# **REID HARTRY**



Retired: 12/31/2019 YOS: 27, includes CGC

Assignment: 2003-2005 Area Service Direction CGC, Supervisor of SW 2005-2009, Supervisor Aboriginal Student Support Services 2009-2012, SW 2012-2019.

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? Got to Thailand for 3 weeks soon after I retired. Next hope to get to the island of Madeira & Portugal.

Hobbies: Camping, family & friends, sit on a number of boards, elder Metis CFS, consultant for a North American therapy firm.

Retirement...In 3 words: Relaxing, New Opportunities

Favourite memory of LRSD: I enjoyed my time working at LRSD. I worked with great staff; both teachers and clinicians. My special memories revolve around my work with the youth and families that I served in the division. I was blessed having a number of those students reach out to me and thank me for the assistance I offered them in my various roles. I truly appreciated the opportunity to assist parents to further their knowledge and skills to support their children in becoming stronger, fully functioning adults. The role of a clinician is one I really enjoyed for the full time I worked in that role. I found it very hard to think of retirement, as my connection to the students and families was extremely important to me.

#### **DONNA NELSON**



Retired: 12/18/2020 YOS: 15

Assignment: **EASN** 

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Planning road trips around Canada.* 

Hobbies: Gardening and travel

Retirement...In 3 words: *Time with family* 

Favourite memory of LRSD: One of my favourite memories was connecting with students in the classroom and while volunteering to coach volleyball for about 12 years.

# **KAREN DESROCHERS**



Retired: 6/30/2020 YOS: 17

Assignment: Middle years teacher

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>s⊤</sup> destination? *Mexico* Hobbies: *Travelling, swimming, camping, reading* 

Retirement...In 3 words: *Relaxing, exciting and rewarding!* 

Favourite memory of LRSD: *My* favourite memories of working in LRSD involve making connections with my students and making a difference in their lives. I have many fond memories of the various teams I coached in LRSD. I will always cherish the friends and colleagues who supported me while I worked in LRSD.

#### **MICHELLE POIRIER**

Retired: 8/30/2020 YOS: 17 1/2 full time

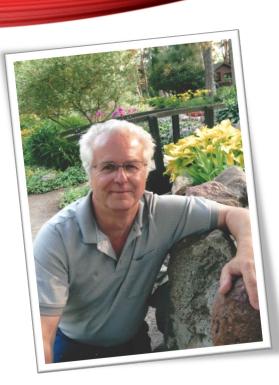
Assignment: school bus driver

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Mexico* 

Hobbies: more volunteering-meals on wheels, visiting veterans in the hospital as part of my ladies' auxilliary (Norwood-St. Boniface Legion)

Retirement...In 3 words: still working part-time

Favourite memory of LRSD: Taking a group of kids to Narcisse to see the garter snakes in their mating balls. I have many memories as I loved my job but this one sticks out. Also meeting my new kids every year.



# **CHARLES ROBERT**

#### Retired: 7/31/2020 YOS: 37

Assignment: 1984 Custodian, 1985 Custodial Aide Shamrock, 1986 Eve.Custodian WPC, 1987 Shamrock. 1998 Head Custodian Monterey, 1999 Carpenter Assistant Maginot Shop, 1999 Asst. Supervisor Maginot Shop, 2013 Supervisor of Maintenance Monterey, 2014 Manager of Facilities, 2015 Acting Director of Facilities, 2017 Director of Facilities.

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? **TBD** 

Hobbies: Meeting with relatives and friends. Volunteering with building projects. Spending time in my shop tinkering. Hunting, fishing ,snowshoeing, collecting firewood, repairing yard equipment.

#### Retirement...In 3 words: Best job ever.

Favourite memory of LRSD: I have to say my best memories is day to day dealing with the people within the legacy St. Boniface division and LRSD. I must say that the team I had in the last several years at Monterey were the best. The last several years being part of the leadership team was fulfilling. They are also a great bunch of people.

# MARIA DUNSMORE



Retired: 10/21/2019 YOS: 31

Assignment: Pierre Radisson Collegiate, clerical Dec. 88 to June 1993. JH Bruns, Admin Assistant. Aug 93 to June 2015. LRSD Facilities Dept. Aug 2015 to Oct. 2019

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? Anywhere warmer!

Hobbies: Spending summer at the cottage, travel

Retirement...In 3 words: Stress free bliss

Favourite memory of LRSD: Favourite were the years working for the St Boniface School Division, no offence...but it was wonderful knowing everyone in the division; where I met and have remained in contact with many of my esteemed colleagues.

