

VBEA Roundtable on Planning Time a Success!

At the last member meeting on November 6, 2017, the VBEA hosted an Educator Roundtable and invited all current School Board members to listen to VBEA members discuss how the lack of unencumbered planning time affects student achievement in the classroom.

Pictured in this article are School Board member Dottie Holtz, who heard from District Director Kathleen Slinde and VBEA members Sharon Bivens and Gloria Allen on the lack of planning time for teachers.



School Board members listened as members questioned the importance of meetings, often held outside of contract hours. Large class size was also

discussed at it impacts the ability of educators to work effectively.

VBEA members recommended that unencumbered planning time be re-defined through the creation of a workgroup of educators. This workgroup will offer suggestions on policy/regulations on planning time. VBEA members also asked that a reduction in the 22 mandatory professional development hours for teachers be implemented.

Furthermore, the VBEA officially requests that VBCPS adjust policies and regulations that defines and protects unencumbered planning time. (Specifically policies 4-65 (meetings) and 4-60(planning time)). A full summary of the VBEA Educator Roundtable is located on the VBEA Website.

Kelly Walker, VBEA President

VEA Lobby Day!



Hold the Date----January22, 2018
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Call or e-mail the VBEA office to register!
(757) 486-0202 office@vbea.org

VBEA Workshop Classroom Management

When: **January 20, 2018**

Where: **VBEA Office
445 Kings Grant Rd
Va. Beach, Va 23452**

Time: **9-12am**

Register in Frontline



The Voice: NEA Global Fellow Andrea Eisenberger

By Kelly Walker

VBEA member Andrea Eisenberger, an art teacher at the Renaissance Academy, has been selected as one of the 48 educators nationwide to participate in the National Education (NEA) Foundation’s 2018 Global Learning Fellows Program

The Global Learning Fellowship aims to equip educators with the knowledge, skills and disposition to teach in and prepare students for the global age, according to the NEA Foundation. The program website states that “educators have an opportunity to lead the profession by acquiring the necessary skills to integrate global competence into their daily classroom instruction.

Andrea will travel to South Africa in July of 2018. Applications for the 2019 Global Fellows program are accepted until February 2018 and are available here:

<https://www.neafoundation.org/for-educators/global-learning-fellowship/>

Upcoming Events

- 10/12** Beach Bags Fundraiser Begins
- 11/20** Policy Committee Meeting 5pm
VBEA Office
- 11/21** School Board meeting, 6pm
Administration Building
- 11/22** Thanksgiving Break
- 12/6** Member Meeting
Princess Anne High School
- 12/13** VBEA Board Meeting 5pm
VBEA Office
- 12/19** School Board Meeting 6pm
Administration Building

NORFOLK
3824 E. Little Creek Rd. 583-5100
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3678 Sewells Point Rd. 857-0909
8245 Hampton Blvd. 423-3663

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