



Stronger Together

2017 June 7

VESTA Weekly

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

Dates to Remember

Meetings at VESTA office 4pm unless otherwise indicated

June 12

TTOC Committee

June 13

Staff Rep Assembly

June 15

Appreciation Event

June 19

Retirement Dinner

June 21

EI Workshop

June 27

TTOC BBQ/Swap Meet



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Participating in Interviewing Committees

VESTA policy is that:

VESTA members on an interview committee not ask questions during interviews. (GM Oct 2010)

Applicants are already VSB employees and are not being “hired” to the school. The VESTA rep on the interview committee is there to answer questions from applicants and provide information about the school. The role is to ensure that VESTA policy and collective agreement rights regarding seniority are maintained. If the Administrative Officer does not follow your advice, please contact the VESTA office.

Boost Your Mental Fitness

Starling Minds is a BCTF initiative to help teachers manage stress. The program is based on on Cognitive Behavior Therapy that helps to boost and support mental health fitness. It has recently been updated, so members can now refer family members, allowing them access to the program. You will need your BCTF identification number to access the initial sign up, but are then given a separate identification number that remains confidential. If interested please visit starlingminds.com.

June is LGBTQ Pride Month

To support inclusion in schools, teachers can access curriculum resources on the SOGI(Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity) 123 website: www.sogieducation.org SOGI 123 is a collaboration between the BC Ministry of Education, the BCTF, UBC’s Faculty of Education and several other groups including the Vancouver School Board. Teachers may also visit the website to get information on being a SOGI School Lead.

Join VESTA at the Pride Parade this summer! We will be carrying our new flags and showing our support this August at the Pride Parade! If you would like to join and march with VESTA, please RSVP to joanne@vesta.ca before the end of June to let us know you'll be there!

Date: Aug 6, 2017

Time: 12pm noon

Location: Meet at Robson at Thurlow (look for the VESTA banner!)