

**OCTOBER 18-19, 2017**

# THE FAB 5 BEGINNING TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

**Wednesday 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**

**Thursday 8:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Plenary sessions are balanced with a selection of breakout workshops intended to build knowledge and strategies in the areas of classroom management, student engagement, team work, building parent partnerships and supporting diversity.

FAB 5 offers new teachers an opportunity to network with other beginning teachers and develop skills to support their day-to-day classroom practices. The registration fee is minimal and includes a light supper and a wine and cheese reception on the first evening; as well as a breakfast and a lunch during the full day.



**CONFERENCE  
PROGRAM**

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**Designed for  
teachers in their  
first five years of  
teaching**

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**Two Keynotes &  
Nine Breakout  
Sessions**

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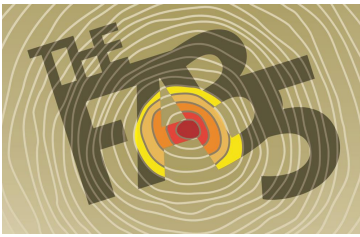
**Location:  
Victoria Inn &  
Convention Centre  
(Winnipeg)**

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**Registration fee:  
Only \$40**

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**Register online:**  
<https://memberlink.mbteach.org/Events.aspx>



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October 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Victoria Inn & Conference Centre (Winnipeg)

## Wednesday Keynote: Wendy Loewen



### Building Relationships – with Kids and Colleagues

Finding your place in a school community is one of the most rewarding and sometimes challenging aspects in your career. **Kick off** the 2017 FAB 5 with a fun and engaging plenary session. Learn more about personal work styles and how to use your strengths to communicate, collaborate and contribute to healthy teamwork.

Wendy is a former teacher and director of a health and social services program. She has Bachelor degrees in both Psychology and Education and has embarked on a Masters in Conflict Management. In addition, she is certified as a level 1 and 2 Myers-Briggs Trait Inventory administrator and is trained as a mediator. Wendy believes that learning is a dynamic and life-long endeavor and with commitment, guidance and support, this process should be enjoyable and motivating.

## Conference Agenda

### Wednesday

- 5:30 Registration & Light Supper
- 6:30 Keynote: Wendy Loewen
- 8:00 Wine & Cheese / Networking

### Thursday

- 7:45 Breakfast
- 8:45 Keynote: Mitch Bourbonniere
- 9:30 Stretch Break
- 9:40 Session 1
- 12:15 Lunch
- 13:00 Session 2
- 14:15 Refreshment Break
- 14:30 Short Snapper Sessions
- 15:30 Wrap-up

## Thursday Keynote: Mitch Bourbonniere, M.S.W., C.M.H.W. (C/A)

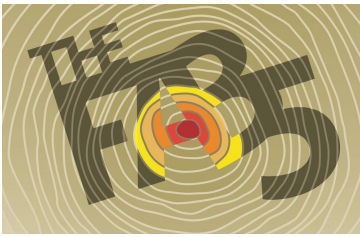


### Honour Yourself

You've chosen a rewarding but demanding profession, and you need to *honour yourself* in order to be your best. Protective factors such as resiliency, empathy, perspective, faith, serenity and humour will be promoted in this keynote session, and a Medicine Wheel approach to looking after one's body, mind, emotions and spirit will be described.

Mitch is a Social Worker in the Louis Riel School Division and instructs at the University of Winnipeg, Université de Saint-Boniface, and the University of Manitoba in the Faculty of Social Work and Aboriginal Focus Programs. Mitch has enjoyed a 30 year career in social services in Winnipeg including working in the fields of justice, education, child welfare, and mental health. Mitch has been heavily involved in the indigenous community in Manitoba including having helped form the Bear Clan Patrol.





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### Session Descriptions

#### Session 1 – 9:40-12:15 a.m. (Select One)

##### **Classroom Management & Student Engagement**

Explore proactive and responsive strategies to enhance classroom management and student engagement. Topics include relationships; role of the teacher; brain friendly teaching; and strategies for responding to challenging behaviours.  
Presenter: Shannon Philippe

##### **Cultivating the Super Powers in your Teams: Working with Educational Assistants**

Explore practices and guidelines that enhance dynamic working relationships between teachers and EAs. Topics include roles and responsibilities of Educational Assistants; MTS policy and provincial regulations; effective communication strategies; preparation, guidance, and supervision of EAs.  
Presenter: Robin Plouffe-Hingley

##### **Current LGBTQ\* Realities**

Learn strategies for developing LGBTQ inclusive classrooms and schools. Topics include terminology (gender and sexual identities); societal norms of sex, gender, orientation and gender expression; supporting students who are coming out; starting and maintaining a GSA; and addressing everyday discrimination.  
Presenter: Catherine Hart

##### **Open Here In Case Of An Emergency!**

Emergency, Emergency! Stomach Flu, Kid's Ill, Unexpected trip, Day before the break, Day after the break, Supplies haven't arrived, etc. etc... There are many reasons when you need an impromptu lesson or activity because showing a movie or silent reading can only go so far. This hands-on workshop will provide you with lessons, resources and ideas that can relate to almost any curriculum or topic. Join Jason, and find out what you can open for your emergency.  
Presenter: Jason Oliver

