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**END OF YEAR**

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The school year ahead is ending and I'd like to thank everyone for their hard work, dedication and support throughout the year. Enjoy the summer!

**EXCESS TEACHERS**

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Good news! All excess teachers have been placed, so again, no teachers were non-reengaged or placed on availability. There were even some voluntary transfers and some new hirings to regular full-time positions.

**RECALL LIST**

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The School Board will be making the contract call on August 19th, 2013. Be sure the board has all your contact numbers and you are available to take the call that day. We continue to ask for more transparency on this issue, but to no avail. We will continue to push this topic

**VALUE ADDED**

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This year, there was an increase in the funds to be distributed, approximately \$350,000.00 in total, Up from \$57,000.00 from last year. So our credits this year, after all was said and done, is \$10.89 as compared to \$3.23. last year! The payment will be on the June 20th pay, as promised by the School Board

**LOCAL NEGOTIATIONS**

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We finally signed our Local Agreement! The final version will be posted on our website asap. I'd like to thank Frank White who helped immensely throughout our negotiations!

**LONG-TERM DISABILITY**

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This is just a reminder if you are within two years of retirement, you may cancel your long-term disability coverage.

## ABSENCES

## UNION PRESIDENT AND THE RTU CONSTITUTION

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## THE SOUTH SHORE WOMEN'S CLUB

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## ABSENCES

As you all know, there was a change in the way absences were cut the last two years. After many discussions at QPAT, it was decided to re-open the Collective Agreement to give all local unions the choice to use Appendix 15, which was the 'new' way of calculating your absences, or to go back to 6-7.04 which was used before Appendix 15. All this to say, we will be using 6-7.04 after a motion was passed at our Delegates Council meeting of June 12,2013.

## UNION PRESIDENT AND THE RTU CONSTITUTION

This year marked a change in our Constitution. A motion was brought forward from our membership to make a change to the limitation of how many years the President of the Union could run. The motion passed with one abstention, myself.

## PIC

Next years PIC Allocation will stay the same, \$1200.00. When applying for PIC funds it is always a good idea to review the guidelines found on the Portal or our Website ([www.rtu-ser.ca](http://www.rtu-ser.ca)) You should apply 20 days prior, and include the program. This will save time as many teachers forget this process, and many many emails are then required to complete the applications. Thank you for your cooperation on this issue.

## THE SOUTH SHORE WOMEN'S CLUB

The club is now accepting book donations for their August 7-10th book sale. Profits from the 39th Annual sale provide scholarships for Women CEGEP, and University Students. To arrange to donate books, please contact Carole at 450-672-9401 or Kay at 450-671-2510. Collection ends August 5th. AND Remember to check-out our website at [www.rtu-ser.ca](http://www.rtu-ser.ca)

## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Starting June 25th to July 5th, office hours will be 8 am to 3 pm Monday to Thursday and 8 am to 12 pm on Fridays  
The office will be closed from Monday July 8th until Monday August 19th, where summer hours will continue till August 23rd, 2013.

Again, I'd like to thank everyone for their support this year, but especially my staff Frank and Anne, as well as my executive and Delegates!  
Thank you!

**Steven LeSueur**  
**President**  
**Riverside Teachers Union**

