



Stronger Together

2017 April 19

VESTA Weekly

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

Dates to Remember

Meetings at VESTA office 4pm unless otherwise indicated

April 20
Health and Safety Committee

Aboriginal Ed Committee

April 24
Elections Committee

April 25
Executive Committee



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Countdown for Change —19 days to Election Day!

At the VESTA Staff Rep Assembly on April 18 the following motion was passed: ***THAT VESTA endorse the NDP in the 11 Vancouver ridings in the upcoming election.***

Teachers Volunteer Nights: Teachers are invited to George Heyman's campaign office, 144 East Broadway on Thursdays at 4:30pm from now until election day.

New canvassers will be paired with experienced campaigners. A door knocking shift typically lasts 2–3 hours. Talking to undecided voters at home is the single biggest difference you can make in this campaign!

Contact Susanna (778) 927-6470 or email volunteers@george2017.ca if you would like to help.

School Organizations

Preliminary school organizations are beginning to be shared in schools. These draft organizations are in the very early stages as the final budget is not approved until the end of April. In early May, principals will receive school staffing allocations. We will be hosting our Post and Fill Workshop in mid-May. It is very important that all schools have a representative attend the workshop as we will be reviewing the Spring Transfer process and timelines, the restored language, and the Agreement-in-Committee that reviews the implementation process, including best efforts and remedies.

Once your school rep has received the training, teachers should hold a VESTA meeting to discuss school organizations. Recommendations (in compliance with the restored language) can be brought to Staff Committee. Please remember that any organizations made during the spring may change up until the end of September.

Adult Education Rally

There is an important rally happening on April 24 at 6pm prior to the Committee of the Whole Meeting at the board at 7pm. The rally is to protest the cuts to Adult Education that have been proposed in this year's budget. Sponsored by the BCTF, this rally is a show of solidarity with our Adult Educators and supports keeping Adult Education as a core value and integral part of public education. Come out and show your support!