



Stronger Together

2016 November 30

Staff Rep Weekly

Please share this important information with all VESTA members

Dates to Remember

Meetings at VESTA office 4pm unless otherwise indicated

December 5

PD Workshops for TTOCs

December 5

Adult Ed Executive Committee

December 7 (Wednesday)

SRA/GM at Tupper

Staff Rep Assembly

Next week's Staff Rep Assembly will be held on **Wednesday, December 7, 4pm at Tupper**. We have VESTA policy stating:

THAT December 6 be a day of reflection within the BCTF and that no Federation or Local meetings be scheduled except for gatherings to:

- a. commemorate the memory of women who died because of violence against women, and to*
- b. Develop such strategies to stop such violence and that such meetings coordinate with community organized events about Violence Against Women.*

Staff Rep Weekly Changes

Last Spring, the Communications Committee created a survey asking members for feedback regarding VESTA's current communication practices. This feedback was then reviewed by the committee and recommendations for changes were made to the Executive Committee.

The majority of the respondents indicated that the *Staff Rep Weekly* is a valuable information item that is widely circulated amongst members in schools. The survey results indicated that the information contained in the *Staff Rep Weekly* was relevant and useful information for all members. Therefore, beginning next week, the *Staff Rep Weekly* will now be renamed the *VESTA Weekly* and will be sent to each member via email. One hard copy will still be faxed to schools so that Staff Reps can still post in their schools through their usual VESTA communication processes.

Information regarding the VESTA executive's goals and action plan will also be available in the next edition of the *VESTA news*. VESTA members asked for more information about the roles and responsibilities of the different roles within the union as well as information explaining the decision-making and support processes for members. Information about the roles of the Executive Committee, Staff Reps, school union teams, and school union contacts will be coming to schools in the new year. We will also distribute updated information on the decision-making processes and the governance structures of the union. There are many different ways decisions are made at the school level through the various committee structures, at Staff Rep Assemblies, General Meetings, Executive Committee, and at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held each year.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the communications survey last spring. We look forward to planning and conducting another survey in the future to reflect on the implementation and effectiveness of these new changes.



Chloë McKnight
President
chloe@vesta.ca

Joanne Sutherland
1st Vice President
joanne@vesta.ca

Heather Allison
2nd Vice President
heather@vesta.ca

Jill Barclay
3rd Vice President
jill@vesta.ca

Hollie Williams
AE Sublocal President
hollie@vesta.ca

Office: 604-873-8378
Fax: 604-873-2652
www.vesta.ca