



# School Team Bulletin

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## Bill 33 Consultations

Staff Reps are reminded that **all teachers are entitled** to have a Staff Rep present during Bill 33 consultations and that the Board has made **release time available** to schools to facilitate this. The VSTA requires Staff Reps be present to ensure the results of consultations are accurately recorded. In addition, please note the following important information:

- No teacher should engage in consultations if
  - the administrator seeks to conduct them in the presence of students
  - the teacher has not been informed of which students in the class require IEPs and the specific designation of those students
- When recording consultations, please note if the administrator does not provide a meaningful rationale or options for the overloaded class.
- The VSTA supports the participation of the school's resource teacher in consultations if possible. Resource teachers are in a position to offer teachers relevant information about designated students.

Accurate reporting of consultations is important and can result in additional staffing. In 2006-07, the government provided additional "one time" funding to districts; consequently, schools received additional blocks of staffing. While recording consultations is both onerous and time consuming, it is vitally important and does bear results.

## School Team Training

The date for fall School Team Training is **Wednesday, October 17**. It will be held all day at the Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel, 3500 Cessna Drive, Richmond. Further details and registration materials will soon be available.

## First VSTA Council meeting



of the year is

**Thursday, September 27** at 4pm  
at the VSTA office, 2915 Commercial Drive (@E. 13th).

## School Team Elections

Elections to fill positions on School Teams should be completed by Thursday, September 27. Please ensure that a Staff Organization meeting is held to elect or acclaim you reps. Even if there are no contested positions, it is essential that the process be open and inclusive and that all teachers on staff have the opportunity to participate. The following positions are available in each school:

- Staff Reps (1 per 25 staff or fraction thereof)
- Working and Learning Conditions/ Bargaining (2 Reps)
- Professional Development Rep
- Health & Safety Rep
- Social Justice Rep
- Parent Contact Rep
- Staff Committee Chair

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