

Vernon Teachers' Association Member Opportunities

September 2018

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Message from the President

Each year, the VTA works to find representatives for a variety of committees, some are union committees and others are district committees. Anytime the district creates a committee or desires VTA members to sit on a committee, this must be done through the our VTA processes. (This is outlined in our Collective Agreement, Article A.5.) These members are an important voice in our work with the district, and the ideas and questions that members bring to the 'table' help to support colleagues and classrooms across the district.

It is important to the VTA that we have a variety of members who are participating in these discussions. It is through good discussion and healthy inquiry where we find creative solutions and new ideas.

I hope that you will read through this list, and find a place to make a difference with your voice and your passion.

VTA Member Committees:

These committees operate as part of our VTA policies, which you can find online at www.vernonta.com

TIOC Committee: This is usually run as OCTAV (On Call Teachers' Association of Vernon) where a group of VTA members plan events and information for our TIOCs. Unlimited number of volunteers allowed!

Local Bargaining Committee: This committee will work to develop local bargaining language, communication and strategy. Up to seven members elected by the Staff Reps.

*contact bargainingvta@shaw.ca

Sunshine Fund/ Community Resources Committee: This group of people reviews requests for support for SD22 employees who are facing difficult family/ health circumstances. This group also recommends funding for community agencies that provide support and services for youth and families in Vernon. Up to 5 members needed.

Interested??

Please contact

Lisa LaBoucane

if you have questions
about any of these
committees.

Unless otherwise
indicated, please

express your interest by
emailing

vtapresident@shaw.ca

District/ VTA Committees:

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Professional Development Committee: This committee meets during the school day 3 to 4 times per year, with VTA, district staff and admin reps. They review the guidelines for PD, discuss concerns and plan PD opportunities. 2 elementary, 2 secondary and 2 other reps required. * contact prodchair@shaw.ca

Occupational Health & Safety Committee: This committee meets monthly during the school day, with VTA, district staff, admin and CUPE reps. They review OHS reports, plan training sessions, and discuss new actions. 2 representatives required.

Professional Relations Committee: This committee meets during school and after school, with 3 to 4 meetings per year. The committee has reps from the district, admin and VTA. They discuss ways to foster better relations and communications, and they seek clarification of district practices. 3 representatives required.

Educational Change Committee: This committee meets during school and after school, with 3 to 4 meetings per year. The committee has reps from the district, admin and VTA. This group provides district focus and supports implementation of curriculum change. 7 representatives required.

Discretionary Staffing Committee: This committee meets during the day, likely 2 times in the year. This committee will meet with district staff to consider the long term implications of discretionary staffing and the relationship to the strategic plan.



Other Joint Committees:

These committees exist as a result of collaborative work between the District and the VTA:

French Advisory Committee- This committee discusses concerns and ideas for supporting french programs across the district. Federal funding and grants are also considered here.

Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement Committee- This committee reviews and creates the local enhancement agreement with school district and local band representatives.

Assessment Committee- This committee will be tasked to discuss and support a pilot for K-9 reporting.

Kindergarten Screener Committee- This committee will run for 2018-2019 school year only.

SD22 Wellness Committee- This committee has reps from all employee groups, and will be tasked with planning ways to support and promote wellness among employees.

Bargaining Preparation

Your VTA team will be preparing for bargaining this year, and we want you to know to watch for information and opportunities for you to be heard and to get involved.

Currently, we are seeking a delegate to attend the bargaining conference on October 26 & 27th. This person will attend with Barry Dorval, Bargaining Chair, and Lisa LaBoucane, VTA President. At the bargaining conference, delegates vote on motions to set provincial bargaining objectives. Please apply by Sept 21st, by emailing bargainingvta@shaw.ca

We will also confirm our bargaining committee this fall and from that, our bargaining team. We will plan school visits and some surveys over the course of the next few months, and of course, members will get 'in committee' information at the November 5th General Meeting.



Upcoming Dates

Assessment Committee Application Deadline	Sept. 19
Bargaining Conference Delegate Deadline	Sept. 21
Staff Rep Meeting	Sept. 27
Other Committee Applications Due	Oct. 5
Executive Meeting	Oct. 10
Staff Rep Meeting	Oct. 25
VTA General Meeting	Nov. 5

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