



Stronger Together

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VESTA Weekly

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

Dates to Remember

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

**Staff Rep Assembly/
General Meeting**
January 16
Tupper Secondary
at 4:00pm

**TTOC Committee
Meeting**
January 17

**Professional Issues
Meeting**
January 22

**Executive
Committee Meeting**
January 23

CSL Workshop
January 25



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Welcome Back!

We hope you all enjoyed your well-deserved break and have come back to school rested and ready for the coming months. It will be a busy year as we get closer to bargaining and remedy gets put in place. Happy 2018!

BCTF AGM Delegates Reminder

For anyone interested in being a VESTA delegate to the BCTF AGM, the nomination deadline has been extended until Friday, January 12. Nomination forms are available on the VESTA Website at <http://vesta.ca/documents/other-forms/>. You can also run for the floor at the General meeting at Tupper on January 16. This year VESTA can send up to 30 delegates to the AGM to represent our local and we are looking for more delegates. The AGM will be held on March 17-20 this year at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Vancouver.

Remedy

VESTA IHTOs are continuing discussions with the board regarding the fulfillment of remedy. This week the final 100 emails went out to elementary teachers who are entitled to remedy for the month of October. If you believe that you are entitled to remedy according to the board's interpretation of our restored language and have not received an email, please let your staff rep know and have them contact the VESTA office. As a reminder, the board's interpretation of when remedy is due includes classes with 4 or more students with special needs or with 2 students with severe designations. Please remember that at this point students with an R designation are not included in remedy calculations. There are also a number of other factors that influence whether or not you are entitled to remedy. The board is still working on a process for teachers to access the remedy they are due. We will communicate any information from the board when we receive it.

Curriculum Implementation Day January 29

VESTA members are invited to join a mini-conference organized by VSTA's Social and Environmental Justice Committee at Tupper Secondary on the January 29 curriculum implementation day. The focus is on the Core Competencies and Indigenous Ways of Knowing. Suzanne Hoffman, our new superintendent, will open, followed by a keynote address by Anita Chapman. There are a wide variety of workshops available for both morning and afternoon sessions. The closing session will be a screening of the film, "All My Father's Relations," followed by a panel discussion with the film makers. Registration is available through the VSB Professional Development site at <http://www2.vsb.bc.ca/vsbprograms/Prod/Current+Professional+Development+Opportunities/default.htm>. The mini-conference is at the top of the listings. There are no fees required for attendance at this event. Please note that since it is a curriculum implementation day, pro-d funds should not be used to support any activities on this day.

Communicating Student Learning Pilot Project Feedback Workshop

On January 25 we are holding a workshop for staff reps at the VESTA office in order to get some preliminary feedback from schools involved in the Communicating Student Learning Pilot Project. Staff reps will be holding meetings at their schools to gather information to bring with them to VESTA. If your school does not have a staff rep and has teachers involved with the pilot project, we hope you will be able to send one representative from your school. The workshop is for the morning only, from 9 to 11:30am. A registration fax was sent to all schools. Please fax back the registration form to 604-873-2652 or email the registration to andrea@vesta.ca.

Retirement Workshop

VESTA, VSTA and the Retired Teachers' Association are holding the retirement workshop, "There's More to It Than Money." Limited space is available for the Wednesday, February 7 session. The workshop is held from 4 to 6pm at the VESTA office. The workshop covers non-financial topics such as assessing retirement needs, meeting challenges and risks and building an action plan. To register please send your full name and school site to andrea@vesta.ca.