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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PRESIDENT – Frank Restall

Congratulations! Have a Wonderful Summer!

June is a time for reflection. Being President of our Association this past year has once again been an enriching and fulfilling experience for me. This year has been eventful, hectic, demanding at times, and always very, very rewarding. I believe in the importance of the work members do and the importance of supporting members in their work.

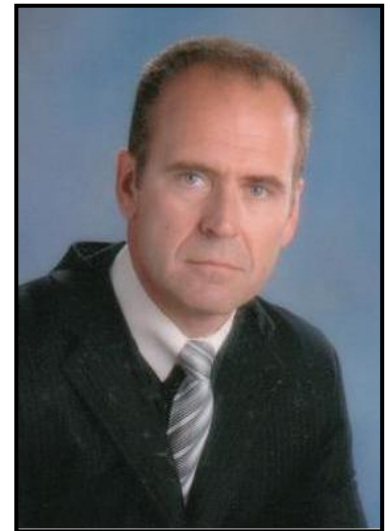
Looking back, it is hard to believe that time has passed so quickly. From before the students arrived last September through the end of this month, the Association has been very active. In the early part of this last school year, the Association was able to successfully negotiate a three year Collective Agreement to the end of June, 2014. As well, the Association has been very active in establishing a variety of different committees to give voice to the concerns of members over the year.

In the area of member wellness and recognition several functions occurred. The “Kickin’It Old School” social was a great success as were the New Member Celebration in mid-September and the LRTA Retirement Reception in mid-June.

In areas of governance, the LRTA’s AGA and the MTS AGM were resounding successes for the Association. In addition, the Association strived to advocate for members on an individual basis and to provide support to all members whenever the need arose. While different individuals played important roles at different times over this past year, the successes of the Association can be attributed to the collective efforts of the entire membership. Therefore, some well-deserved words of appreciation are in order.

I would first like to thank all the members of the LRTA for the excellent work you have done for your students and your colleagues this past year. The work you do is so important! We prepare the future today and it is an incredible undertaking. Please take time to look over the positive events of the past year and celebrate them.

LRTA Council Representatives, who represent the members of the LRTA, have done a great job this year. So much of the Association’s work requires Council’s participation as it allows the LRTA to advocate for members and to keep our colleagues throughout Louis Riel informed. Council Representatives are vital links to our members and participation at our Council meetings is always strong. Simply put, the LRTA has the best Council in the province! →





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LRTA Executive members are colleagues who put their names forward to be elected at our Annual General Assembly. They assume duties to ensure that the on-going needs of the Association are met. Our entire Executive took on additional responsibilities when asked to make sure that our Association activities served the members. The Executive is the administrative body of the Association and Executive members are constantly advocating for members. The efforts of the Executive are appreciated by all!

I would like to thank members of the Council and Executive for all of their efforts and support on behalf of colleagues this year. As well, thank you to the LRTA members who fulfilled roles at the provincial level. Enjoy some well-deserved rest and relaxation this summer.

Retirees, congratulations and best wishes for happiness and health as you close one chapter of your life and venture on your next journey. Your contributions have greatly impacted the lives of the students you worked with.

New members, it has been many months since the LRTA New Member Celebration and I am certain your year has flown by. Thank you for your energy, your ideas and your commitment. Now take some time in the summer to catch your breath!

Thanks also to the Trustees and the Superintendent's Department for their collaboration on issues that were significant to members. The channels of communication were always accessible.

C'est mon privilège et mon plaisir de servir comme votre président. Merci pour votre participation, votre encouragement et votre appui de l'association.

It is my privilege and pleasure to serve as your President. Thank you for your participation, your encouragement and your steadfast support of the Association.

In the last few days of the year, take care of yourself and take care of each other!

Frank Restall

President, Louis Riel Teachers' Association

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BARGAINING?

The LRTA is looking for committee members for the bargaining committee. Interested members should email Barry Wittevrongel, Chair at cblrta@shaw.ca. October Council will need to approve the names of committee members. The committee can expect to meet monthly from November to May. Our objective will be to study and create clauses for our opening proposals in the next round of bargaining in 2014.



LRTA Executive 2012-2013

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It's a girl! Abigail Ivy Marie Barth arrived on June 2nd. Proud parents are Karen Colfer (Shamrock School) and Dean Barth. Abigail is a baby sister for Avery.

