



Stronger Together

May 10, 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
May 22

VESTA Annual General Meeting At VanDusen Gardens
May 15 at 4:00pm
VanDusen Gardens

TTOC Meeting
May 17



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VESTA AGM Reminder

VESTA's Annual General Meeting is next week on Tuesday May 15 at VanDusen Gardens in the Visitor Center starting at 4 pm. The Visitor Center is located at 5251 Oak Street. Appies and beverages will be served. There is plenty of free parking and the location is accessible by transit. Come and vote to elect the 2018/19 Executive Committee!

Communicating Student Learning Survey

Information gathered at the staff rep workshop on CSL has been shared with the Board both in writing and in discussion at meetings. Refining the CSL pilot project for next year is an important step in preparing for eventual changes to reporting. In order to gather further information regarding the CSL pilot project the Board has created a CSL survey for those teachers participating in the project. The link to the survey is available here <https://survey.vsb.bc.ca/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=m643465> and on the i3 website. We have been assured that the survey is entirely anonymous. The link to the survey will be open until 9pm on Tuesday, May 22.

Staffing

By now discussions regarding staffing should be occurring at your school. Many schools across the district are in a surplus situation. VESTA has sent an important communication to staff reps regarding this matter. If your staff does not have a staff rep or VESTA contact, please email the VESTA office to ensure that this important information is shared at your school.

BCTF AGM Motion Regarding Kinder Morgan Pipeline Expansion

In the BCTF's Seeds of Social Justice newsletter, we were reminded of the motion that was passed at the AGM this March and asked to spread the word. In case you didn't know, Resolution 302 states

That in light of the 28 (now over 200) demonstrators arrested this weekend, the Federation encourage all locals to stand in solidarity with Indigenous water and land protectors in opposition to the Kinder Morgan pipeline expansion by lobbying their local politicians and by participating in any protests or actions.

The Seeds of Social Justice newsletter for May has more information about this important topic other environmental justice issues. The link to this excellent resource is <https://bctf.ca/uploadedFiles/Public/SocialJustice/Publications/Seeds/May%202018%20Seeds.pdf>

Aboriginal Resource Fair

VESTA's Aboriginal Committee is holding its third annual Aboriginal Resource Fair at the VESTA office on May 24th from 4 to 6pm. Come and check out displays of student work with Aboriginal themes. ULS will have books for sale in both French and English for supporting integration of First People's culture in the curriculum. Snacks will be provided. Hope to see you there!