



Stronger Together

September 27, 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.

WLC/B Committee Meeting

October 1st

Executive Committee Meeting

October 9th

Staff Rep Assembly/ General Meeting

October 16th



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New Teachers' Welcome and Induction

This year VESTA and our sister local, VSTA, will be holding a joint New Teacher Welcome and Induction. Invitations will be arriving at your home in the next few days, unless there is a postal strike. All teachers who have signed on with the VSB in the last year will be invited. Please contact lori@vesta.ca or call the office if you have moved in the last year to ensure we have your updated contact information. The event will be held at the Italian Cultural Center on October 15th beginning at 4:00pm. Attendees who are new to the BCTF will be given a free membership to a BCTF Provincial Specialist Association of their choice. The Italian Cultural Center is located at 3075 Slocan St, Vancouver just off Grandview Highway and not far from the Renfrew Skytrain Station.

Register for School Union Rep Training

If you are part of your School Union Team (staff rep, pro-d chair, health and safety rep, or staff committee chair) please be sure to register for the School Union Rep Training we are holding next week, October 1st to 4th. If the date you have been assigned does not work for your school, please contact andrea@vesta.ca to confirm for an alternate date. We would like to see representatives from all schools attend this important training. If your school does not have a staff rep or teachers holding other positions, we are happy to have you attend to learn more. Each school is entitled to 4 representatives.

Are You Registered to Vote?

The City of Vancouver has a multitude of resources for people regarding the voting process. You can quickly check to make sure you are registered by visiting <https://vancouver.ca/your-government/register-to-vote.aspx> and entering your name and current address. If you are already on the list but your information has changed you can update it online or at the voting place. If you are not registered there is a form to fill out and print that you bring with you to the voting place along with two pieces of ID. The criteria for eligibility to vote and what kinds of ID are acceptable are also listed on the site.

Curriculum Implementation Days

November 9th and February 15th will be curriculum implementation days this year, and plans for district-wide conferences are in the making. Our Superintendent, Suzanne Hoffman, will be the keynote speaker for November 9th. The November conference will focus on the Core Competencies. There will be a variety of workshops offered both in the morning after the plenary, and in the afternoon. Lunch will be provided. More information about workshops and registration will be available in the coming weeks.

Teachers Do Not Request TTOCs

With the changes in the practice of principals requesting TTOCs, there has been some confusion regarding teachers' ability to request. We have had calls from many TTOCs that are surprised that they have yet to be called for work. Requesting creates an unequal distribution of work and can lead to issues around the Code of Ethics. We also don't want to foster a situation where TTOCs believe they have to "advertise" themselves.

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The Vancouver Elementary School Teachers' Association is the union representing elementary teachers and adult educators working in public schools in Vancouver.