



**CONFERENCE  
PROGRAM**

**WINNIPEG**

**OCTOBER 17-18, 2018**

# **THE FAB 5 BEGINNING TEACHERS' CONFERENCE**

**Wednesday: 17:30-21:30**

**Thursday: 7:30-16:00**

Fab 5 sessions are balanced with a selection of breakout workshops intended to build capacity, confidence, and practical strategies in the areas of classroom management, student engagement, social media, teamwork, and parent partnerships.

Fab 5 offers new teachers an opportunity to network with other beginning teachers and strengthen skills to support their day-to-day classroom practices. The registration fee is minimal, and it includes a light supper, wine and cheese reception, breakfast and lunch.

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

**Keynote & various  
breakout sessions**

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

**Registration fee:  
Only \$40**

**Register online:**

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



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October 17-18, 2018

Victoria Inn Hotel & Convention Centre  
1808 Wellington Avenue (Winnipeg)



## Keynote: Michael Labun

### Conference Agenda

#### Wednesday

- 17:30 Registration & Light Supper
- 18:30 Greetings
- 18:45 Keynote: Michael Labun
- 19:45 Wine & Cheese / Networking

#### Thursday

- 7:30 Breakfast
- 8:15 Session 1
- 11:30 Session 2
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:00 Session 3
- 14:15 Refreshment Break
- 14:30 Short Snapper Sessions
- 15:30 Wrap-up

### Developing Professional Relationships – What They Didn't Tell Me in University



Finding your place in a school community is one rewarding aspect of your career. Learn how your personal style and your strengths to communicate and collaborate create a healthy workplace.

Michael Labun is a trained conflict resolution specialist and consultant who has facilitated workshops on communication, conflict resolution and creating better workplaces. Michael uses an interactive and engaging style to talk about conflict as a way to motivate participants to incorporate workshop material into their own environments.





### Session Descriptions

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#### Session 1 – 8:15-11:15 (Select One)

##### **Classroom Management and 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**

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

Explore practices and guidelines that enhance dynamic working relationships between teachers and educational assistants (EAs). Topics include roles and responsibilities of EAs; MTS policy and provincial regulations; effective communication strategies; preparation, guidance, and supervision of EAs.

Presenter: **Chris Roe**

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##### **Open Here in Case of an Emergency!**

There are many situations that arise when an impromptu lesson or activity is needed. Learn about lessons and resources you can *open* for emergencies for almost any curriculum, topic or grade level.

Presenter: **Jason Oliver**

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##### **Put a Ring on It!**

Engaging students in their learning is mentally, physically and emotionally charged and very rewarding. Learn effective assessment tools and strategies that will captivate students and encourage them to be involved in their own learning and development.

Presenter: **Mark Essay**

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##### **The Teacher Evaluation – What to Expect**

Are you worried about your first evaluation? Find out how school division policies follow protocols and processes focused on helping you develop as a professional throughout your career.

Presenter: **Alice Young**

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## Session 2 – 11:30-12:00 (Select One)

### Connecting on Social Media

Explore fun and safe ways to use social media to connect with other teachers as part of your professional network and professional learning.

Presenter: **Ray Job**

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### Employee Assistance Program and Services

Find out about the array of counselling services available to The Manitoba Teachers' Society members and how to access them in person or online.

Presenter: **Angela Haig**

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### Maternity Leave and Benefits

Learn about provisions and benefits available to The Manitoba Teachers' Society members taking maternity or parental leaves.

Presenter: **Nancy Kerr**

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### The Manitoba Curriculum Support Centre

Find out about the variety of support materials and resources available to teachers by the Manitoba Curriculum Support Centre.

