



Stronger Together

2017 January 18

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 24
Executive Committee

January 25
Living with Balance

George Heyman Nomination

As VESTA has endorsed George Heyman for the upcoming election, we have been invited to his nomination for the Vancouver-Fairview NDP riding on Sunday, January 29. The meeting will take place at 1440 West 12th Avenue at the Holy Trinity Anglican Church starting at 3pm. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

The Women's March

The BC Federation of Labour is assisting in organizing the Women's March taking place this Saturday, January 21 from 10am to noon. The march will begin at Jack Poole Plaza and will go past the American Consulate, the Trump tower, and then back to Jack Poole Plaza.

VESTA Motion – Memorandum of Agreement

At the Staff Rep Assembly on Tuesday the following motion was passed,

That the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) funding prioritize remedies for classes currently in violation of the restored language and increase non-enrolling support and that this be the only advice forwarded from VESTA members. SRA, January 17, 2017

Throughout this week meetings were held in schools to gather feedback about how to allocate the Memorandum of Agreement funding. The motion above gives direction to the VESTA representatives who will be discussing this funding with the board. The VESTA representatives will be looking at how to best address the most egregious class size and composition violations in the district. The amount of money that has been allocated to Vancouver for the remainder of the 2016—2017 school year will not be able to address all the class size and composition violations to meet the restored language. The restored language has yet to be fully implemented as provincial discussions around how and what that implementation will look like are ongoing.

Part-time Teachers Ability to Increase Time

For the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) funds allocated to Vancouver the union reached a without prejudice Memorandum of Understanding with the board allowing part-time teachers to increase their time at their current school. A teacher wishing to increase does not need to have been full-time in the past or have filled out the request to increase form last spring. These agreed upon conditions are for the allocation of the MOA funding only. Anyone wishing to increase their time for the following school year will need to do so using the usual process that takes place in the spring.



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