##### **Working Effectively with Parents**

Learn how to engage parents and guardians in their child's education. This session will offer communication strategies and organizational tips that will help get you started on the right foot. Topics include establishing an inviting environment, recognizing a variety of parenting styles and responding to common questions.  
Presenter: Tracy Vanstone

## Session 2 – 13:00-14:15 p.m. (Select One)

### MTS Benefits and Pension: Your Safety Net

Hopefully, you are beginning a long and fulfilling career. But what if something goes wrong? Learn what insurance services and health benefits are available, what they cover and how to access them. In addition, even though it seems a long way off, the session will cover what you need to know about your pension. Presenters: Ralph Ramore and Monique Lapointe

### Sex, Lies and Mobile Devices

Teachers and students use technology constantly. Attend this session to learn how to keep your students and yourself safe and out of trouble. Presenter: Dan Turner

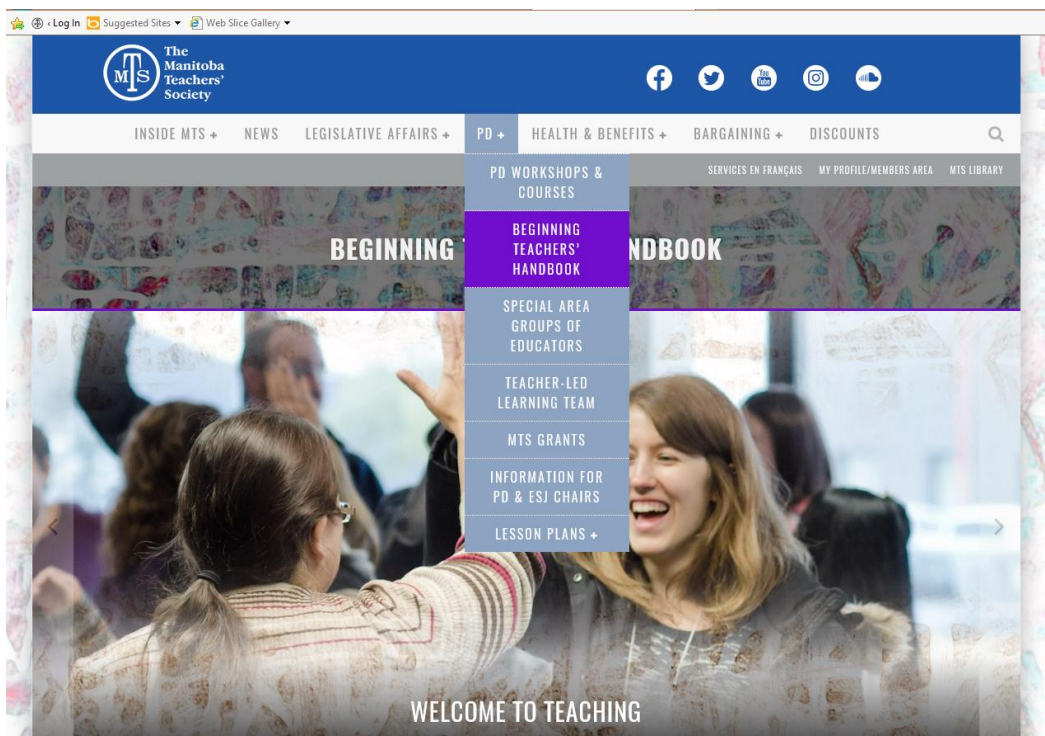
### Teacher Evaluation: What to Expect

Are you worried about your first evaluation? Knowing your division's policy and protocols can help ease your mind and learn the most from the experience. Attend this session to better understand the purposes and processes of teacher evaluation as you develop professionally throughout your career. Presenter: Alice Young

### Workplace Safety and Health: How this Legislation Protects You

WSH legislation impacts teachers and education. The session will include an explanation of the process for dealing with and reporting violence in the classroom, as well as dealing with potential harassment situations in the workplace. Presenter: Darren Hardy

Check out the Beginning Teacher resources online at [www.mbteach.org](http://www.mbteach.org)



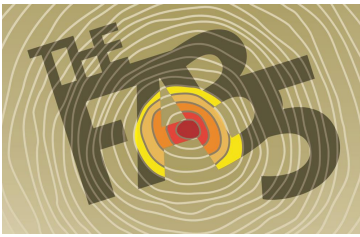


**Short Snapper Sessions – 14:30-15:30 p.m. (Each topic is 10 minutes long. You will have time to access 6 topics in this time slot)**

