

Prince Albert and Area Teachers' Association

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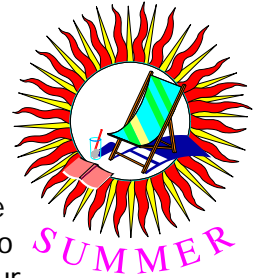
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... from the President's desk

Yet another year is coming to a close. It has been a busy year within our association. Both school division LINC teams have been busy with negotiations. We greatly appreciate the efforts of our LINC teams and the time that is spent working through a new agreement. To the many schools who were assigned to coordinate our various events, thanks so much for your work on the projects assigned to you. We couldn't do all the association does without your participation. To the schools who were on a break from extra duty, don't worry, your time will come. To the convention committee who has worked throughout this year despite not having a local convention, thank you so much for your work this year planning ahead for Convention 09. To the Superannuation Committee whose event is yet to come, we know it's a big job and we also thank you for all that you do.



To the executive: for all the meetings you attend, for overseeing the various committees, for the STF councils that need to be attended, I thank you very much for your time and effort to make the PAATA as representative of our membership as possible. A special thank you to Twyla Simola and Linda Klughart who have served on the executive. Congratulations on your retirements.

It takes a lot of people to make our organization work so well. Everyone's participation, interest and execution of their appointed tasks is appreciated.

As we begin to organize ourselves for the next school year there will be people with new assignments. We hope that everyone will take on their assigned duties in the PAATA with the same desire to do their very best that they put into their classrooms and their students.

Remember, you are the STF, you are the PAATA. These organizations are in place to represent you. Your interest and participation are essential to the accurate representation of your issues and concerns. Remember to thank your school rep for attending the meetings on your behalf, thank your councillor for the time they commit to meetings and decision making on your behalf.

As you near the finish line of yet another school year I hope that your year has been fulfilling and successful. Enjoy the upcoming summer break and be sure to return in August refreshed, renewed and ready for another great year.

- Debbie McPherson

PAATA SUPERANNUATION BANQUET

Wednesday, June 11

Marlboro Inn

Cocktails - 5:30, Supper - 6:30, Program - 7:30

Executive 2008 - 2009

The following executive were acclaimed at the May 21
General Association Meeting.

President	<i>Debbie McPherson</i>
Vice-President	<i>Randy Krammer</i>
Secretary	<i>Caroline Vis</i>
Treasurer	<i>Cecile Laberge</i>
LINC - Sask Rivers	<i>Andrea Gareau</i>
System Chairs PA Catholic	<i>Aline Cederwall</i>
Councillors	<i>Nicole Charlebois</i>
.....	<i>Andrea Gareau</i>
.....	<i>Randy Krammer</i>
.....	<i>Laurie Kuchapski</i>
.....	<i>Daniel Poirier</i>
.....	<i>Elaine Serfas</i>
.....	<i>Laurie Regnier</i>
.....	<i>Wasy Rybalka</i>
.....	<i>Dave Schneider</i>
.....	<i>Pauline Tetreault</i>
Convention	
Chair	<i>Jeanette Serfas</i>
Co-Chair	<i>Debbie McPherson</i>
Secretary	<i>Heather Edwards</i>
Treasurer	<i>Sterling Swain</i>

Congratulations Superannuates 2008

<i>Theresa Amyotte</i>	<i>Jean Markowsky</i>
<i>Vicki Bender</i>	<i>John McIvor</i>
<i>Karen Erickson</i>	<i>June Moe</i>
<i>Betty Fitzpatrick</i>	<i>Denis Poulin</i>
<i>Caroline Harrison</i>	<i>Sandra Putland</i>
<i>Kerry Hubel</i>	<i>Twyla Simola</i>
<i>Patrick Jones</i>	<i>Maureen Strathdee</i>
<i>Linda Klughart</i>	<i>Gwyneth Topping</i>
<i>Theresa Lorer</i>	<i>Bruce White</i>
<i>Celine Major</i>	



Randy Krammer did not feel that the STF Bulletin accurately captured what he said at Spring Council regarding the STRP. He asked that the following be printed in the newsletter.

I'd like to respectfully remind my fellow Councillors that, with respect to pensions, our Federation's primary goal is to equalize the benefits of the TSP and STRP. These proposed Notices of Motion are not in the TSP, and accepting them will introduce yet another obstacle to our ultimate goal of equalization. Most importantly, the STRP board of Directors, the governance body which has the direct responsibility for the financial management of the plan, has passed a motion that is clearly intended exactly for Councillors this Spring Council 2008. This motion states "no benefits in changes should be made at this time." We should respect the Board's fiduciary role and follow their recommendation. I'd also like to respectfully remind my fellow Councillors that we also share in the fiduciary responsibility of the STRP. Teachers across Saskatchewan have placed their special trust and confidence in us, and they are relying on us to protect their interests and work in their behalf. We have a duty to act in their "best interests" and "their best interests" clearly and unequivocally means "no changes in benefits at this time." Just a few days before leaving for Council, a fellow teacher colleague and I were discussing the long term financial outlook of the STRP, and his last comment to me was "I hope you guys know what you're doing." We should all vote in a manner such that we can all go back to our schools, dialogue with ordinary teachers like my colleague and be able to say, "Yes, I know what I'm doing. I've acted in your best interest." I urge you to defeat this and the following two Notices of Motion. When the two plans' benefits are equalized, the STRP Board indicates that further enhancements are possible, then we can re-visit this issue.