STRONGER TOGETHER April 23, 2021

VESTA WEEKLY

TOPICS WORTH TALKING ABOUT! PLEASE READ AND DISCUSS WITH YOUR COLLEAGUES

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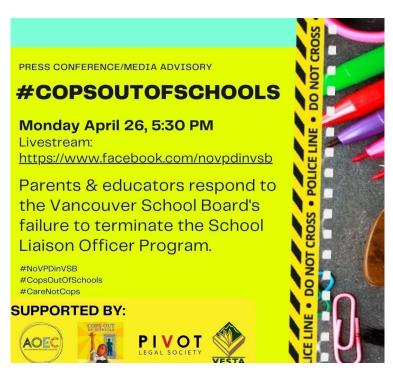
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Parent and Community Press Conference on SLO program



VESTA is co-organizing an event on Monday April 26th at 5:30 pm where parents and community members will speak on their experiences with the School Liaison Officer program. VESTA has co-sponsored this event in solidarity with parents who have struggled to have their voices heard in the consultation regarding the future of the SLO program.

Please follow <u>Cops Out of Schools</u> <u>facebook</u> for a livestream of the event.

If you can, please change your username to show you are a VESTA member in support of parents speaking out. They understand and appreciate the position VESTA has taken on behalf of their children. The Board meeting will follow, where trustees will debate the future of the SLO program and attendance of VESTA members to the virtual meeting is encouraged.

Vaccinations



The roll out of the Vancouver Coastal Health vaccination program for VSB employees is underway. While the rollout has been slower than expected, we anticipate a continuing progression through schools as the vaccine becomes available. The decision about the inclusion of schools is based on "hotspots" in the communities surrounding schools, rather than on notifications in schools themselves, and is determined by Coastal Health, not the Vancouver School Board.

The local union presidents of Vancouver Coastal Health school districts have been meeting monthly with VCH and the vaccine rollout is the top priority for discussion as we continue to advocate that all teachers including TTOCs and itinerant staff are vaccinated in a prioritized manner.

Post and Fill Workshop

VESTA is hosting its annual post and fill workshop for one Staff Rep per school site on May 5th and 6th. It is important that a staff rep attend this meeting as we will be reviewing the Post and Fill language in the CA, interview process, staffing and organizations etc...Staff reps need to attend on their designated day of registration as we are trying to ensure that there is the least disruption as possible as we know there is a severe teacher shortage and not enough TTOCs in the system.

VESTA AGM

This year the VESTA AGM will be held virtually on May 18th 2021. As it will be a virtual meeting, we will be voting through an online platform called Simply Voting. We will be sending more information about the proposed by-law and policy changes as well as the documents for the VESTA budget and nominations for the Executive Committee in the VESTA News. Please stay tuned for more information about the recommendations as well the process for voting.



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Dates to Remember

TTOC Committee Meeting

April 22, 2021 @ 4 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/93721407132 Meeting ID: 937 2140 7132 Passcode: 966344 Dial by your location +1 778 907 2071 Canada

Executive Committee Meeting

April 27, 2021 @ 4 pm Join Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/99234476668
Meeting ID: 992 3447 6668
Passcode: 037034
Dial by your location
+1 778 907 2071 Canada

WLC/B Committee Meeting

April 28, 2021 @ 4 pm Join Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/93433198226

Meeting ID: 934 3319 8226

Passcode: 799161 Dial by your location +1 778 907 2071 Canada



