



**Stronger Together**

April 19, 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.

**Executive Committee Meeting**  
April 24

**WLC/B Committee Meeting**  
April 26

**VESTA AGM**  
VanDusen Gardens  
at 4:00pm  
May 15



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## Budget Timelines and Staffing

This year the Board has changed its process and timeline for finalizing the budget for 2018/19. You will have been given a preview of the preliminary draft budget at a meeting with your administration on Wednesday. Although the budget will not be finalized until June, staffing allocations for the coming year will be sent out following the usual timeline and for this year will be available on May 4th. VESTA, other stakeholders and the public will be making responses to the budget proposals at the Committee of the Whole meeting on April 24th at the VSB Education Center at Broadway and Fir. As elementary teachers, VESTA president Chloe McKnight will be making a presentation on your behalf, guided by the feedback Staff Reps gave regarding budget priorities at the April 17 Staff Rep Assembly. The Staff Reps voted and carried the following motion:

That VESTA's feedback on the VSB budget focus on:

- Full implementation of our restored language, including provision of sufficient TTOCs
- Providing non-enrolling staffing that meets the needs of the district
- Restoring the Adult Education system

The Committee of the Whole meeting is open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend to listen and gain greater understanding of the budget proposals. The meeting begins at 5pm and is scheduled to finish by 9pm. An agenda will be posted on the VSB website on April 20th. Note that individual teachers should not be completing the budget survey that is available for public response to the budget.

## Post and Fill Workshops

On May 1 and 2 VESTA will be holding its annual Post and Fill workshops to assist Staff Reps with ensuring that the Collective Agreement is followed during the Spring Transfer Process. If your school does not have a staff rep, it is important that someone from your school comes to the workshop to receive the training. The sessions are held at the VESTA Office from 9am to 3pm. A fax detailing registration has been sent to all schools. Please contact [andrea@vesta.ca](mailto:andrea@vesta.ca) to register or contact [allison@vesta.ca](mailto:allison@vesta.ca) for more information.

## Catchment Area Review Public Meetings

The VSB is looking at adjusting the catchment areas for several schools in order to alleviate overcrowding. They are beginning with three zones, one in the downtown core, another around Simon Fraser Elementary and another along the water and South and West of Hudson Elementary. The VSB will be holding three information sessions to share details of the proposals and to get some feedback from the public. Two of the three sessions have been arranged. One session will be held **May 10 at Tupper Secondary** and the another on **May 15 at Kitsilano Secondary**. The schools that are likely to be impacted include, but are not limited to, in the downtown area; Elsie Roy, Crosstown, Strathcona and Seymour; along the water south and west; Hudson, Gordon, Bayview, Queen Mary, Tennyson, Carnarvon; and along the North/South Cambie/Main corridor; Simon Fraser, Mt. Pleasant, Nightingale, Queen Alexandra, Livingstone, Brock, Wolfe, Cavell, Carr and Shaughnessy. If you could alert the parents at your school to these two dates and attend yourself, it would help with understanding and communication of the details of these proposed changes. If you would like more information regarding these sessions you can call Allison at the VESTA office. All sessions will have information regarding the three different zones. VESTA's feedback will come through our structures including the Boundary Review Working Group and Committee II meetings. Teachers can direct comments and feedback through Allison or Joanne at the VESTA office. Information regarding the third session will be communicated soon.

## Remedy Feedback and Concerns

If you have questions or concerns regarding Remedy, please forward them to the VESTA IHTOs listed in the side bar and do not reply to the Board through the remedy email or email members of the Board directly. We will bring forward concerns, questions and issues through our regular meetings with Senior Management.