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# RIELITY CHECK

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Jay McGurran**



As always, June arrives in the blink of an eye. This past year has been nothing short of eventful, hectic, and demanding. But, at the same time it has also been exceptionally satisfying, rewarding and validating. The important work that you have done in classrooms, gymnasiums and hallways across the Division is a testament to your dedication to public education. As an Association, we believe deeply in the importance of that work and will continue to support you in your efforts to create a vibrant and sustainable future.

As Jaclyn, Scott and I look back over the past ten months, we are encouraged by the engagement we received during our school site visits. Each location had its own set of circumstances, which helped to guide our conversations with the Division. As we plan our next steps for the 2024-25 school year, know that your voice is what echoes in our ears as we strive to address the issues that affect our collective.

A big thank you to all the Executive Members, Council Representatives, and Committee Members for your engagement this past year. Members have gained much insight, leadership, and stability from the example that you have set over this school year. Your roles are pivotal in our collective efforts and your dedication does not go unnoticed. Thank you!

A special shoutout to former LRTA President Marcela Cabezas, who is departing the Executive of LRTA to dedicate time to the Provincial Executive of the Manitoba Teachers' Society. Marcela has spent the better part of the last 15 years working on behalf of LRTA colleagues. While we are sad to see her go, we know that she will bring that same dedication to the Provincial Executive. Good luck and continued support, Marcela!

Congratulations to all of you who are retiring this June! May the future be full of days spent sleeping in, travelling during off season, and Sunday night television. You have earned this honour and may your next chapter be full of good health and pure happiness. For everyone else, use the next few months to connect with friends and family. This profession takes a large amount of physical, emotional and mental energy. The space between last bell in June and first bell in September is precious and fleeting. Fill your buckets with joy, relaxation, and fun!

Let me conclude by saying that it has been an absolute privilege to serve as the President of the Louis Riel Teachers' Association. As I very briefly look to September, I know that I am returning to role that is well supported by you, the membership. Continue to keep doing the best work for the remaining few weeks. Like I used to say to the students in my care, "We're so close to the end! Let's not trip over the finish line!"

All the best for a much-deserved break!

Jay McGurran



# LRTA ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS

The LRTA Annual General Assembly was held on Wednesday, April 17th, 2024.

The business completed at this meeting by LRTA members provides guidance to the operations of the LRTA Executive and Council for next year. Business items this year included:

- Election of the LRTA Executive. Following the AGA, two vacancies were filled by motion at Council (ESJ and Member at Large). The Resolutions and Nominations position is vacant following a resignation and will be filled by motion at Council.
- Bylaw changes: edits to the Reserve Fund language to provide clarity.
- Policy changes: establishment of a Community Investments Policy; removal of policies related to sporting events.
- Passing the LRTA Budget.
- Member fees were set at \$170.00 for the 2024-2025 Association Year.

## LRTA Executive 2024-2025

|   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| President   | Jay McGurran                                     | LRTA Office  |
| Vice President Collective Bargaining                    | Scott Wood                                       | Glenlawn Collegiate  |
| Vice President Professional Development                 | Jaclyn Porteous                                  | Nordale School   |
| Resolutions and Nominations                             | VACANT   |  |
| Secretary Treasurer                                     | Charmaine Rudnicki                               | Shamrock School  |
| Employee Benefits                                       | Erin (Becky) Lauzé                               | Nordale School   |
| Equity and Social Justice                               | Georgette Clarke                                 | Island Lakes Community School                                |
| Public Relations  | Leah Dilworth                                    | H.S. Paul School   |
| Éducatrices et Éducateurs Francophones du Manitoba      | Paulette Sabourin                                | École Van Belleghem  |
| Social  | Laurie Tyndall                                   | École St. Germain  |
| Indigenous Education                                    | Rose Bird  | School and Classroom Support Team                            |
| Members at Large  | Kim Melvin<br>Stephanie Timmerman<br>Paul Nelson | Samuel Burland School<br>Niakwa Place School<br>École Howden |
| Louis Riel Association of School Administrators (LRASA) | Amy Warriner                                     | École Varennes   |

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# MTS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The MTS Provincial Council (AGM) was held May 23rd to 25th, 2024 at the RBC Convention Centre. LRTA sent 25 delegates, plus two alternates, to represent the interests of LRTA members in debate on resolutions affecting teachers in Manitoba.

