



REGIONAL MEETING FOLLOW-UP

Thank you to all the trustees and administrators who attended our recent round of fall regional meetings. Whether in Thompson, Brandon, Carman, St. Andrews or Winnipeg, the conversations were spirited, informative, and sometimes entertaining. As part of those meetings, the association's Aboriginal and Indigenous Education Action Planning Committee presented its final report. That [full report](#), along with the regional meeting presentation (as a download), can be found on our website. Several meetings also included elections for regional MUST Fund representatives. Michelle Kaminsky (Region 1, Mountain View SD), Rod Brownlee (Region 2, Portage la Prairie SD), Sally Cook (Region 3, Interlake SD), and Cindy Turner (Region 5, Louis Riel SD) will be joining Leslie Fernandes (Region 4, Flin Flon SD) and Mike Babinsky (Region 6, Winnipeg SD) on the MUST Fund Committee. And finally, the presentation encapsulating school boards' SWOT analysis of education funding in Manitoba will be forwarded via divisional email in the coming weeks.

MERN FALL FORUM



Don't forget, the MERN Fall Forum, Valuing Diversity, will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 10, at Brandon University. The forum will include a keynote address, as well as four rounds of concurrent sessions. There is no cost of this event, and lunch is provided. Full [program information](#), including a [registration link](#), is available online.

And while we're on the topic of MERN please note two date changes from what was published in our learning opportunities document earlier this year. The Indigenous Education Research Session will be held in Winnipeg on December 2, and the Spring Forum in Winnipeg on May 12. These dates have been updated in the online version of the learning opportunities document.

RECOGNIZING ACHIEVEMENT

Do you want to recognize someone in your school community for a job well-done? Then why not nominate them for an award! Several programs are currently seeking nominations, including the:

- [Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence](#) (deadline: January 17, 2017);



- [Ken Spencer Award for Innovation in Teaching and Learning](#) (deadline: November 10, 2106);
- Manitoba School Boards Association Presidents' Council Award;
- Premier Award for School Board Innovation; and
- Student Citizenship Awards.



THE KEN SPENCER AWARD

The nomination deadline for those last three awards, which are all sponsored by the Manitoba School Boards Association, is January 27, 2017. Award descriptions and necessary forms can be found in the online [awards package](#) page.

IN THE MAIL

Several items of interest to all trustees have been distributed in recent weeks through our weekly divisional email. These include:



- a memo from President Ken Cameron related to Respect in School, a free (for now) online training and certification program for school teaching and support staff, parents, and volunteers (October 26);
- a report from Seine River SD Chair Wendy Bloomfield and MSBA Executive Director Josh Watt on the 2016 MASS Summer Institute, which focussed on leadership for coherence and deep learning within the public education sector (October 26);
- the call for nominations for positions on the 2017-18 provincial executive, and for resolutions to be considered at the 2017 annual convention (October 19); and
- a memo from President Ken Cameron asking those trustees interested in representing the association on internal and external committees to submit a [volunteer form](#) (even if they have done so in the past), to allow us to ensure our list of volunteers is current (October 19).

Correspondence listed can be obtained from your board chair, secretary-treasurer, or the association office. Please be certain to watch for MSBA's critical and urgent advocacy guide on AMM Resolution 08-2016, which will appear in this week's divisional mail.



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