



Stronger Together

March 15, 2018

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.

Social Justice & Solidarity Committee Meeting
April 3

Professional Issues Committee Meeting
April 9

Executive Committee Meeting
April 10

Staff Rep Assembly General Meeting
Tupper Secondary
April 17 at 4:00pm



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Bargaining Survey

You will be sent a very important email in the first week back after Spring Break with a link to our Bargaining Survey. The survey will be open from Thursday April 5th to Thursday April 19. One of the first steps to prepare for the expiration of our Collective Agreement in June of 2019 is to find out what priorities our members have and what issues should be brought forward during bargaining. To ensure your ability to express your opinions and provide feedback on what is important to you, VESTA has prepared a survey which will be used to help produce our local bargaining objectives and will enable us to send information to the BCTF regarding your priorities for bargaining at the provincial table. Please watch for the email and be sure to complete it so your voice is heard here and at the BCTF Bargaining Conference which will be held in the fall.

Update Your Contact Information with VESTA!

It is always important for us to have your updated **non-*vsb* email**, but now it is especially important as we prepare for bargaining. In addition to the Bargaining Survey being sent to all, VESTA is going to be sending out surveys to gather information from several specific groups regarding their working and learning conditions. TTOCs have been sent a survey so we can work with the board to improve recruitment and retention. In addition, after the break we will be sending out surveys for non-enrolling teachers and kindergarten teachers. We should also have your current address and phone number. Please contact lori@vesta.ca with your updated information.

Fingerprint Verification Letters

Please advise members who have received a letter asking for them to submit to a fingerprint verification that the receipt for the fees can be forwarded to Joann Horsley-Horwill, VSB Human Resources for reimbursement. According to VSB, reimbursement requires a copy of the receipt for police fees paid which must state: "**Fingerprints required for Criminal Records Review**". Please ensure that the police receipt has this written on it as well as your full name.

Happy Spring Break!

From the VESTA In House Table Officers, Chloe, Jill, Joanne, Allison and Jody, to all you professional, hardworking and dedicated teachers across our district, we wish you a much-deserved break! Take care, take time and take a break. Wishing you sunshine and fun times. Note that the office will be closed over Spring Break and will reopen on our first day back, Tuesday April 3.