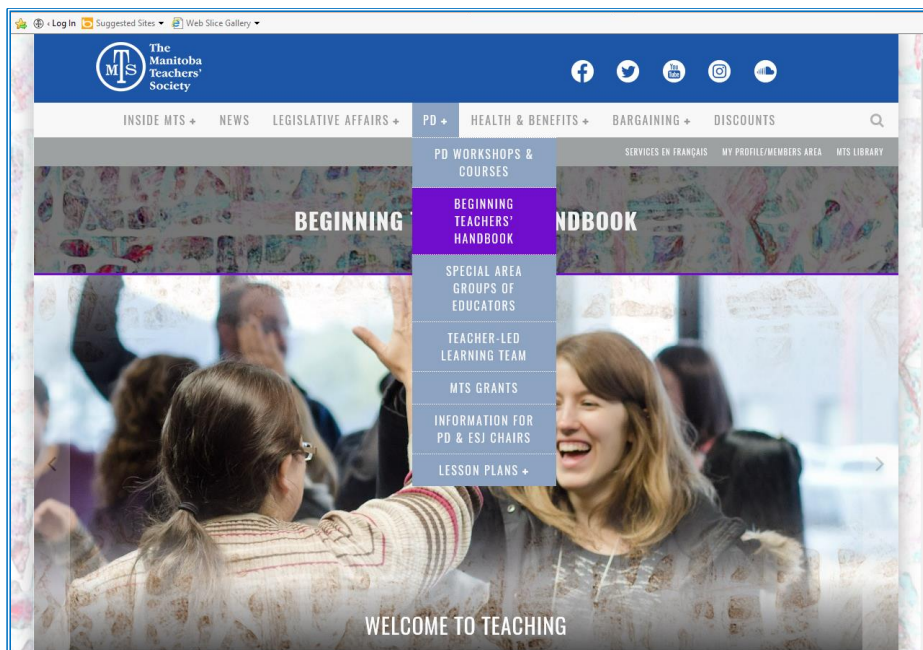
Presenter: **Nancy Girardin**

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## Throughout the afternoon on Thursday

Visit the Manitoba Curriculum Support Centre display. Nancy Girardin will showcase examples of the materials and resources the centre has to support Manitoba teachers. Explore some of the latest books, educational kits, puppets, and more! As a member of the centre, teachers can also access eBooks, video streaming and electronic databases. Any participant who doesn't have one already will be able to register for a membership card on the spot. The centre is located at 1181 Portage Avenue in Winnipeg but provides support and services to all members throughout the province.

**Check out the beginning teacher resources online at [www.mbteach.org](http://www.mbteach.org)**



### Session 3 – 13:00-14:15 (Select One)

#### Canadian Museum for Human Rights 360

How do you teach the foundational concepts of human rights? Get an overview of programs and resources available from the museum that are ready to use in your classroom tomorrow.

Presenter: **Graham Lowes**

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#### How to Read Your Paycheque

You've signed your contract and you finally got a paycheque! Find out what all of the deductions mean in relation to benefits; fees; and fiscal responsibilities required by the Canada Revenue Agency.

Presenter: **Glen Anderson**

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#### Know Your Rights

What are your rights in relation to a professional conduct complaint, a student complaint, a parent complaint or one that comes from a member of the public? Get a primer on contracts; collective agreements; the employer-employee relationship; and the right to representation in relation to safety around students, parents and community members.

Presenter: **Diane Beresford**

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#### Social Media Awareness

Teachers and students use technology constantly. Learn how to keep your students and yourself safe and out of trouble.

Presenter: **Dan Turner**

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#### Working with Parents

Building positive relationships in an inviting environment is key to successful partnerships with parents or guardians. Explore a variety of communication strategies and recognize a variety of parenting styles in order to best support student learning.

Presenter: **Christine Anderson**

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### What are Special Area Groups of Educators (SAGE)?

#### Teaching is a demanding career

The challenges, responsibilities, expectations—and rewards—are great! Invest in your own professional development and personal success with Special Area Groups of Educators (SAGE) memberships.

#### SAGEs help you:

- keep on top of changes
- share insights with peers
- give your teaching the informed edge
- exercise your autonomy in professional development

The 30 SAGEs affiliated with The Manitoba Teachers' Society are your link to a network of professional educators striving for excellence. Professional development opportunities, camaraderie, professional learning networks, and a forum to share your ideas and insights are all benefits of being a member of a SAGE.

#### The professional development edge

MTS PD Day, conferences, and workshops present the best ideas from the brightest minds in teaching. But SAGEs do much more than sponsor a one-day PD conference.

#### SAGE reinforces your personal professional development by:

- developing skills in a friendly, non-competitive environment
- keeping you on the leading edge of thinking in your areas of interest

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

**Fundamentals of Your Pension**

Learn about your pension as well as information about who you can call when questions arise.

Presenter: **Glen Anderson**

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**Workplace Safety and Health (WSH)**

Learn about how WSH legislation impacts teachers and the processes for dealing with and reporting violence in the classroom and harassment situations in the workplace.

