



NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held on May 25, 2011 at Sargent Park School. The meeting was attended by 76 members. Executive and Council Members were elected for the 2011-2012 term. We would like to welcome the new and returning members to our Executive and Council and I know they are looking forward to another eventful year working on your behalf.

With the incoming of the new Council and Executive, we would like to extend our thanks to the members who are leaving us.

Kathleen Coe – Vice President

Kathleen has been very involved with the association. We would like to thank Kathleen for her contributions and dedication over the past seven years. She started as a Liaison Representative in 2005. In 2006 she became a representative on Council and a Member-at-Large in 2007. In 2009 Kathleen became Vice President. Kathleen is very keen on Robert's Rules of Order and this last year she made an excellent Policy Committee Chairperson. She also chaired the new building committee and was very active with her committee in the search for a new location. I have enjoyed and

appreciated all the help and support Kathleen has provided. We wish you well and thank you for your contributions to WANTE.

Angie Kelsch – Elementary Schools (Clerical)

Angie has been very involved with WANTE and has served as the Elementary Schools (Clerical) since

2008. She has been on many committees and has also been a member of the Collective Bargaining Committee. Angie always had great suggestions and ideas. She is a great team player and is always first to volunteer whenever more help is needed. Angie's hand is always the first to go up. Angie volunteered and joined the Executive for a short time in

EXECUTIVE & COUNCIL MEMBERS

2011-2012

President	Gale Hladik
Vice President	Barbara Morrison
Past President	Luis Tome
Treasurer	Liz Belous
Secretary	Maria Carreira
Member at Large	Pam Elliott
Member at Large	Scott Gollan
Member at Large	Cynthia Hornstein
Member at Large	Carla Paul
Junior/Senior High	Lesley Meese
Elementary	Denise Hanlan
Non-School Site	Dawn Bronk
Computer/LTA	Nelson Fernandes
Educational Assistant A&B	Tracey Anderson
Educational Assistant C	Michelle Short
Educational Assistant D	Renée Griffith
	Debra Kofsky
	Chris Eccles
	Kristia Schan

the position of Secretary. Angie will be retiring and I know she will be missed by all who had contact with her. We wish you well and thank you for your contributions to WANTE.

The members are fortunate to have had these dedicated individuals serve on their behalf. It has been a pleasure to work them.

We would like to thank the members of the Tellers Committee for the mailing of the ballots and the counting of the ballots. Voting was done at the meeting on two Amendments to the Constitution, and both were adopted by more than a 2/3rd vote of the members that were present. The amendments to our constitution will be posted on our website. The amendments that were adopted will help WANTE for the future and to ensure its continued growth as an Association to meet the needs of its members. During the afternoon the Tellers Committee counted the ballots for two members-at-large and the results were announced at the meeting. All other positions were filled by acclamation, with the exception of Non School Site Clerk. This position will be appointed at the Council Meeting that will be held on June 15, 2011. The Tellers Committee consisted of:

Franco Suzio – Chairman
Carrie Logan

Rosie Gordon
Derrick Robinson

Chris Hayden

We would like to thank the Chairman of the Nominating Committee Bruce Zilkowsky and the Membership Committee Chairperson, Maria Carreira and their committee members for all their work on the Elections and at the Annual General Meeting. A special thank you to Liz Belous for Co-Chairing and for helping in all the preparation for the Annual General Meeting. This was a truly a team effort, as many Executive and Council members gave their assistance.

There were seven door prizes and the winners were:

Tim Horton's \$10.00 Gift Certificates – Eva Flemming, Dawn Bronk, Rejean Lafond, Millie Mercier, Cheryl Muir

Gift Basket: Linda Arnold

Toshiba 32" Flat Screen LCD HD TV – Bev Gillies

Congratulations to you all!

We would like to thank Mr. Tony Marques and Myers Weinberg LLP for their generous donation of the Toshiba 32" Flat Screen T.V.

