



Stronger Together

2016 October 19

Staff Rep Weekly

Please share this important information with all VESTA members

Dates to Remember

Meetings at VESTA office 4pm unless otherwise indicated

October 21

Student Vote
Pro-D 9am-12pm

October 24

TTOC Committee

October 25

Executive Meeting

October 26

Health & Safety
Committee



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Collaborative Inquiry Deadline Reminder

The Collaborative Inquiry deadline is fast approaching, but there is still time to apply if interested. The final deadline for submissions is **Tuesday, October 25 at noon**. All applications should be submitted to the school/site Pro D chair and school/site principal who will then send in the school's applications to collabinquiry@vsb.bc.ca. If the requests for applications exceeds the number of days available to the site, applications will be drawn in a lottery administered by the Staff Committee. Application forms can be found on the VESTA website under Committees, Professional Issues.

Non-Instructional Days for Curriculum Implementation

The next curriculum day scheduled is Thursday, November 10. Last year, each school elected VESTA members to be a part of a curriculum implementation team. The team is not responsible for planning the day, rather their role is to assist in collecting feedback, organizing meeting spaces etc. Some teachers may choose to work in groups or teams based on subject matter, grade groupings, non-enrolling etc. but each member has professional autonomy and can choose to spend the day learning about the revised curriculum in a way that is best for them.

Staff reps are encouraged to hold a VESTA meeting to survey members which can then be brought to a Staff Committee meeting where the plan can be presented. Pro D committees are not responsible for planning the in-service day. The **in-service** day is intended to focus on **what** you are teaching whereas **Pro D** focuses on **how** you are teaching.

The second curriculum implementation day will be held in the spring on the flexible Pro D day on the calendar. However, it is not a Pro D day, it is a day intended for the revised curriculum. Please hold a VESTA meeting to discuss and bring forward a recommendation to a Staff Committee meeting about having the 6th Pro D day (spring) be used for the second curriculum day. Please contact the VESTA office if your administrator does not follow the Staff Committee's recommendations.

Rally to Support our Trustees

A rally will be held on **Thursday, October 20 at 5:30pm on the lawn at the Vancouver School Board**. Come out to show your support for your democratically elected trustees and their advocacy for public education. Please communicate with VESTA members the importance of attending this rally. People are encouraged to bring signs of support as well as friends and family. Other VSB unions, parents, and members of the public are also encouraged to attend. We hope to see you all there! The rally will take place rain or shine. Bring your umbrellas!