# SUSAN WILTON



Retired: 6/30/2022 YOS: 29

Assignment: 1993-Frontenac School, teacher; 1994-1997 -Shamrock School, teacher; 1997-1998 - Secondment, President, St. Boniface Teachers' Association; 2002-2008 -Niakwa Place School, teacher; 2008 - present Lavallee School

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Thailand* 

Hobbies: Hiking, traveling and fishing at the cottage

Retirement...In 3 words: Ability to Choose

Favourite memory of LRSD: I have come full circle. I graduated from J. H. Bruns in 1984. I was asked to attend the convocation ceremony for the graduating class of 2014 from J. H. B. and present the Award to the Valedictorian, having been named his most influential teacher. I taught him in grade 1. We make a difference.

# **THERESA BARIL-BISSETT**



Retired: 6/30/2022 YOS: 18 years

Assignment: Grade 7/8 Teacher full time

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Hawaii* Hobbies: *Gardening, Horseback Riding, House renovations* 

Retirement...In 3 words: Release, Challenge, Opportunity

Favourite memory of LRSD: *My* favourite memories revolving around students. These include classes in Science, Math. ELA and Social Studies when we would explore and share our wonder and questions. As well, they include our former House system, Spirit Week, and times out of the building at the St. Boniface Youth BioLab and St. Vital Park, both winter and summer. It is these times with kids that I will miss the most.

### **ERICA STECHESEN**

Retired: 6/30/2022 YOS: 21

Assignment: High school and elementary teacher, from 2001 until 2022.

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *a small town in Mexico* 

Hobbies: I want to get involved in advocating for action on climate change and environmental protection. I want to spend more time outdoors and creating art.

Retirement...In 3 words: freedom, rest, choice

Favourite memory of LRSD: It's actually a recent one: I felt very relieved to be supported by the LRSD during the COVID remote periods, as well as the division's efforts to recycle masks by purchasing Terracycle boxes! Bravo, LRSD!

### **STEVEN LAWRIE**



Retired: 6/30/2022 YOS:

Assignment: 2005 Vice-principal Victor Mager; 2007 Samuel Burland; 2009 Principal Marion School; 2012 Divisional Principal (Indigenous Education, Newcomer Reception, EAL); 2014 Director of Student and Clinical Services

As Steve leaves the privilege and responsibility of a senior leadership position in LRSD, he is grateful for the relationships and collaboration with his many colleagues and he looks forward to more time with family, to many future opportunities and adventures as he enters the "gig economy," and to pursuing his creative passions as an author and musician.

#### **FAYE BARSY**



Retired: 6/30/2020 YOS: 21

Assignment: Nelson McIntyre Collegiate Sept 1999 to June 2006; Victor Mager Elementary School Sept 2006 to June 2015; Glenlawn Collegiate Sept 2015 to June 2020

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Calgary, Alberta* 

Hobbies: Became a certified Body Talk Practitioner and started a small home business, Butterfly Healing Soul. I enjoy knitting, painting, reading, and taking continued education courses online.

Retirement...In 3 words: freedom

Favourite memory of LRSD: All my favourite memories are around the students I worked with. To watch them grow physically, emotionally and academically was always a pure joy.

# JENNIFER GIESBRECHT



Retired: 6/30/2021 YOS: 33 years

Assignment: 1988-1989 Teacher Grs 7,8,9 Minnetonka School, 1990-1992 Gr. 6 H.S. Paul School, 1992-2005 Grs 4, 4/5 and 5/6 Glenwood School, 2005-2021 Grs 4, 4/5, 5, 5/6 and 6 Niakwa Place School

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Palm Springs, California* 

Hobbies: Biking, hiking, gardening, cross country skiing, golf, kayaking, swimming, yoga, and Pilates

Retirement...In 3 words: Everyday is Saturday!

Favourite memory of LRSD: *My favourite memory of LRSD is all of the wonderful Professional Development opportunities I got to participate in over the years. We had many great coordinators in our own division that provided various professional development workshops and I was fortunate to go on many out of town workshops to Minneapolis, Toronto, San Antonio, Texas and Boston, Massachusetts.* 

# **ROBERT FERENS**



Retired: 5/31/2020 YOS: 9 years then substituting to present

Assignment: Educational Assistant February 2011 to 2020

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Puerto Vallarta last month* 

Hobbies: Cooking, coin collecting and travelling

Retirement...In 3 words: Still working part time

Favourite memory of LRSD: Enjoyed camaraderie with fellow staff members. That's why I sub. Get togethers in summer and out of school activities (dinners, BBQ's). My learning about culinary continues while working and subbing which I enjoy. I experienced cooking in a restaurant environment. I had the opportunity to join Team Manitoba with well known MB chefs and compete in The Culinary Olympics in 2012 in Erfurt Germany.

# **ENID WEBSTER**



Retired: 6/30/2021 YOS: 20

Assignment: Receptionist (SVSD) Board Office, Receptionist Monterey, (LRSD), Administrative Secretary Mentorship Program, Student Services, Curriculum and Library Services

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? Somewhere warm.