Voting for Member-at-Large and a Re-vote

On June 6, 2011 one of the candidates for Member-at-Large called the office to inquire about the vote count. The vote count was a difference of one vote. A re-count was requested. On Monday, June 13, 2011, the Tellers Committee came to the WANTE Office and a re-count was done. The re-count resulted in a tie vote. Therefore, we will be having a re-vote and new ballots will be sent out to all members in good standing. When you receive your ballot, there will only be two names on the ballot, and you will be requested to vote for one candidate and return your ballot to the WANTE Office. The Tellers Committee will return to the WANTE Office and will count the new ballots. As soon as the results are known, the successful candidate will be announced and the name will be posted on the WANTE Website showing the results.

Labour Education

On May 17, 2011 the Pension Seminar was held at Admin. Bldg. No. 2. The presenters were Mr. Peter Gruening, Pension and Benefits Advisor and Ms Laurie Lebo. Mr. Gruening and his department had prepared 70 pension statement printouts for the members that had signed up for this workshop. The presentation was excellent and our members were given valuable information. On behalf of WANTE I would like to thank Peter and Laurie for a great presentation.

Liaison Annual Appreciation Dinner

On Thursday, June 2, 2011 WANTE held its Annual Appreciation Dinner for the Liaison Representatives in recognition of all the contributions they have made to WANTE over the past year. On behalf of WANTE – thank you for a job well done!

Staffing

The staffing compliment in schools and work locations are determined by student enrolment and Division programs. Many of you may be facing the prospect of a placement for September because of a change in the staffing compliment at your work location. If you are a permanent employee, the Division will place you in a position with the same classification and the hours that you work. I know that change is often difficult to accept, but it is important for you to maintain your permanent assignment. If you have any questions please contact me at the office (953-0250).

Collective Bargaining

Please note - effective July 9, 2011 the hourly rates will be increased by 1.25%.

Annual Dinner

The WANTE Annual Dinner will take place on Thursday, October 27, 2011 at the Norwood Hotel. Please mark your calendars for this special event!

2011 – 2012 School Year

The six-day calendar for the 2011/2012 school year is available on the Division's website.

School Opening: Tuesday, September 6, 2011 (admin day for all students)
Winter Break: Friday December 23, 2011 – Friday, January 6, 2012 (dates inclusive)
Spring Break: Monday, March 26, 2012 – Friday, March 30, 2012 (dates inclusive)
Last Teaching Day: Friday, June 29, 2012

Day Off in Lieu of Christmas Day 2011 and New Year's Day 2012 - The Division has proposed that Tuesday, December 27, 2011 and January 2, 2012 be declared as days in lieu.

New Location – We're Moving!

For the last couple of years Executive and Council have been looking for a new location for the WANTE Office. The New Building Committee consisted of Kathleen Coe, Chairperson and Committee Members: Liz Belous, Bruce Zilkowsky, Luis Tome and the president. After much time searching, and looking at many different places, a great location was eventually found. The location is Unit 110/111 – 1555 St. James Street. The Committee and Executive visited the site several times and thought it was the right one. On April 13, 2011 a motion was passed at the Executive Meeting that WANTE proceed with an Offer to Lease. We are now in the final stages of signing a ten year lease with WANTE taking possession of the new office site on August 1, 2011. The office is larger than the one we are currently renting. There will be space that will allow all Council Meetings to be held in the office, as we now pay for a permit and have these meetings held at a school location. The office space is quite a bit larger, and the location is in an "office building." This is a very exciting time for WANTE. In the fall, keep watch for an Open House Invitation once we are settled in the new location.

I am looking forward to working with the new and the returning Executive and Council Members. I think we will be one great team working on your behalf.

As the school year is drawing to a close, I want to thank you for your support. I hope you all have a very happy and safe summer. I hope you get to enjoy the sun with your family and friends and have a good rest. For those of you that work 12 months, I hope the holidays you have are relaxing and enjoyable. It has been a privilege and an honor to act on your behalf as your president. One thing that comes to mind when I look over the last year is the word "respect." I would like you to enjoy your summer break, and when you return in the fall, I think that is something that I would like to hear your thoughts on in the new school year.

Gale Hladik
President

Vice President's Message

I am honoured to be in this position. Gale and I have known each other for many years and I know we will make an awesome team and I look forward to working with her closely.

After almost 10 years as the WANTE Treasurer I was ready for a change. I am delighted that Liz Belous chose to take on that job and therefore made my decision to run for Vice President a whole lot easier. Liz will have many challenges in the new job but I know she will handle it with great ability.

