange Shirt Day in recognition of the harm the residential school system did to children's sense of self-esteem and well-being, and as an affirmation of our commitment to ensure that everyone around us matters.* Please wear orange on September 30 to show your support. For more information please go to www.orangeshirtday.org.

School Closure Update

At the upcoming board meeting on Monday, September 26 a decision will be made regarding which schools will be considered for closure. Each school identified will have a consultation meeting held at their secondary feeder school. Policy states that 14-days notice must be given prior to consultation. A member from the VESTA executive will be in contact with all schools that may be identified on the potential closure list to meet with teachers and discuss any concerns. VESTA has an elected representative that will give feedback during the consultation process on behalf of teachers.

Master of Education – Urban Learner Program Cohort

An information session will be held Thursday, September 22 at 4pm at the VESTA office for anyone interested. For more information please visit the VESTA website.