Hobbies: Gardening, refinishing furniture

Retirement...In 3 words: No morning alarm!

Favourite memory of LRSD: I have many favourite memories of my career at LRSD. It was with great enjoyment that I was able to be apart of refreshing the libraries of LRSD in my last few months of work. The mountains of books that flowed through Library Services was amazing and to know that students of all ages would be enjoying these books for years to come was a labour of love. Another memory that stands out is the poppy blanket that was created by the students and staff of LRSD. From ordering all the supplies, to helping twist on the thousand of poppies to the day Harry Bell and I hung (made possible by the guys in the Facilities Department) it on the outside east side wall of the Legacy Centre. The signing of O Canada at the Remembrance Day Service when the Board Office staff gathered on the St. Mary's side of the building was a very proud and moving moment.

### **GAYLENE ABRAMS**

Retired: 6/30/2022 YOS: 22

Assignment: Educational Assistant, STEP Program, Nelson McIntyre Collegiate October 2000 to June 30th 2022

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *St. Albert, Alberta* 

Hobbies: reading, sewing/quilting, time with my grandkids, running

Retirement...In 3 words: time with family

Favourite memory of LRSD: *My* favourite memory is when I starting working in the STEP program with Faye Barsy and Russ Bodnar. These two teachers were incredibly supportive and helpful! I continued to work with them for several years and learned so much from them. Going to work was a pleasure every day.

# **GISÈLE DESAUTELS**



Retired: 6/30/2021 YOS: 27 years

Assignment: Collège Jeanne-Sauvé grades 9 to 12 1994 to 2010; École Guyot grades 2 to 5 2010 to 2021

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Hawaii* 

Hobbies: Tennis, pickelball, golf, cycling, hiking

Retirement...In 3 words: Live life freedom

Favourite memory of LRSD: One of my biggest joys and rewards was seeing the tremendous progress my Grade 2 students would achieve in one year. Many could not read or write in September and by June they were reading chapter books and writing short stories. Also the daily hugs I would receive from them made my day!

# SUZANNE SMALLEY



Retired: 12/18/2020 YOS: 25

Assignment: Speech-Language Pathologist

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Maritime Provinces* 

Hobbies: Thrifting, gardening, crafting, genealogy

Retirement...In 3 words: Relaxation, Adventure, Family

Favourite memory of LRSD: *My* favourite memories are my interactions with the students. Being in a helping profession was extremely rewarding and there is nothing like seeing a child achieve a new skill. The twinkle in their eye made my day as they joyfully skipped down the hallway. I had the best job in the world!

Retired: 6/30/2020 YOS: 29

Assignment: Minnetonka 1991-92 Grade 9; Lavallee 1992-2000 K-6 music (2 years), Gr 4-6 multiage (1 year), Gr 7-9. Dakota Collegiate 2000-2010, Gr 9 ELA, Gr 10 Geo, Gr 11 Eng., Gr 12 Psych. (5ish years?) then moved to Student Services, department head, 3 years at DCI; NMC 2010-2020 Student Services Department head/leadership team for 8 years.

LORI MILLER

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *LA for a family wedding* 

Hobbies: Gardening and volunteering

Retirement...In 3 words: *Who knows?* I've been working a lot

Favourite memory of LRSD: The Dream Team in student services at DCI. Shauna, Angele, Nesta, Audrey and Lori. We worked hard and had a ton of fun.

# **PAUL VENTON**



Retired: 6/30/2021 YOS: 29

Assignment: Industrial Arts Instructor @Nelson McIntyre Collegiate Sept 92 - June 2021

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Cuba /Spain* 

Hobbies: Golfing/ Motorcycling/ Travel

Retirement...In 3 words: Don't know yet!!

Favourite memory of LRSD: *NMC Staff room was* a fun and entertaining lunch period everyday.

# **BRUCE PETO**

Retired: 12/31/2020 YOS: 37 years 4 months.

**Assignment:** *Glenlawn Collegiate* 10 *years, Highbury School* 27 *years, Burland School* 4 *months.* 

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Palm Springs* was our first destination (March 2022).

Hobbies: Enjoying the cottage with sailing, kayaking, boating, fishing. Traveling in the winter.

Retirement...In 3 words: Saturday every day!

Favourite memory of LRSD: Planning the Highbury Industrial Arts facilities with a team of colleagues with the support of senior LRSD administration. Red River/University of Winnipeg Industrial Arts Teacher Education students are toured each year through the Highbury labs as an example of a well designed (best in the province) facility.

# KAREN WEBB



Retired: 6/30/2022 YOS: 21

Assignment: Educational Assistant

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Mexico* 

Hobbies: Crafting, exercising and spending time with my grandchildren.