I was honoured to be asked to represent the union at the Long Service Recognition Tea on June 10, 2011 as Gale was being honoured for her 40 years of service. Imagine 40 YEARS!!!! Way to go Gale. The commitment that is held by so many of our employees to stick with the school division for so many years is truly honourable. There were well over 250 employees being honoured that afternoon. Congratulations to the following WANTE members who were celebrating their 25 years of service. Give yourself an applause!

David Berg	Carol Bright	Charlene Bruyere	Teresa Chartrand
Gina Daniello	Wanda Dubois	Darcy Earp	Fruma Farago
Arthur Gladu	Jacqueline Jefkins	Gisele Lagae	Rebecca Lalond
Leonor Lima	Keith Macpherson	Bonnie Mandzie	Mary-Anne McKillop
Anna-Liese Miller	Wendy Miller	Helena Moniz	Cheryl Muir
Joan Osachuk	Sylvia Perez	Janice Rathbone	Elaine Rawsthorne
Michael Rennick	Sandra Robertson	Norma Roulston	Catherine Sterdan
Gwen Sveinson	Sharon Thalman	Alexandra Truchan	Catherine Vrooman
Darlene Whyte	Lynne Wiebe	Cynthia Zimmerman	

I look forward to our Annual Dinner in October when WANTE will honor this year's retirees.

I hope to hear from any one of you and can be reached at vicepres@wante.org.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Respectfully,
Barbara Morrison



In Memory of:

JANUARY, 2011

Marlene Anderson, Retired Educational Assistant, a member for 17 years

FEBRUARY, 2011

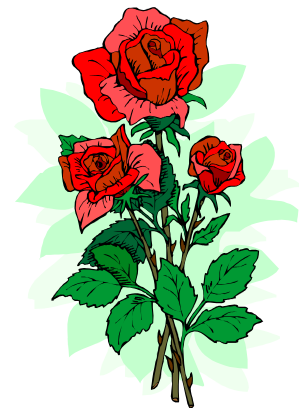
Victoria Shalapata, Retired Clerk, a member for 20 years.

APRIL, 2011

Eleanor Ruth Fitzpatrick, Retired Educational Assistant, a member for 12 years

MAY, 2011

Eileen Bennett, Retired Clerk, a member for 16 years



Admin Bldg #2 Celebrate the Royal Wedding in Style

Apparently our invites to the upcoming Royal Wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton were lost in the mail, as were so many others! But keeping a stiff upper lip, the staff at Admin Bldg #2 got together and had their own celebration the day before the nuptials were to take place.

Donning fancy hats, crowns, Windsor knots and yes... even tiaras, "High Tea" was served during coffee break with WSD and Britain's very own HM Pauline Clarke as a special attendee.

Staff brought in an assortment of English dainties, cookies, and served tea in fine English china. Staff members from both Admin Bldgs #1 and #2 enjoyed the event.

Congratulations William and Kate, we salute you!!



Left to Right: Marcia Martino (Mgr, Information Systems), Doug Edmond (Dir. Research, Planning & Systems Mgmt)



Left to Right: Brent Guinn (Research & Evaluation) Lorraine Lavich (RPSM) Heather Closen (Wellness Coordinator) and Liz Belous (Transportation & Permits)



Left to Right: Dawn Bronk (Payroll), Linda Morton (Secretary Treasurer's Dept) and Dianne Drummond (Research, Planning & Systems Mgmt)



WANTE Royal Ladies of Admin #2 Building
Left to Right: Baroness Barbara Lulu Borowycok, Lady DianneEugenia Drummondcott, Duchess Barbara Musgrave Morrisoncock, Baroness Linda Prudence Haugham, Baroness Sonya Pippa Tkachskitt, Dame Pamel-Tildsley Hryciwberton and HRH Queen Pamela Beatrice Litschkeham

W.A.N.T.E. ANNUAL DINNER

The W.A.N.T.E. annual dinner will be held on **Thursday, October 27th, 2011** at the **Norwood Hotel** located at 112 Marion Street.

The Norwood Hotel provided us last year with a great venue and an excellent meal for our members.

WANTE will still subsidize the cost for the members. Tickets will remain at \$15.00.

