

# RTU Newsletter



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The Holiday Season is just about here! First term is behind us and it is now time to enjoy the season with family and friends.

## **QPAT CONVENTION**

The Teachers Convention held November 27-28 was a great success. Rick Hansen, our keynote speaker packed the hall to standing room only. It was a very moving address. RTU was well represented and I'd like to thank Terri Ann Pine for all her work in representing RTU at the Convention.

## **SENIORITY LETTERS**

The Seniority Letters were sent out this week and with our new mail system, I hope you will receive them before the holidays. Please verify your information and if there are any issues, you can contact the school board or the Union office. This information is important and is used to declare excess.

## **PIC**

Please refer to the PIC Guidelines when applying to conferences: workshops: or education reimbursement, so as to not be disappointed in being refused or having issues in receiving your reimbursement.

## **VALUE ADDED**

Please keep track of all the extra time you spend with your students, it will make it easier to claim your credits at the end of the school year.

## **DEMONSTRATION AGAINST AUSTERITY**

On Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 RTU Joined QPAT and 150,000 others in telling our government that all the cuts, present and future won't make a strong Quebec. I'd like to thank all those members who took the time to join the march.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Winter has arrived, and so have the icy conditions. Please be careful, and if an incident does occur, fill in the CSST Log book at the office in your school and see a doctor as soon as possible.

## **MOVEMBER**

I'd like to thank all who supported my MO! This year my total was over \$600.00 and the QPAT Team was well over \$3200.00 Thanks again, and I will continue to fight against men's cancers again next year.

## **NEGO-ACTION PLAN**

You should have all received the INFO-NÉGO from QPAT. We are still waiting for the Government to make their deposit. We will need all our members to be ready to support our negotiations when the time comes. An action plan is being developed from your surveys and consultations. More to come in the New Year.

## **MEGERS**

There has been a lot of rumor about the South Shore School Boards merging. The Education Minister has confirmed that the English Boards have to be reduced to seven from nine. Discussions continue and as soon as there is more information, it will be shared to all our members as soon as possible.

## **REMINDERS**

The RTU Office will be closed for the holidays from December 19<sup>th</sup> at noon until January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

I'd like to, on behalf of all staff, Frank White, Anne St Pierre and myself, wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. Have a restful time.

And of course, don't forget our website at [www.rtu-ser.ca](http://www.rtu-ser.ca)

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