



*Stronger Together*

2016 November 2

# Staff Rep Weekly

*Please share this important information with all VESTA members*

## Dates to Remember

*Meetings at VESTA  
office 4pm unless  
otherwise indicated*

**November 3**  
Social Justice  
Committee

**November 7**  
Political Action  
Committee

**November 8**  
Executive Committee

**November 15**  
Staff Rep Assembly  
at Tupper



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## Curriculum Day and Reporting Updates

The BCTF recently put out a special issue of *Pro D News* focused on the revised curriculum and its implementation, which can be found [here](#).

The process for planning the upcoming November 10 curriculum implementation day should follow what we did last year – it should be teacher led and not something planned by the administrator. It is also not the responsibility of the professional development committee. If you have the curriculum implementation teams from last year still in place at your school, this is work that could be taken on by them with recommendations coming to staff committee to guide the process.

The topic can also go straight to staff committee for discussion. As was the case last year, teachers are able to choose a self directed approach for the day, and are not required to fill in a self directed form (this is for professional development only). On November 10, one topic teachers may want to focus on is reporting. The BCTF put out a webinar on this topic recently which can be viewed [here](#).

One possibility is for VESTA members to watch the video on the Curriculum Day and discuss the content of the BCTF webinar as a group.

The Ministry has also put out an updated curriculum document which can be viewed [here](#).

Currently our district is following Schedule 1, information about which can be found on page 7 with some clarifying questions on page 10. Of particular interest may be questions 6, 7, 8 and 9 which refer to changes to reporting frequency for some subjects and the new curricular areas.

With the current situation at the VSB, we have not had an Education and Curriculum Change Committee meeting since this new information has come out. We have been told a committee meeting will be scheduled within the next few weeks as senior management returns to work from extended medical leave. As more information regarding reporting becomes available we will continue to communicate that with members.

## ERIP (Early Retirement Incentive Plan)

The Board has communicated that it will **not** be offering the ERIP to teachers retiring effective January 2017, however as stated in the Collective Agreement, Appendix B, ERIP will be offered for those teachers retiring effective June 30, 2017.

For more information about the ERIP and its requirements, please see Appendix B in the Collective Agreement.