



Stronger Together

October 26th, 2017

VESTA Weekly

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

Dates to Remember

Meetings at the VESTA office starts at 4pm unless otherwise indicated.

Professional Issues (Pro-D) Meeting

October 30th
VESTA Office

TTOC Committee Meeting

November 2nd
VESTA Office

Executive Meeting

November 7th
VESTA Office

Working & Learning Conditions/Bargaining (WLC/B) Meeting

November 7th
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Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) Participation

The MDI was developed by the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) at UBC. HELP has produced valuable information regarding school readiness through its information gathered from teachers who participated in the EDI (Early Development Instrument) and is continuing its research with the MDI. The MDI is a voluntary survey given to Grade 4 and 7 students asking for their thoughts about 5 different areas: social and emotional development, physical health and well-being, connectedness, after-school time, and school experiences. Participation in the survey is **voluntary** for schools and teachers. Parents and children also have the opportunity to opt out if they wish. A motion was passed at the Executive Committee, *THAT VESTA support the Middle Years Development Index (MDI) based on teacher voluntary participation - 2016 Oct 25 EC*. Teachers can view the results from their school online. Please let teachers know that it is their choice if they would like to participate in the MDI. Administrators will have more information if teachers are interested.

BCTF Conference for New Teachers, New TTOCs, and Student Teachers / Conférence de la FECB pour nouveaux enseignants, nouveaux suppléants et maîtres-stagiaires

The 20th annual New Teachers, New TTOC's and Student Teachers Conference will take place on **March 2 and 3, 2018** at the Radisson Hotel in Richmond. For more information please go to <http://www.bctf.ca/NewteachersConference2018>. Registration will begin mid January so watch for it! The BCTF now accepting **workshop proposals** for 2018 New Teachers' Conference (Deadline: October 30, 2017). Please go to the BCTF website for more information regarding workshop proposals.

La 20e conférence annuelle pour nouveaux enseignants, nouveaux suppléants et maîtres-stagiaires aura lieu les **2 et 3 mars 2018** à l'hôtel Radisson à Richmond. Nous acceptons désormais les propositions d'ateliers (Date limite: 30 octobre 2017).

School Libraries and reassignment

With the reassignment of non-enrolling teachers, including teacher-librarians, there has been some confusion regarding access to the library. The BCTF policy with regards to the library is 3.P.02 - When a teacher librarian's services are not available, in the library, teachers shall not assume the duties of that teacher librarian or utilize the services of a volunteer or any other person to do the work of the teacher librarian. (05 AGM, p. 47).

In addition, VESTA has policy that states: That when a teacher-librarian is absent and no Employee on Call is provided, the library resource centre be closed except before school, lunch and/or after school times when the current practice is that supervision is done by a Staff Assistant or Supervision Aide. 1997 Jan 23 Exec.

Please respect your BCTF and VESTA policy and your colleagues by refraining from using the library when there is no TL. Instead, insist that your school requires the service of a TL. Remember that we are stronger together.