



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.

Pro-D Chair SURT

June 6
9-11:30 and 1:00-3pm

Executive Committee

June 5

TTOC Committee Meeting

June 12

Staff Rep Assembly/ General Meeting

June 19



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Job Postings

The union and the school board have agreed to a second round of postings this spring. As communicated at the post and fill workshop, the first round of postings will be out **June 5th to 11th** with shortlisting and interviews to follow. There will then be a second round of postings from **June 19th to 25th**. It is the board's position that if a teacher accepts a job in the first round of postings, they will not be eligible to accept a job in the second round. Any teacher may apply for a continuing position. If B category teachers are not successful in either of the June rounds, they will be placed in a position by HR. If placed, teachers are able to apply during the round of postings that are out from **August 14th to 20th** or throughout the year. In order to view the job postings, go to the VSB portal and through the Staff Room tab to Job Postings. You will have to log in again to access OAM, the VSB Online Application Management system. Anyone with a VSB login can view the postings, but in order to apply you will need to create a profile.

Remedy

This past weekend teachers met at the BCTF Representative Assembly and reaffirmed the position that all remedy needs to come in the forms agreed to in the MOA and that any remedy unable to be accessed by June 29 needs to be accessible in the next school year. The BCTF continues to advocate at the provincial level for this position. At a General meeting in October, VESTA members voted to take the position THAT in spirit of the Supreme Court of Canada decision that VESTA only proceed with remedy that funds teaching positions. The VTF continues to meet with management at the local level. The VTF has sent a communication to NDP MLAs and is sending a separate one to Vancouver Trustees advocating for remedy to come in form of teacher time to provide support for students.

BCTF Teacher Magazine

Some of the issues that have shaped the 2017/18 school year and have had the most profound effect on our working and learning conditions are "The 3Rs: restoration, recruitment and remedy." The May/June edition of *Teacher*, has an article by Glen Hansman that looks at the past year and gives an overview from a provincial perspective on the successes and failures of restoration, recruitment and remedy. With preparation for bargaining underway it is important that teachers understand the implications of our individual situations and actions and contextualize the personal within the framework of a future for all of us. Please read *Teacher*. Be sure to continue to stay informed through this significant time in our history.

Professional and Staff Development Fund Rollover Use

The District Professional Development Committee met and has agreed that, as in past years, teachers will be able to access the rollover amounts in the Professional and Staff Development Fund to pay for attendance at conferences on the October PSA day. Pro-D Chairs will be attending a half day SURT at the VESTA office on June 6th next week where this will be discussed. Contact your pro-d chair for more information regarding this matter. Please ensure that if you are a school-based pro-d chair and you have not yet registered for this important SURT that you do so as soon as possible by emailing andrea@vesta.ca.