Retirement...In 3 words: *Embracing new experiences!* 

Favourite memory of LRSD: I have been blessed to have worked with so many wonderful students and colleagues over my career. Each year created its own special memories for me which I hold dearly in my heart! A favourite moment is when a graduated student recognizes me and we reminisce about their school days.

# DARLENE KARALASH





Retired: 12/31/2020 YOS: 36

Assignment: Middle Years Classroom Teacher and French/Art Specialist

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? In March 2022 we vacationed in Palm Springs, California. Next winter we are going to travel to the Hawaiian Islands.

Hobbies: Creative Pursuits (furniture refinishing, painting, quilting, weaving, felting, embroidery, beading) and Humanitarian Endeavours (ex. Reaching Across Borders).

Retirement...In 3 words: Relaxing, Fulfilling, Venturesome

Favourite memory of LRSD: My favourite memories of LRSD? Let me count the ways...Collegiality, Synergy, Personal Growth and Mastery convey. The importance of Teamwork over 200 consecutive days. The Aha moment of each child, their cognitive insight ablaze. My students were often my teachers; I was constantly amazed! Effort expended, a hundredfold repaid.

# NANETTE GODBOUT



Retired: 6/30/2022 YOS: 5 years

Assignment: Vice-principal & student services teacher at École Julie-Riel (2017-2022)

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Puerto Vallarta - in April. It was hot, relaxing and rejuvenating. Thanks Louis Riel School Division for the 5 days off!* 

Hobbies: Looking forward to having time to breathe, spend with my family, volunteer, travel, open a Bed and Breakfast and work as an end of life doula. Likely there will be many other projects but these are my top 6.

Retirement...In 3 words: Serenity & Endless possibilities

Favourite memory of LRSD: ... was planning Lyette's Surprise Milestone Birthday at school last January. We all can recall that we were in the eye of the storm with COVID last winter. Planning this HUGE event gave staff a fun collective purpose over the course of several months, which could have otherwise been a very tough time. It was such joyful moment that I will never forget!

# MICHÈLE OLSON



Retired: 6/30/2022 YOS: 35

Assignment: 1986-2005 Teacher, Ecole Varennes; 2005-2019 Teacher, Vice-Principal, Principal Ecole Van Belleghem; 2019-2022 Principal, Ecole Provencher

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Road trip to Tennessee, Hawaii, Mexico and the lake.* 

Hobbies: Family, cottage life, travel and as part of my retirement plans, I will be working on writing a children's book that I have been dreaming about ever since I was a young child.

Retirement...In 3 words: *Family, no more bells, Sunday nights at the lake* 

Favourite memory of LRSD: It is a challenge to think of only one special memory to share because it is the many small little moments that occur on a day-to-day basis in a school that are all part of the story and memories that I will cherish in my heart forever. I am so proud that my two daughters have also chosen this career path so that I may continue to share in the magic through their teaching journey.

# **TRACY HEBERT**



Retired: 6/30/2021 YOS: 14.75

Assignment: Payroll Coordinator

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Mexico* 

Hobbies: Camping, hiking, kayaking and family time

Retirement...In 3 words: Freeing, energizing and calm

Favourite memory of LRSD: What an honour to work with many wonderful people and to have forged life long friendships. Working in the Payroll Department was, at times, stressful, but man, we had a lot of fun! Rather than share a specific memory, I choose to say "Thanks for the Memories"

# MARY EVERETTE

Retired: 6/30/2022 YOS: 20

Assignment: Human Ecology 2002 -2022 Nelson McIntyre Collegiate

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? Cape Breton Island

Hobbies: Gardening, cooking, birding

Retirement...In 3 words: Freedom, family and travel

Favourite memory of LRSD: Favorite memory would be the year Nelson McIntyre celebrated it's 100 year. The involvement of students, staff and community was a wonderful experience.

Retired: 6/30/2020 YOS: 23 years

Assignment: 2018-2020 Vice Principal NPS, 2014-2018 Student Services Coordinator, Board Office; 2010-2014 Divisional Behavioural/Autism Support Teacher, RDC; 2006-2010 Transition for Success Teacher, RDC; 2003-2006 Student Services teacher, Highbury School; 1999-2003

**CINDY EDIGER** 

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Florida Keys* 

Hobbies: Travel, listening to live music and spending time with grandchildren

Retirement...In 3 words: Freedom, flexibility and fun

Favourite memory of LRSD: During my time at LRSD I have had the privilege to meet and work along side many talented, creative and passionate people who have strived to develop caring and capable young citizens. These people have become life long friends.

