



## Vancouver Elementary and Adult Educators' Society

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Happy Friday VEAES members,

It's an exciting year as we enter into both local bargaining and provincial bargaining! Bargaining is a time to problem-solve and look for ways to improve our working & learning conditions.

The Working & Learning Conditions/Bargaining Committee (WLCB) is starting up with our first meeting on **Thursday, Sept 19th, 4pm at the VEAES Office**. There will be snacks and refreshments for all!!!

Local bargaining starts in early November and we are looking for members to join our WLCB Committee to support our Bargaining team. We need more voices at this table as we work collectively to improve what is happening in our district. You do not need bargaining experience to join this committee! Whether you are in a classroom, non-enrolling, or district position – having the experience from all of these different roles really helps give us a better idea of how our work intersects and identifying where there need to be improvements.

For those more eager to get involved, we have positions on our local Bargaining Team that we need to fill so that we can bring VEAES objectives to the negotiation table. The deadline for nominations for the Bargaining Team is **Friday, Sept 20th**. [Please fill out the CV to put your name forward for the team](#). We have heard there have been some issues accessing the link to the CV in this week's VEAES Weekly, so we have included it here & updated the website for better access. Please encourage any interested colleagues to apply!

We all have a role to play in bargaining and the more engaged our collective, the stronger our solidarity.

*“When they work well, unions are the voices of all of the workers in negotiations with management and can leverage worker solidarity to not only prevent management from treating workers poorly, but to force management to create a safer, equitable, and more joyous workplace.”* - **Jane F. McAlevey**, A Collective Bargain: Unions, Organizing, and the Fight for Democracy

In solidarity,

Your VEAES In-House Team

Marjorie, Karine, Vanessa, Greg, Xander, and Eric