Presenter: **Darren Hardy**

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**The Manitoba Teachers' Society's Structure and Services**

Learn about all of the services available to The Manitoba Teachers' Society's members through various departments, including who to call when you need help.

Presenter: **Terri-Lynn Hill**

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**When to Call for Help and Who to Call**

Learn about the resources and support provided to members by local teacher associations.

Presenter: **Tammy Hodgins-Rector**

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**Special Area Groups of Educators (SAGEs) and You!**

Learn about how membership in a SAGE can benefit a teacher who is new to the profession.

Presenter: **Donna Slobodzian**

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**What are the benefits of Special Area Groups of Educators?**

**Leadership and influence**

SAGEs provide professional development opportunities and a forum for their members to take a leading role in addressing issues and challenges in public schools in Manitoba.

**SAGE members:**

- influence the development of resolutions for The Manitoba Teachers' Society Annual General Meeting of Provincial Council
- work with like-minded colleagues to help develop Society policy in a number of areas
- lay the groundwork for projects that benefit you, your profession, and your students
- network with colleagues to enrich your professional development

**Inspiration**

Many SAGEs recognize their members' contributions and commitment through awards and other programs. Experience the satisfaction of working together with conscientious and dedicated peers. Let your SAGE participation inspire your personal creativity.

**A perfect match**

SAGEs thrive on fresh ideas and input. You can make a positive contribution to your peers—and your own professional success.



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### Speaker Bios

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- Christine Anderson** Christine has been an educator for 29 years. She has served as a teacher, guidance counsellor, vice-principal and principal in the River East Transcona School Division and has extensive experience in the K-9 setting.
- Glen Anderson** Glen is a staff officer in the Teacher Welfare department of The Manitoba Teachers' Society. For many years he has overseen the benefits programs offered to members.
- Diane Beresford** Diane is a staff officer in the Teacher Welfare department of The Manitoba Teachers' Society.
- Mark Essay** Mark has been a high school educator for the past twenty-four years and teaches English at Portage Collegiate Institute in Portage la Prairie. Mark loves teaching in the classroom and feels that's where credibility comes from when sharing ideas with other educators.
- Nancy Girardin** Nancy is a learning resources consultant with the Program and Student Services Branch of Manitoba Education and Training.
- Angela Haig** Angela is a clinical psychologist in the Educator Assistance Program of The Manitoba Teachers' Society. She has worked in the mental health field for 30 years, in Manitoba and the west coast. She works collaboratively with members using a holistic approach to counselling, with a particular interest in the effect of nutrition on mental health.
- Darren Hardy** Darren is a staff officer in the Teacher Welfare department of The Manitoba Teachers' Society.
- Terri-Lynn Hill** Terri-Lynn is a staff officer in the Teacher Welfare department of The Manitoba Teachers' Society.
- Tammy Hodgins-Rector** Tammy is a teacher in the Red River Valley School Division and has been involved with her Local for the past 20 years. She has served as president of the Red River Valley Teachers' Association for many years.
- Ray Job** Ray is the public relations facilitator of The Manitoba Teacher's Society.
- Nancy Kerr** Nancy is a staff officer in the Teacher Welfare department of The Manitoba Teachers' Society.

- Graham Lowes** Graham is the educator in residence at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. He is also a middle years educator in the Louis Riel School Division who uses project-based learning and inquiry to teach about sustainability and human rights.
- Jason Oliver** Jason has been a technology educator in the River East Transcona School Division for 12 years and teaches Graphic Communications. He has taught grades 5 to 12, specializing in the areas of Technology Education, Graphics, Manufacturing, Plastics and Woodworking and served as a technology coordinator for the school division.
- 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 Saint-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*.
- Chris Roe** Chris is a member of the Teacher-Led Learning Team (TLLT). He is a special education resource teacher at Henry G. Izatt Middle School in the Pembina Trails School Division. Chris' teaching specialties with middle school students are diverse, including Outdoor Education, coaching and athletics, and writer's workshops.
- Donna Slobodzian** Donna is 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 staff officer in the Teacher Welfare department of The Manitoba Teachers' Society.
- Alice Young** Alice is the principal of Marion School in the Louis Riel School Division. She has been a principal or vice-principal in various elementary schools and considers herself a lead teacher. Alice has been involved with her Local her entire career and is passionate about dialogue – between students, parents, colleagues and the “powers that be”.