# MAUREEN NASH



Retired: 6/30/2022 YOS: 10

Assignment: 2012-2022 classroom teacher and student services

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Taiwan* 

Hobbies: Gardening

Retirement...In 3 words: Excitement, Adventure, Peace,

Favourite memory of LRSD: My Favourite memory of LRSD was working collaboratively with one of our divisional social workers to send students on a Dreams Take Flight holiday. The excitement and joy of the students and their families was a rewarding experience. The memories created for the students will last forever.

# **KAREN BURKETT**



#### Retired: 6/30/2021 YOS: 36 years

Assignment: 2020-21: Learning from Home School, Gr. 5 teacher; 2018-21: Itinerant Teacher-Librarian - Dr. D. W. Penner, Glenwood & Nordale Schools; 2015-18: Hastings School & Itinerant TL Dr. D. W. Penner, Glenwood & Nordale Schools; 2008- 8: Hastings School; 2004-2008 Glenwood School; 2002-2004 Kindergarten Glenwood; 1992-2000 Classroom Teacher, Grs 4 to 6, George McDowell School; 1987-92 Basic French Specialist and Classroom Teacher, Lavallee School 1985-87 Basic French Specialist, Lavallee School

# When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Mediterranean cruise in Italy*

Hobbies: gardening, landscaping, fitness, Pilates, downhill skiing, sewing, travelling

Retirement...In 3 words: choice, connections and adventures

Favourite memory of LRSD: *I am most proud of being the leader of the team that established the "Moscars" in LRSD, a student celebration of reading that featured the Manitoba Young Readers' Choice Award. This celebration grew to include 23 schools and over 400 participants. What joy to see an auditorium of students cheering for and celebrating books and reading!* 

### **MICHELINE POIRIER**

Retired: 9/2/2019 YOS: 33 Assignment: *Library assistant* 

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Hawaii* 

Hobbies: I love to read, book scrapping, cooking, gardening

Retirement...In 3 words: Exciting, calming, and enjoying

Favourite memory of LRSD: I remember many good memories of working in the Louis Riel Division, the many good friends I made, and especially the warm hugs from the students after reading them a favorite story. Also some administrators have been very appreciative of my work, including some principals that I keep in my heart as a treasure of my experiences. all in all it has been a wonderful experience but eventually only the memories keep the experience alive in our hearts.



# **TUULA MEDER**

Retired: 5/29/2022 YOS: 42

Assignment:

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *I am travelling only in Manitoba and around the Kenora area* 

Hobbies: I enjoy doing scrapbooking and sometime doing some crocheting

Retirement...In 3 words: spending more time with family and friends, leisure time and doing crafts

Favourite memory of LRSD: My favourite memory of LRSD is working with the students and seeing them accomplishing in what ever they are working on. Also I enjoy very much when the students are happy, laughing and communicating with their friends and staff. I will miss the students and staff very much and I wish everyone great adventures. Thank you.

# **GINETTE PAILLÉ**



Retired: 6/30/2022 YOS: 1998 as a casual substitute until 2005, 2005-2022

Assignment: 1989-1990: grade 5 ÉSG; 1990-1991: grade 5 Norberry; 1992-2005: casual substitute (M-8); 2001-2002: Physical Education Howden; 2005-2006: Kindergarten Howden, Grade 8 ÉSG, Grade 1 ÉSG; 2006-2012: Grade 4 ÉSG; 2010-2012: Grade 4 + Student Services; 2012- now: Student Services ÉSG

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? Unsure

Hobbies: *Riding/camping with/enjoying my horse, cross-country skiing, reading!* 

Retirement...In 3 words: Footloose and fancy-free!

Favourite memory of LRSD: My favourite memory was when I facilitated a few climate strikes with some grade 4 and 5 students. I felt very supported and encouraged! It was a great feeling to implement a project that extended beyond the school walls and one of strong solidarity with involved students and colleagues.

#### DEBORA BARRY



Retired: 6/30/2021 YOS: 32

Assignment: Classroom Teacher Victor Wyatt. 1989-1998, Hastings 1998-2011, Darwin 2011-2018, Windsor 2018-2021

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Italy* 

Hobbies: Travelling, reading, art and crafting,

Retirement...In 3 words: Freedom to Be!

Favourite memory of LRSD: The Hastings School Community and my Grade 3/4 class spent the 2010-2011 school year doing a variety of fundraising activities in order to build a 2 room Kindergarten School in Ghana, West Africa. I attended the groundbreaking ceremony in Ghana and then shared a PowerPoint presentation with Hastings School and a variety of groups. I visited the school in Ghana in 2016.

# **CLAIRE NORMANDEAU**

Retired: 12/31/2021 YOS: 22

Assignment: Kindergarten Teacher: 2000-2008, Student Services & IPL Teacher: 2008-2018, Student Services & Interim VP 2019

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Portugal and Spain* 

Hobbies: golfing, hiking, traveling

Retirement...In 3 words: family, freedom, fun

Favourite memory of LRSD: *My* favorite memory was when *I* ran into an old student one day. *I* can still picture this 15 year old boy running toward me with the biggest grin on his face. He was so excited to have the opportunity to tell me how much he had changed and how much he appreciated my support and encouragement throughout his elementary school years.