- Why do I have so many Deductions on my Paycheque?** Ralph Ramore will highlight some of the benefits you are getting from the deductions on your paycheque.
- Maternity Leave and Benefits** Nancy Kerr will outline provisions for maternity and parental leaves and benefits.
- Educator Assistance Program and Balance Program** Did you know that as an MTS member you have access to counselling services? Angela Haig will outline what is available (including online resources) and how to access help when you need it.
- Connecting on Social Media** Join Dan Turner to explore fun ways to use social media for professional development and to connect with other teachers.
- Know Your Rights** Join Darren Hardy to learn about the protections you have as a teacher in legislation and through your collective agreement. Darren will also answer questions about term contracts.
- When to Call for Help (and Who to Call)** Local Association President Tammy Hodgins-Rector will share information on the role of the Local Association and the type of help and support you can find when you call.
- Tapping into Experienced Teachers** Beginning teachers can benefit greatly by being connected to experienced teachers in their discipline or grade level. Joining a SAGE group can be one way to find those connections. Donna Slobodzian from MAMT will outline how to do that, and some of the other benefits of SAGE membership.
- Resources from the Canadian Museum for Human Rights** Mireille Lamontagne will introduce you to the resources available to you from the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

**Throughout the day Thursday**

Visit the Manitoba Education Library display. Laura Hochheim will help conference attendees navigate all the great services and resources the Library has to support your teaching. The Library has books, DVDs, educational kits, puppets, and more! As a member of the Library, teachers can also access eBooks, video streaming and electronic databases. Participants will be able to register for a Library card at the display. The Library is located at 1181 Portage Avenue but provides support and services to all members throughout the province.



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### Speaker Bios

#### **Angela Haig**

Angela is a Counsellor in the Educator Assistance Program at The Manitoba Teachers' Society.

#### **Darren Hardy**

Darren is a Teacher Welfare Staff Officer at The Manitoba Teachers' Society.

#### **Catherine Hart**

Catherine is a member of the Teacher-Led Learning Team (TLLT). She has been teaching for nine years. She has taught English and social studies at West Kildonan Collegiate, where she worked with students and colleagues to initiate and maintain a GSA. She is currently Vice-President of the Seven Oaks Teachers' Association. Catherine is passionate about promoting equity and social justice in schools and the wider community.

#### **Laura Hochheim**

Laura is a librarian representing the Manitoba Education Library.

#### **Tammy Hodgins-Rector**

Tammy is a teacher/counsellor in Red River Valley School Division and has been involved with her Local Association for the past 19 years. She has served as President of RRVTA for 10 years. She is passionate about her Association involvement and works tirelessly to assist her fellow colleagues whenever the need arises.

#### **Nancy Kerr**

Nancy is a Teacher Welfare Staff Officer at The Manitoba Teachers' Society.

#### **Mireille Lamontagne**

Mireille is the Manager of Advanced and Professional Programs with the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

#### **Monique Lapointe**

Monique is a Member Service Representative at the Teachers' Retirement Allowances Fund (TRAF)

#### **Jason Oliver**

Jason has been a Technology Educator in the River East Transcona School Division for 10 years and presently teaching Graphic Communications. He has taught across the grade levels from Grade 5 to Grade 12, in the areas of Technology Education, Graphics, Manufacturing, Plastics and Woodworking and served as a Technology Coordinator. He has been a leader and organizer of countless Creative Problem Events. He also served both on his local association's executive and on the Provincial Executive of the Manitoba Teachers' Society.

- Shannon Philippe** Shannon is a member of the Teacher-Led Learning Team (TLLT). She is committed to creating inclusive learning environments where diversity is celebrated. She is currently the resource teacher at École St. Adolphe School and recently finished her PBDE in Inclusive Special Education. Shannon was one of three Canadian teachers who helped develop the new learning resource for *L'approche intégrée en immersion*.
- Robin Plouffe-Hingley** Robin is a member of the Teacher-Led Learning Team (TLLT). She is a divisional itinerant instructional support teacher in Louis Riel School Division. As a teacher with a diverse portfolio of experiences spanning 18 years, she endeavors to collaborate with colleagues to use practices that meet the needs of all of her students. Robin is passionate about supporting learning communities with compassion and humour.
- Ralph Ramore** Ralph is the Department Head of the Disability Benefits Plan and Educator Assistance Program of The Manitoba Teachers' Society.
- Donna Slobodzian** Donna is currently an early years teacher in the Red River Valley School Division. She has been involved in providing workshops and programming for teachers throughout the province through the Manitoba Association of Math Teachers (MAMT).
- Dan Turner** Dan is a Teacher Welfare Staff Officer at The Manitoba Teachers' Society.
- Tracy Vanstone** Tracy is currently principal of École Crescentview School in Portage la Prairie School Division. Prior to that, she was principal at La Verendrye School and in Student Services at Portage Collegiate Institute. She has teaching experience in guidance and counselling, French Immersion, Basic French, and science in both elementary and high school settings. She is passionate about working with at-risk youth. She has expertise in working with parents, dealing with crisis response, grief, mediation, mentorship, beginning teachers.
- Alice Young** Alice is currently the Principal of Marion School in Louis Riel School Division. Over the past 17 years she has been the administrator in various elementary schools. Although she wears the hat of administrator, she considers herself a lead teacher. Alice has been involved with her local association her entire career and is passionate about dialogue – between students, parents, colleagues and the “powers that be”. Alice “balances” her life with the love of community theatre and living in the country.