



**Stronger Together**

2017 February 8

# VESTA Weekly

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

## Dates to Remember

*Meetings at VESTA office 4pm unless otherwise indicated*

**February 14**  
SRA/GM at Tupper

**February 15**  
TTOC Committee

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School Design &  
Seismic Upgrade  
Ad Hoc Committee

**February 16**  
Aboriginal Education  
Committee

**February 20**  
Professional Issues  
Committee



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## ERIP (Early Retirement Incentive Plan)

Each year the board provides information about the Early Retirement Incentive Plan (ERIP) which is now available in schools. The document lists what is needed to be eligible for the program as well as the process and timeline. The deadline to submit the letter requesting the ERIP needs to be submitted to the board by 2017 May 31. If you are between the ages of 55 and 64 as of June 30 and are thinking about retirement, please read the full document for more details.

## Nominations for Naming Committee

The board is creating a committee to rename Macdonald Elementary. Interested teachers wishing to sit on that committee need to complete a [CV form](#) found on the VESTA website under *Documents*.

The VESTA office will hold a training session in late February. In order to be appointed to the committee you must attend the training at the VESTA office as per VESTA policy. Please fax in your application form and email [amy@vesta.ca](mailto:amy@vesta.ca) by Wednesday, February 15.

## Spring Transfer Deadline

The deadline for employees who commit to a transfer as per E.21.12 is 2017 March 15 before 4:30pm. This year March 15 falls during the spring break. You must inform Human Resources in writing of your intent to transfer and then your position will be considered vacant for the purpose of posting. You would then enter the spring posting rounds as a "B" candidate. The transfer form is available in your school office.

## Are you on the voters list?

Elections BC will be updating the voters list in February and March in preparation for the provincial election on May 9, 2017.

You can get ready to vote by registering or updating your voter information now. It's easy to do online or by phone. Register online [using the Online Voter Registration system](#) or by phone by calling 1-800-661-8683.