# HENRI PÉLOQUIN



Retired: 6/30/2021 YOS: 31

Assignment: Assistant Superintendent, Principal, Vice-Principal, Classroom Teacher

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Mexico* 

Hobbies: Cottage life

Retirement...In 3 words: Enjoy the freedom

Favourite memory of LRSD: *I enjoyed the many* positions and schools where I worked over the years. I was so fortunate to work with many professionals who were passionate about student learning.



# PATRICE SAN FILIPPO

Retired: 12/31/2021 YOS: 35 years and 3 months

Assignment: Payroll Coordinator

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Okotoks, Alberta* 

Hobbies: No hobbies- I love spending quality time with family & friends

Retirement...In 3 words: Job well done!

Favourite memory of LRSD: Besides making a whole bunch of friends that I have kept whom I love, the best memories are when LRSD was formerly SVSD. The Board Office was nicknamed "The Board Office Family" and it was so enjoyable to come to work everyday knowing and feeling the love of my "worky" family!

# LOUISE GUIMOND



Retired: 7/31/2019 YOS: 22 years

Assignment: *Term Manager of HR/HR Consultant (2019); Manager of HR (2014-2019); Supervisor of HR (2005-2014); HR Assistant (2004-2005); HR Clerk Typist (2003-2004); Clerk Typist, Julie-Riel (2000-2003), St. Germain (1997-2000)* 

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Tuscany* (central Italy)

Hobbies: Hiking & cycling trails in the Rockies, downhill & cross country skiing, training for half marathons, learning to play the violin, travelling across Canada to visit family and friends, and eventually, travelling internationally.

Retirement...In 3 words: *Freedom, Fulfillment, Health (mind, body, and spirit)* 

Favourite memory of LRSD: *My* favourite memory of LRSD is the spirit of collaboration, caring, and continuous learning that I experienced with my LRSD family during my 22-year career at the school level and at the board office. My fondest memories are of all the people I worked with every day and who hold a special place in my heart.

#### **DENISE EVANS**

#### Retired: 11/12/2020 YOS: 30

Assignment: Educational Assistant - Victor Wyatt School I have worked with students from K-12 in different programs and students with a multitude of diverse learning, behavioral, emotional and physical disabilities and challenges.

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? We had plans to travel to Scotland, Wales and Iceland, still hoping to go!

Hobbies: I plan on traveling, gardening, knitting and spending time with my family. Enjoying fishing with my husband, in our new boat!

Retirement...In 3 words: *Relaxing, family and travel* 

Favourite memory of LRSD: Working with young children has always been my passion. I love seeing the joy, love and happiness a child possesses. To receive back the energy as only a child can give, is priceless.

#### **CHRISTINE PEERS**



Retired: 6/30/2019 YOS: 25

Assignment: French:communication and Culture at J H Bruns (2005-2019) and at George McDowell (1995-2005) plus s term at Lavallee and Highbury.

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? Scotland

Hobbies: *Playing Mahjong, quilting, reading and cross stitch* 

Retirement...In 3 words: Busier than imaginable

Favourite memory of LRSD: Being in the enviable position of a high school French teacher, I was able to travel to Paris several times with my Grade 11 and 12 students. Seeing their faces as we stood at the base of the Eiffel Tour was priceless.



#### JOANNE LOFTO

Retired: 6/30/2020 YOS: 31

Assignment: Started in 1989 - 2020 During that time, I have had the pleasure to assume different positions: primary teacher, student services, Early Years Instructional Support Coordinator and Vice Principal

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Tuscany, Italy* 

Hobbies: refurbishing furniture and building things in Jojo's workshop, crocheting items for my grand-daughter, spending time at the lake, reading and the list goes on...

Retirement...In 3 words: "Joie de vivre" or Family, Friends Flexibility

Favourite memory of LRSD: There are far too many special memories to choose only one. I truly treasure the friendships I have made, and the many special moments and time of laughter shared with colleagues, families and students that have made coming to work such a joy. I also appreciate the support and the many opportunities that LRSD has given me such as opening the very first French Immersion Middle Years School.

# LORRAINE (LORI) GRAPETINE



Retired: 6/30/2020 YOS: 25-26

Assignment: Lunch Supervisor 1993 / Secretary / Term Admin Sec / Admin Sec - June 2020

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *British Columbia* Hobbies: *Reading, babysitting grandchildren, genealogy* 

Retirement...In 3 words: Best time ever

Favourite memory of LRSD: *My* favourite memories of LRSD are of attending my children's Christmas concerts, Band concerts, Art expositions and sporting events. I was always proud of all the students efforts as well as appreciative of all the staff that made it all come together. There is such a feeling of comradeship between all the staff that it made it easy to come to work every day.

