



Stronger Together

June 7, 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.

TTOC Committee Meeting
June 12

Staff Rep Assembly/ General Meeting
June 19
Tupper Secondary



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Changes to EI Application Process for TTOCs

Service Canada is **not** providing school districts with a reference number this year for Employment Insurance. Therefore all TTOCs may complete their application in advance and do not need to wait. Teachers Teaching On Call will have their ROE's completed by Employee Services once the July 15th pay is processed.

Collaborative Inquiry

The Board and the VTF have agreed to extend the deadline for submission of receipts for professional resources and meeting incidentals for teachers involved in Collaborative Inquiry projects this year. You will have until June 30, 2018 to submit although we recommend that you get your paperwork in as soon as possible.

Teacher Shortage In the News

In response to the BCTF's news release (<http://www.bctf.ca/NewsReleases.aspx?id=50082>) that went out last week, there has been a great deal of media coverage on the teacher shortage. Glen Hansman was interviewed by all of the major TV, print, and radio outlets. Follow the links to hear Glen speak regarding this important issue on CBC's Early Edition <http://www.cbc.ca/listen/shows/the-early-edition/episode/15548252>, and on Global <https://globalnews.ca/video/4248919/union-voices-concerns-about-bc-teachers-shortage>. In print there are several versions of the article available at <https://www.surreynowleader.com/news/teachers-union-files-grievance-over-public-school-educator-shortage-in-b-c/>. The more people that understand the issues the better, so please use social media to post these links and spread the word.

BCFed Call for Resolutions

Are you interested in helping to shape BCFed discussions at the convention in November? Information regarding the call for resolutions to the BCFed is available on the VESTA website at <http://vesta.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/2018-BC-Fed-Convention-Resolutions-2.pdf> along with a form to record the resolution and supporting statements. Members need to submit their resolutions for review by the VESTA Executive Committee by September 7. Once reviewed and approved by the EC the resolutions will be distributed to worksites and then will come to a General Meeting in September. For more information about the BCFed go to <http://bcfed.ca/>.

Ad Hoc Elections Committee

With School Board Trustee elections coming up quickly in the fall, the VESTA Executive has voted to set up an Ad Hoc Election Committee now and to hold the first meeting this June. If you are interested in working on the election through VESTA's committee, please submit your CV before our next EC meeting on June 26. CV forms are available on the VESTA website at <http://vesta.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/CV-for-VESTA-Ad-Hoc-Cttes-and-Task-Forces.pdf>. Fill in the form and fax it to the office by June 25th. The first Ad Hoc Elections Committee meeting will be held on June 27 at 4pm at the VESTA office.