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Newsletter

MOVEMBER

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Its that time of the year where the whiskers are growing! I am participating this year officially on the Movember site. If you would like to donate to a worthy cause, you can do so at my url: MoBro.co/Slesueurrtu. I have joined the QPAT Network along with Ray Venables from Eastern Shores and Nick Ross from New Frontiers. So please, lets see if can keep up with the other local unions!

QPAT BY-ELECTION

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There will be a by-election this year for two positions on the QPAT Executive, Treasurer and Member at large. I would like to encourage RTU Members to support Nick Ross for Treasurer. Nick would be an excellent addition to the Executive. He has been President of CVTA for the past 2 years, has been on the Board of Directors, and has contributed to our QPAT Executive Meetings as an observer.

CONVENTION TIME

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This year QPAT has invited Greg Forges Siegman as our keynote speaker at the Palais des Congrès on November 21st, 2013. At 8:00 pm. Mr. Siegman, a former educator has served as Scholar in Residence for schools and programs in a variety of countries. His book, "The Silhouette Man", was NSDL 2007 Multicultural Relations Book of the Year. As usual it is guaranteed to be an interesting time.

Looking forward to seeing many RTU Members attend. Tickets and Programs should already be in the schools.

New Teachers Celebration – Calling all NEW Teachers! You are invited to the New Teachers Welcome Event, Thursday, November 21st, 2013 from 6:30 to 7:45 pm in Room 513A at the Convention. Come and meet local Presidents as well as our QPAT President, Mr. Richard Goldfinch.

QPAT Social – Join us at this years Social Event "Rocking Through the Ages" immediately following the Keynote speaker.

Don't forget to see the RTU Executive members for drink tickets! See you there!

QPAT DEMONSTION

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There will be a demonstration held on Friday the 22nd of November at 11:45 (During the convention) at Le Palais de Congrès. Please come in large numbers!!!!

NEGOCIATIONS 2015

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QPAT has sent out Consultations on Sectorial and Inter-Sectorial demands. If you haven't already, please fill them out as soon as possible, either with your delegate or

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individually and either give them to your delegate or send them directly to our office. QPAT would like a tally, to guide its focus on the next round of negotiations.

STUDENT TEACHER MONEY

There were some changes to the possible uses of Student teacher money in our last round of Local Negotiations. [4-8.02]

“The funds allocated to cooperating teachers shall be to support the efforts of assisting teachers to prepare student teachers for their entry into the profession, and to ensure that cooperating teachers receive adequate compensation”. Cooperating teachers shall be given access to the amount allocated to be use for either:

- a) Release time for participation in the training sessions offered by universities for cooperating teachers.
- b) Costs related to materials for student teachers
- c) Cost for pedagogical materials for the cooperating teachers used until the teacher's departure from the School board. Such purchasing of materials must follow the Boards Purchasing Policy. If a teacher moves to a new school, the material shall travel with the teacher and become the property of the new school.
- d) Release time for any activities related to the role of the cooperating teacher.
- e) Up to 2 days release substitution per year provided the teacher has participated in the appropriate University session for cooperating teachers.

If there are any questions concerning these funds, please do not hesitate to call the office.

DELEGATES WORKSHOP

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We had our Delegates Workshop at Le Château Bromont on October 25-26th, with topics such as CSST & Psychological injury; 2015 Negotiations-Consultation: Mentoring and Social Media issues.

It was a very productive weekend. I would like to thank Terri and Ramona for the purchasing of the gifts and Frank White for organizing the social- team building Friday night event. And a special thank you to Anne St Pierre, for her hard work in organizing and making our event a success!

Reminder – McGill Seminars – check them out, there is always something new to learn.

Council Minutes and Special Needs Minutes – Keep them coming!

Vernissage – Teacher from Royal Charles School– Lucie Nadeau – sculptor and watercolorist - November 22nd, 2013 between 7 pm and 9 pm, 7900-A, Taschereau Boulevard, Suite 105, Brossard. Exposition Friday, Saturday and Sunday. For more details call 450-550-5454.

And of course, don't forget to check out our website...you never know what you may find!

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