#### LOUISE ZELICH

Retired: 6/30/2020 YOS: 9

Assignment: School Secretary

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Drumheller, Banff* Hobbies: *Hiking, gardening, scrapbooking* 

Retirement...In 3 words: Time. Freedom. Grandchildren

Favourite memory of LRSD: I loved being part of the team entrusted with starting the new École George-McDowell. It was wonderful working with Alain, Joanne and Lynn. We worked long hours during the summer and fall of 2014, but it was worth it. The students and staff made that time very memorable for me.

#### **CONNIE BAGRIE**



Retirement date: 6/30/2022 YOS: 34

Assignment: Classroom Teacher - 27 YRS, Student Services -7 YRS

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>st</sup> destination? *Hawaii* 

Hobbies: Walking, gardening, volunteering, travelling

Retirement...In 3 words: No Sunday night syndrome

Favourite memory of LRSD: I think my favourite memories were all the bus trips I went on with kids, colleagues and parents. Field trips were the absolute best days to connect with kids and learn about things outside the classroom walls or transport us to and from events. Any time I got on the bus it was full of high energy. There was always singing and giggling and excited behaviour. My last bus trip for LRSD was to the Mint. It was probably the most wild ride I had been on. Torrential rains, continual lightening while bouncing along Bishop Grandin to the screams of children every time lightening lit the sky. Always good times on those buses. I have to say Thank you to all the bus drivers who got us safely to and from places. Those days meant the world to kids.

#### **DORIS GAGNON**



Retired: 6/30/2022 YOS: 27 years

Assignment: Educational Assistant

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Alaskan Cruise* 

Hobbies: Gardening and enjoying the cottage/retirement home

Retirement...In 3 words: Family, grandkids, travel

Favourite memory of LRSD: *My* favourite memory is how it all began, as volunteering that I got the opportunity to fulfill my life with the love of children. Looking back on my 27 years as an educational assistant, I can say it brought me great joy spending time with children, playing, learning, listening and most of all just having fun. Thank you LRSD.

# LINDA MANDZIUK



Retired: 6/30/2022 YOS: 33

Assignment: Spéciatiste de musique élémentaire 1989-1994 Ecole Marie-Anne-Gaboury; 1992-1995 Ecole Highbury School; 1995-1999 Ecole Julie-Riel; 1999-2005 Ecole Varennes; 2005-2022 Ecole Howden

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Europe* 

Hobbies: Card making, crafting, sewing, gardening and of course, making music!

Retirement...In 3 words: travel, family, rejuvenate

Favourite memory of LRSD: I have been part of the organizing team of Folk Dance in the Park for 30 years. It is always a thrill to see our LRSD community dancing together, celebrating music and culture. Singing on stage with the WSO was pretty amazing too!

# MALGORZATA RUTOWICZ (MARGARET)

Retired: 6/30/2020 YOS: 32 years

Assignment: Accounting Clerk

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? Yes

Hobbies: Travel, camping

Retirement...In 3 words: Relaxing, enjoyable

Favourite memory of LRSD: *I remember the day I had an interview* being on government immigrant program on October 26, 1987. I started working on casual basis in Dec/87. I got permanent job in March 1988 in Accounting working there for 32 years. Thank you being a part of LRSD.

# VALERIE ALLARD



Retired: 6/30/2020 YOS: 35

Assignment: Grs 7 and 8 at Ecole Lavallee; Gr. 4 at Marie-Anne Gaboury and at Ecole St Germain; Gr. 6 Ecole St Germain; Gr 7 & 8 Ecole Julie Riel; Gr. 4 Ecole Julie Riel; Grs 5 & 5/6 Ecole St Germain

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? Alaska cruise, visit the provinces and territories that I have not yet visited, and most definitely tour Italy.

Hobbies: read, walk my dog often, bake and prepare meals for my family, downsizing into a condo, attend sporting events undertaken

Retirement...In 3 words: Freedom, relaxation, possibility

Favourite memory of LRSD: I have many wonderful memories of my years in the LRSD. One of my most favourite memories was the year that Ecole St Germain opened. I was so proud and excited to be a part of their first staff ! My principals, my fellow teachers, the educational assistants, secretaries, and janitors were all amazing people! It was an incredible staff that I will never forget. Going to work each day was a joy ! The parents were very supportive and positive! The students were eager to become proficient in French. Those were the days, and how I wished that they would never end.

#### LOIS ORTEN



#### Lois Orten

Retired: 8/31/2020 YOS: 20

Assignment: Grade 5-12 Human Ecology Teacher

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Vancouver* 

Hobbies: Gardening

Retirement...In 3 words: Time for self.

