

# Vernon Teachers' Association Member Opportunities

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## Message from the President, Cori Huizer

Welcome to another year or a new year as a VTA member. Each year, the VTA solicits representatives from our membership for committees; there are union committees, district committees and joint union/district ones. Anytime the district creates a committee or desires VTA members to sit on a committee, the positions are filled utilizing our VTA processes (as outlined in our Collective Agreement, Article A.5.)

It is important to the VTA that we have a diverse representation of members at the table who are participating in these discussions. It is through good discussion and healthy inquiry where we find creative solutions and new ideas to support colleagues and classrooms across the district..

We 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](http://www.vernonta.com)

**Executive Committee:** This committee meets monthly to discuss all topics in concern with VTA members in their work in the district. Generally, members of this committee are elected at our spring AGM with any subsequent vacant positions filled as quickly as possible. We are still looking to fill these positions: Local Aboriginal Education Contact, and BIPOC Rep (Black, Indigenous, Person of Colour).

**TIOC Committee:** This group will plan events and information for our TIOCs and new teachers. Unlimited number of volunteers allowed (at least 3 TIOCs).

**Community Resources Committee:** This group recommends funding for community agencies that provide support and services for youth and families in Vernon. Up to 5 members needed and is chaired by the VTA 2nd Vice President.

**Social Justice Committee:** This group will plan events and information on various topics (climate change, SOGI, human rights, etc.) \*contact [socialjustice@vernonta.com](mailto:socialjustice@vernonta.com)

**School Union Reps:** If you wish to be part of your school-based VTA group (Staff Rep, OHS Rep, PD Rep, Social Justice Rep, Indigenous Ed Rep, and Staff Committee Chair), please talk to your last year's reps or send us an email. A VTA-only election should happen soon at your school (if it hasn't already).



# District/ VTA Committees:

If you are **Interested** in joining a committee or staying on a committee (if you were on one last year), **please contact us by October 1.**

**Please contact Billie Jo Beaudoin, 1st VP,** if you have questions about any of these committees.

Unless otherwise indicated, please express your interest by emailing Billie Jo at [vp1@vernonta.com](mailto:vp1@vernonta.com)

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Professional Development Committee: meets during the school day 3 to 4 times per year, with VTA, district staff and admin reps to review the guidelines for PD, discuss concerns and plan PD opportunities. 2 elementary, 2 secondary and 2 other reps required. \* contact [pdchair@vernonta.com](mailto:pdchair@vernonta.com)

Professional Relations Committee: meets during 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: meets during 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. 1 Elementary, 1 Secondary and 1 Specialist recommended.

## Other Joint Committees:

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

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

Assessment (CSL) Committee- supports the ongoing implementation of the K-9 Communicating Student Learning reporting. Those involved need to have a thorough understanding of the K-9 Ministry Reporting Order and the District Communicating Student Learning Handbook. 7 representatives are needed.

## Upcoming Dates

<b>Staff Rep Meeting</b>	<b>Thurs. Sept. 22</b>
<b><u>VTA General Meeting - VSS @ 4 pm</u></b>	<b>Tues. Sept. 27</b>
<b>Other Committee Applications Due</b>	<b>Oct. 1</b>
<b>2nd Executive Meeting</b>	<b>Thurs. Oct. 6</b>

