



Stronger Together

2017 January 11

VESTA Weekly

Topics Worth Talking about! Please read and discuss with your colleagues

Dates to Remember

Meetings at VESTA office 4pm unless otherwise indicated

January 16

Professional Issues Committee

January 16

Adult Ed Executive Committee, 2pm

January 17

General Meeting/
Staff Rep Assembly
@ Tupper

January 17

Restored Language Workshop, 9—3pm



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Student Vote Workshop—January 30

Engaging Students in the Democratic Process through the Student Vote: Putting the Student in Student Vote

This **FREE** workshop will be facilitated by Grade 5/6/7 teacher, Jody Polukoshko and four students with first hand knowledge and experience about Student Vote at the VESTA office on Monday, January 30 from 9—12pm. If interested, email vilmam@vesta.ca to register.

2017/2018 Draft School Calendar—Winter Break

The VSB Calendar Committee met on January 9 to discuss the calendar for the 2017/18 year. At this meeting it was recognized that the draft calendar for Vancouver included winter break dates (December 18—29) that were not in line with the rest of the lower mainland districts (December 25—January 5). As such, a recommendation came from the committee to amend the dates for 2017/18 calendar to bring our winter break in line with the rest of Metro Vancouver. This needs to be approved by the Official Trustee, and will be on the agenda for the January 23 board meeting.

Communicating with Parents Regarding FSA

Individual or groups of teachers at a school may share information and opinions about the FSA in a letter addressed to parents. If this letter is sealed in an envelope or stapled shut, it may be sent home with students. If the information in the letter is exactly as created by the BCTF, it does not need to be approved by the principal as this has already been agreed to between the BCTF and BCPSEA. Teachers or staffs who compose their own letters have the right to free speech on this topic and do not need to have such letters approved by administrators. These letters should be mostly in the words of individual teachers or the staff at the school and not provided by the local union (VESTA).

If your administrator asks for your letter to be approved before sending it out, please ask for that direction in writing and forward that direction to the VESTA office.

Staff Reps

A reminder to please register for the January 17 workshop on restored language, and to book your TTOC as soon as possible.