Highlights of the three days of meetings:

- Marcela Cabezas, teacher at Collège Jeanne-Sauvé and past-President of LRTA, was elected for a two-year term on the MTS Provincial Executive.
- Special Awards were given to Corrine Barrett-DeWiele, Eldene Spencer, and Alison Johnston.
- Resolutions passed by the assembly include:
  - Edits to the Provincial Bargaining Protocol in anticipation of the next round of Provincial Bargaining;
  - Lobbying the government for the creation of a central registry for criminal record and child abuse registry checks to allow new teacher applicants to meet employment requirements;
  - Lobbying the government for increased training for Workplace Safety and Health;
  - Incorporating the Manitoba Human Rights Code into the MTS Code of Professional Practice;
  - Creation of an ad hoc committee to examine barriers faced by members with disabilities;
  - Approval of a pilot project to restructure the use of standing committees at MTS.
  - Member fees for the 2024-2025 School Year will be set at \$1228.00 per FTE member, an increase of \$105 from 2023-2024.

## MTS Provincial Executive 2024-2025

Nathan Martindale, President, WTA

Cynthia Taylor, Vice President, LRTA

Marcela Cabezas, LRTA

Lillian Klausen, RETTA

Joel Swaan, GVTA

Kristen Fallis, WTA

Desirée Pappel, AEFM

Cathy Pleskach, ITA

Sonja Blank, MVTA

Lindsay Brown, SOTA

Shawna Dobbelaere, WESTTA

Sean Giesbrecht, PTTA

Serena Klos, STA



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# The Louis Riel Teachers' Association Congratulates the 2024 Retirees

|                         |                     |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Carl Antymniuk          | Lori Bastness       |
| Lisa Buchanan           | Angela Bunkowsky    |
| Cali Campbell           | Peter Caper         |
| Michele Casey           | Murray Curtis       |
| Anita Debusschere-Bazin | Joanne Dumas        |
| Darlene Flett           | Nancy George-Ariano |
| Michael Gordon          | Robert Janzen       |
| Heather Julius          | Angela Kaiser       |
| Annalee Lawrence        | Heather Legary      |
| Mary Markesteyn         | Kelly McDonald      |
| Alain Michalik          | Suzanne Moritz      |
| Mark Mulvihill          | Monique Paul        |
| Marc Poirier            | Carole Rondeau      |
| Connie Stanley          |                     |
| Kenneth Thoroski        |                     |
| Robert Visch            |                     |

\*List includes members who have  
given permission to print name as  
of June 12, 2024.



# LRTA Calendar 2024-2025

## September

Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> LRTA Executive Meeting  
Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> LRTA Council Meeting

## October

Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> LRTA Executive Meeting  
Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> LRTA New Rep Orientation (virtual)  
Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> LRTA New Member Celebration  
Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> LRTA Executive Retreat/Training  
Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> LRTA Council Meeting  
Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> Maternity/Parental Leave Seminar  
Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> MTS PD Day

## November

Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> LRTA Executive Meeting  
Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> LRTA Council Meeting

## December

Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> LRTA Executive Meeting  
Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> LRTA Council Meeting  
Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> through Friday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> Winter Break

## January

Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> LRTA Executive Meeting  
Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> LRTA Council Meeting

## February

Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> LRTA Executive Meeting  
Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> LRTA Council Meeting

## March

Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> LRTA Executive Meeting  
Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> LRTA Council Meeting  
Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> through Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> Spring Break

## April

Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> LRTA Executive Meeting  
Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> LRTA Council Meeting  
Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> LRTA Annual General Assembly  
Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> Maternity/Parental Leave Seminar

## May

Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> LRTA Appreciation Event  
Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> LRTA Executive Meeting  
Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> LRTA Council Meeting  
Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> MTS AGM Binder Meeting  
Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> through Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> MTS AGM

## June

Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> LRTA Executive Meeting  
Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> LRTA Council Meeting  
Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> LRTA Retirement Reception

\*LRTA Social Events will be added to the calendar throughout the year



Reminder: If you have recently changed your name, please contact the LRTA office at 204-929-5782 or [office@lirta.mbteach.org](mailto:office@lirta.mbteach.org) and have your file updated.

## CONTACT US

The LRTA office is closed from July 1st to Sept. 6th.

Should you require assistance, please contact the Manitoba Teachers' Society at 204-888-7961.