GreenShirt Masters Golf Tournament

The 31st Annual GreenShirt Masters Golf Tournament was held Saturday, June 2 at Oakwood Golf Course. What a great day we had; sunny, no bugs, camaraderie, and even some good golf!

There were 20 teams and a total of 80 golfers who participated. The Tournament is a wonderful wellness activity for current and retired Louis Riel staff and friends. However, it has also been an opportunity to raise funds for different charities.

This year the Tournament honoured Bob Hazell who passed away last summer. Bob was a former physical education teacher in LRSD and one of the primary organizers of the GreenShirt for the previous 30 years. A very special person, Nissa Chmilowsky, one of Bob's daughters and a teacher at Darwin School, played in the Tournament. The Tournament in honour of Bob raised a total of \$735.00 which was donated to the Manitoba Heart & Stroke Foundation of Manitoba.

Thank you to our sponsors for their involvement and specifically Mr. Borys and the Louis Riel School Division and the Louis Riel Teachers' Association for their support.

Next year's Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, June 1, 2013. We hope to see you there!

The GreenShirt Golf Committee Members;

Brian Cameron, Alice Young, Dave Everley, Joe Laxdal, Dominic Buccini, Bob Town



2012 MTS AGM

VICE PRESIDENT: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – Barry Wittevrongel

ELECTION:

James Bedford, Past President of the LRTA was elected to a two year term on Provincial Executive.

FEES:

Disability Benefits Plan premium will be reduced by .32 of a percent, meaning an approximate reduction of \$224 will occur on a \$70 000 salary for the next year.

MTS fees are reduced by 5.4%. Current fee is \$882, in September the fee will be reduced to \$835. (In April, LRTA local fees were also reduced by \$35. Our local fee will be \$100 next year.)

LRTA RESOLUTIONS APPROVED AT AGM INCLUDE:

TRAF Appointments

The Society will ensure at least one nominee to the TRAF Board be named from the general membership exclusive of the Provincial Executive.

PD for Report Cards

The Society will lobby the Provincial Government for one additional day of in-service in the 2012/13 school year to be devoted solely to training for the writing of the new provincial report card and further that this training come prior to the preparation of the first report card.

Preparation Time for Report Card Preparation

The Society will lobby the Provincial Government for at least one half-day of student evaluation time per reporting period, devoted solely to report card preparation, to come from the currently allotted days for school administration/student evaluation.

LRTA Business Arising Resolution on Council of School Leaders

(bold indicates the approved changes)

New “f” page 97 of the current MTS Policy Handbook

- f. **COSL and its members** will work within the bylaws and policies of the Society **and their local Associations** in meeting the needs of **all Society members**.



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OTHER SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FROM AGM:

Code of Professional Practice

It is also important to note that the Code of Professional Practice has been amended. It can be found on the Society's website. One significant change is "teacher" has been replaced by "member". Member is a more inclusive term; it better describes all who are a part of the Code of Professional Practice.

Article 9 states that, "A member adheres to collective agreements negotiated by the professional organization." In the preamble, "professional behaviour must reflect the spirit as well as the letter of the code." All LRTA members need to be cognizant that all clauses in our collective agreement, such as uninterrupted meal period (Article 10.00), extra-curricular activities are voluntary (Article 6.12) and discretionary leave (Article 6.10), require members to abide by the spirit and the letter of the code...MTS

For more details of AGM 2012 please see the MTS website at:
<http://mbteach.org/AGM2012/agm2012news.html>

TEAM LRTA 2012

Carl Antymniuk	Deb Barry	Marcela Cabezas	Dallas Crawford
Brandi Douglas	Sean Fitzmaurice	Jack Fraser	Bob Gaudes
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The Louis Riel Teachers' Association
29th Annual
TERRY FOX TORCHLIGHT RUN

Friday, September 28th, 2012
St. Vital Park (Duck Pond)

Louis Riel Students, Teachers
and Community

Keeping Terry's Dream Alive!



Donations:

Donations to the Terry Fox Foundation will be accepted. Donations of \$10 or more will receive a tax receipt.

Entertainment:

Beginning at 6:30 PM
Clowns, Face Painting, Bands,
Magic Man, Loads of Fun!

Warm Up To Walk!

7:30 p.m. Opening Presentation
and Aerobic Warm Up

Glow Sticks Refreshments



Torchlight Run

7:50 — 8:30p.m.



For further information contact:
Louis Riel Teachers' Association—929-5782, or
The Terry Fox Foundation—231-5282

