

VEAES WEEKLY

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



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SURT TRAINING

Thank you to all School Union Reps who came to our training sessions over the past two weeks. It was great to have everyone together again to learn and share about what is happening in schools. There was great discussion and updates on bargaining that your reps will be sharing with you all. It is important to use our structures and work collectively when dealing with issues at your site. You are the ones on the frontlines, you know the issues that are affecting your work, you have a say in what is happening in your school.

The SURT documents are being uploaded to the [VEAES website](#) for all members to refer to, on the topics of Health & Safety, Pro-D, Staff Committee, and Staff Reps. There is lots of great information in there, so check it out!

Municipal Elections

Thank you to all members that voted in the election last week. We elected 2 of our endorsed trustee candidates, Jennifer Reddy and Suzie Mah. We look forward to having these two powerful voices at the table.

You may have been hearing what the new mayor has been saying about bringing police back into schools, which is a really concerning. VEAES will be advocating at every level to remind trustees and management about the disproportionate impact of police presence in schools on Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour.

If you are looking for ways you can push back at your school site, here is the motion carried by the Staff Rep Assembly on June 16, 2020:

THAT members bring a motion to Staff Committee that no VPD or RCMP officers be invited to school events and that members no longer plan or attend events where VPD or RCMP officers are invited, until both organizations take clear steps to address the disproportionate repression of Black, Indigenous and People of Colour.

Have a conversation at your next site-based VEAES meeting to talk about this issue. We still have our resources on the [VEAES website](#) to help with your discussions, including a [letter from your colleagues at ?uuquinak'uuh](#) who have worked with their parent group to ensure police are not present at their school events. If you need more support, please contact the VEAES office.

Japanese Canadian History Resource Development Opportunity

The Japanese Canadian Legacies Society and its Teacher Education Committee are looking for qualified BC teachers to be part of an amazing resource development opportunity!

Be part of a team of BC educators who will design, develop, and build a brand new digital learning hub dedicated to teaching Japanese Canadian history. The Teacher Resources Committee is seeking six BC teachers from the K-12 education sector to be part of our resource development team. Successful applicants will be contracted for a 2-3 year term. Successful applicants will receive an honorarium and all meeting expenses will be covered by the project.

Applicant Criteria

- Intermediate or secondary teaching experience in Social Studies or English Language Arts in BC (grade 5 or higher)
- Minimum of 5 years classroom teaching experience in a qualifying BC school
- Hold an active teaching certificate in BC
- Previous curriculum development experience is an asset, but not mandatory
- Willing to travel for meetings as required (Lower Mainland only)
- Submit a current CV and a brief cover letter describing why you should be part of the development team

Application Deadline: November 7, 2022

Submit Your Application: email mperry@sd38.bc.ca

Failures to Fill at your site? Keep us posted!

We've started to get our first round of documentation in from schools around failures to fill that are starting to happen at your sites, which we can use when meeting with the employer. We've simplified the [form](#) this year and are looking for Staff Reps, or a designate, to compile the weekly data and send it to vanessa@veaes.ca.

VEAES has policy from our Oct 2020 GM:

That VESTA advocate to the VSB that school administrators are the first to provide coverage in the event that there is no TTOC.

We will continue to assert this position when meeting with the employer and encourage you to use your staff committee structure to make this recommendation at your site. It will allow for the conversation to be had in that meeting so you can continue to share the impacts this has on our services to students and workload for non-enrolling teachers. While the administrator does not have to follow the recommendation, they do have to provide a reason that should be recorded in the minutes.

FSA documentation

As part of our agreement with the Board, we need to know the number of photocopies made of FSA materials for distribution at your site. Staff reps, if you haven't already sent your numbers in, please email andrea@veaes.ca at your earliest convenience. Thank you!



CLICK grant deadline October 31st

VEAES has been a long-time supporter of the local organization called CLICK. It is a grassroots organization aimed at improving the lives of inner-city children. CLICK grants have been used in some schools to help with food programs, clothing programs, and outdoor ed programs, to name a few. There are two granting periods every year, with the fall grants due on October 31st. The grant application is available on the website:

<https://www.clicktokids.ca>.

GM/SRA In Real Life!

We held a successful first in-person GM and SRA this week at Tupper Secondary School. Members and staff reps were actively engaged, sharing their experiences, school concerns, and strategies on how to handle them with each other. We acknowledge the effort members make to attend in-person meetings. We also received positive feedback after the meeting from many of you. The energy and camaraderie were incredible and palpable. Thank you to the leadership of Executive Committee members who responded to the call to help out at the GM/SRA!

VEAES Bursary

Reminder of the deadline for applications for the \$1,000 Bursary of a child of a VEAES member is coming up on December 1st, 2022. The draw will happen at the December 5th General Meeting. The criteria for application is that the child be a public secondary school graduate and be attending a post-secondary institution during the 2022-2023 school year. Proof of registration must be attached to application. You can find the [application form on the VEAES website](#), and please submit to hitomi@vesta.ca



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Dates to Remember

Executive Committee Meeting
Oct 25, 2022 @ 4:00 PM
@ the VEAES Office
2915 Commercial Drive, Vancouver

**Health & Safety
Committee Meeting**
Oct 26, 2022 @ 4:00 PM
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85906588627>
Meeting ID: 859 0658 8627
Passcode: 391392
Dial by your location
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**Aboriginal Education
Committee Meeting**
Oct 27, 2022 @ 4:00 PM
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88153091281>
Meeting ID: 881 5309 1281
Passcode: 391392
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The Vancouver Elementary and Adult Educators' Society is the union representing elementary teachers and adult educators working in public schools in Vancouver.