



**Stronger Together**

# VESTA Weekly

Topics Worth Talking about! Please read and discuss with your colleagues

May 24, 2019

## VESTA Annual General Meeting

The new VESTA Executive has been elected for the 2019/20 school year!

**President** - Jill Barclay

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President** - Allison Jambor

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President/Grievance Officer** - Joanne Sutherland

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President** - Darren Tereposky

**4<sup>th</sup> Vice-President/Grievance Officer Support** - Jody Polukoshko

**Secretary Treasurer** - Leslie Roosa

**Local Representatives to the BCTF** - Anne Miller, Heather Allison, Chloe McKnight; Adult Education rep to be elected at the Adult Ed AGM on Sunday

**Member at Large** - Patricia Gudlaugson, Sylvia Jackson, Danielle Durant, Anjum Khan

**Professional Issues**—Carol Zrymiak

**Working and Learning Conditions/Bargaining Committee Co-Chairs** - Marjorie Dumont, Greg Canning

**TTOC Committee Chairperson** - Vanessa Lefebvre

**Social Justice and Solidarity Committee Co-Chairpersons** - Elaine Ong, Jean-Michel Oblette, Namorsh Reddy, Beene Savage

**Aboriginal Education Committee Chairperson** - David Delorme

There are still a few positions open and we will be sending out notifications if anyone is still thinking they might like to join in the important work of our executive and in making our union stronger together!

## Early Retirement Incentive Plan (ERIP)

The deadline to send in your notice of retirement in order to be eligible is fast approaching. ERIP is part of our Collective Agreement and can be found in Appendix B on page 202. Some of the criteria include, "Employees must be a minimum of age 55 and maximum age 64 during the school year in which they retire. Employees must apply prior to May 31, and retire effective June 30." Each year the VSB sends out a notice with the actual dollar figures for each age and salary category along with the eligibility requirements. Teachers must send notice of retirement to [humanresources@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:humanresources@vsb.bc.ca) using their VBE email account and include notice of retirement as of June 30, interest in ERIP, and their full name, employee number and school name. If you need more information please ask your administrator or contact the VESTA office.

## Bargaining in the News

Check out Patti Bacchus' latest article on bargaining, viewed through a social justice lens, at <https://www.straight.com/news/1244821/patti-bacchus-are-attacks-teachers-attacks-women> .

## Dates to Remember

Meetings at the VESTA office start at 4pm unless otherwise indicated

**Adult Ed Annual General Meeting**  
May 26

**Ad Hoc Political Action Committee**  
May 27

**Executive Committee Meeting**  
May 28

**Working & Learning Conditions/Bargaining Committee Meeting**  
May 29



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