The dinner is a time to come out and relax with fellow members and close friends and also to honor our retirees.

Mark this date, Thursday, October 27th, 2011 on your calendar and plan to be there for what will be another great evening.

Information on the dinner and retirees will be published in our September newsletter.

Influenza Vaccinations

Influenza vaccinations will be offered to employees free of charge. Sign up is required through Employee Connect via Workshops with September 26th, 2011 as the deadline for signing up. Vaccinations to take place in October through December. Further details will be coming via posters and brochures.



Don't forget if you are looking for a little something to keep you busy during the summer months, check out the over 1,500 online courses that are offered on the wante website at www.wante.org.

WANTE in cooperation with VuBiz offers many on line courses for you to take. Check them out.



Applying for Employment Insurance

Please visit the Division Bulletin Board for information. There is a direct link there to Service Canada information.

Your reference code is shown on your paystub. The code is 4121012011111111. The reference code is case sensitive so enter it exactly as shown, or consult the Division Bulletin Board. All the information you need can be found on the Bulletin Board, or visit your nearest Service Canada Centre.



DENTAL RATE INCREASE

Manual Life Dental Rates
Effective September 1, 2011

Single	\$28.36
Couple	\$56.70
Family	\$89.32

Rates are paid over 10 months.

Direct Deposit Information

To ensure that your direct deposit changes are processed on time for the payroll deadlines, please submit a Direct Deposit Enrollment Form at least one week prior to the pay date. Bank account changes in June should be submitted no later than the first week in June. When changing bank accounts you should leave the original bank account open until your pay has been deposited into your new account.



"Division students and staff shone in the spotlight at the 2011 "Yes I Can" awards." - Connections Spring 2011 Newsletter

WANTE would like to recognize Monica Sitter, Educational Assistant at Grant Park High School, who was named an Outstanding Para-Educator as a result of her timeless efforts to help students achieve success.

The Yes I Can awards, which honour youth and adults who advance the concept of inclusion in society, were held February 24 at the Victoria Inn. The ceremony is held annually by the Manitoba Council for Exceptional Children.

Congratulations Monica, well done!

FITNESS PASSES

The Winnipeg School Division is please again to offer to its employees, retirees and their adult family members discounted fitness passes with the City of Winnipeg recreational facilities.

Enrollment will be from June 13 to September 20, 2011 inclusive, with the fitness passes being effective October 1, 2011. Further details will be coming via posters, brochures and enrollment forms.

This chart lists pay period start and end dates with bank deposit dates for all 10 month members. Clerical employees will receive their pay in the bank on the period end date.

PAY PERIOD START DATE	PAY PERIOD END DATE	DATE OF BANK DEPOSIT	PAID FOR
September 6, 2011	September 16, 2011	September 23, 2011	9 days
September 19, 2011	September 30, 2011	October 7, 2011	10 days
October 3, 2011	October 14, 2011	October 21, 2011	10 days
October 17, 2011	October 28, 2011	November 4, 2011	10 days
October 31, 2011	November 10, 2011	November 18, 2011	10 days
November 14, 2011	November 25, 2011	December 2, 2011	10 days
November 28, 2011	December 9, 2011	December 16, 2011	10 days
December 12, 2011	December 23, 2011	December 30, 2011	9 days
December 26, 2011	January 6, 2012	January 13, 2012	3 days
January 9, 2012	January 20, 2012	January 27, 2012	10 days
January 23, 2012	February 3, 2012	February 10, 2012	10 days
February 6, 2012	February 17, 2012	February 24, 2012	10 days
February 20, 2012	March 2, 2012	March 9, 2012	10 days
March 5, 2012	March 16, 2012	March 23, 2012	10 days
March 19, 2012	March 30, 2012	April 6, 2012	5 days
April 2, 2012	April 13, 2012	April 20, 2012	10 days
April 16, 2012	April 27, 2012	May 4, 2012	11 days
April 30, 2012	May 11, 2012	May 18, 2012	10 days
May 14, 2012	May 25, 2012	June 1, 2012	10 days
May 28, 2012	June 8, 2012	June 15, 2012	10 days
June 11, 2012	June 22, 2012	June 29, 2012	10 days
June 25, 2012	June 29, 2012	July 13, 2012	5 days