



School Team Bulletin

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FSA VOTE UPDATE

THE FSA VOTE is fast approaching on Tuesday, December 9th and Wednesday, December 10th of next week. We know this is an extremely busy time for teachers, and we want to make sure that every school union team is organized and fully informed about the FSA campaign and important vote next week, and that you feel supported in the work you are doing on behalf of colleagues, the VSTA, and the BCTF. Please do not hesitate to call Anne, Shaun, or Shelley at the office with any questions or concerns that arise, or if you need assistance in any way.

School Organizational Meetings

Have you held your staff organizational meeting yet? **If you would like a table officer to come to your meeting, please call the office to arrange this as soon as possible** by phoning the VSTA office at 604-873-5570. Additionally, a grade 4 or 7 teacher may come to speak to your staff if requested. So far, the feedback from staff reps has been that the meetings have generated a lot of questions, debate and discussion, and that secondary teachers have been genuinely interested and engaged in knowing what the BCTF's FSA campaign is all about. The FSA campaign and the issues it presents to Vancouver Secondary teachers are complex and difficult to convey in one meeting. We really appreciate the team effort that all our staff reps and school teams have made, firstly to inform yourselves, and secondly, to organize and educate your staffs about this campaign. Thank you for the work you have done, and for the team effort you will make next week to ensure a smooth vote.

NEW Important Updated Information

- Please meet with your school union team to go through the details of FSA Vote package you received at the last Council Meeting and to organize the logistics of polling in your school.
- A polling booth should be set-up in a staff room at lunch and after school until 4:30 pm.
- The *Notice of Vote* must be posted in your school at least **48 hours** before the vote. It should also be in the school bulletin for 2 days.
- Ballots, ballot boxes, signs, affidavits and voter sign-in sheets will be couriered to the designated returning officer for each school (identified at the last Council Meeting) on **Monday, December 8th**.
- **Please keep ballots, ballot boxes, sign-in sheets, and all polling materials in a secure location at all times.**
- Please provide space and a table in the same staff room for VESTA polling on December 10th from noon until 4:30 pm.
- Please arrange for the **return delivery** of ballot box (with ballots sealed inside), unused ballots, spoiled ballots, and voter sign-in sheets to the VSTA office on Wednesday when your poll closes. Votes will be counted at the VSTA office and reported to the BCTF on Wednesday.

Again, thank you for your extraordinary efforts. Please call the office with any questions or concerns.