Favourite memory of LRSD: *My favourite memory of LRSD is having worked at Victor Wyatt School.* 

photo@lrsd. Yes

# HENRI MEREL



Henri Merel

Retired: 7/15/2020 YOS: 41

Assignment: Maintenance for 41 years

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Phoenix* 

Hobbies: Selling fire wood

Retirement...In 3 words: Freedom

Favourite memory of LRSD: *Making friendships with my coworkers.* 

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# **TANNIS ESQUIVEL**

Retired: 6/30/2022 YOS: 33

Assignment: 1989-2003 Classroom Teacher at Frontenac, 2003-2009 Student Services Teacher at Frontenac, 2009-2012 Instructional Support Coordinator at the Board Office, 2012-2017 Vice Principal, Lavallee, 2017-2022 Island Lakes Community

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *East or West coast* 

Hobbies: Golfing, Camping, Reading, Walking, Gardening and Baking

Retirement...In 3 words: Writing the next adventurous chapter (sorry that's 5 words!)

Favourite memory of LRSD: Many wonderful memories of my time in LRSD it is hard to choose! I had the opportunity to loop up to Gr. 5 with the same group of students I taught in Gr. 4 at Frontenac. This particular group of students will always hold a special place in my heart as we had two amazing years together. The beginning of September was spent catching up with each other, sharing about our summer holidays and then moving right back into learning together. I remember how excited everyone was to see each other and reconnect. These two years took place when the tv show Survivor first came out. At the end of the second year, one of the parents had t-shirts made up for all the students, myself and even my own children, that said "I survived 2 years with Mrs. Esquivel". This spoke to the fun we shared and the joy we had learning together. I hope my students felt the same as I did at the end of those two years, as I believe we did more than just survive. We enjoyed many different experiences together while thriving as a learning community.

Retired: 6/30/2022 YOS: 30

Assignment: educational assistant- 1990-91, classroom teacher 92-2000, Student services teacher 2000-2007, itinerant autism support teacher 2007-2009, student services coordinator 2009-2015, vice principal 2015-2022

LAURA MOLGAT

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Europe* 

Hobbies: golfing, hiking, grandson loving

Retirement...In 3 words: change of pace

Favourite memory of LRSD: During one particular "I Love to Read Month" a Principal who shall remained unnamed challenged the students in the school to read a particular number of books before the end of the month and if they were able to meet this challenge she would kiss her donkey. The memory includes the donkey being kissed followed by the entire school student body chasing it down Provencher Blvd.

#### MARLENE FROBISHER

Retired: July 2021 YOS: 34

Assignment: Custodian

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Going to the cottage* Retirement...In 3 words: *Just enjoy it* Favourite memory of LRSD: *When the kids graduated from Dakota* 





# **ANITA PINEAU-WARD**

Retired: 6/30/2021 YOS: 31

Assignment: Secretary / Admin Secretary 1990-2021 St Germain, Julie-Riel, MAG, Van Belleghem, Collège Béliveau

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Cottage* 

Hobbies: Creating garden art, painting, grandkids

Retirement...In 3 words: *Freedom, flexibility, independance* 

Favourite memory of LRSD: *Comradery with colleges and special times with the students.* 



Retired: 6/30/2021 YOS: 16 years

Assignment: Secretary- Continuing Education 2004-2020, secretary- Samuel Burland School 2020-2021

JANET LAFLECHE

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Mexico* 

Hobbies: Lake time, gardening, kayaking, painting, arts and crafts, volunteering

Retirement...In 3 words: Living the dream

Favourite memory of LRSD: Working at LRSD has been very rewarding. The Continuing Education Department provided me with the opportunity to serve the needs of adults in our community, and working at the ATC and Samuel Burland provided numerous opportunities to interact with students of all ages. Watching individuals learn and develop is inspirational. I truly enjoyed my work and will cherish my time with LRSD.

# SHELLEY WADDELL



Retired: 12/31/2022 YOS: 31

Assignment: Glenwood School; primarily K-8 Physical Education, some 7/8 Science and Health; 1993 - 2021

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Europe* 

Hobbies: Pickleball, cooking, travel

Retirement...In 3 words: adventure, freedom, leisure

Favourite memory of LRSD: Spending my career at Glenwood School, where staff and students were always one big happy, caring, supportive, and hard working family!!



#### **CHARLENE SMALLWOOD**

Retired: 6/30/2022 YOS: 24 years

Assignment: WPC - 1998 - 2002 (Teacher of ELA, Math, Musical Theatre); NMC (2002- 2007) (Teacher of ELA, Geography); JHB 2007 - 2015 (Teacher of ELA; Student Services, Vice-Principal); NMC (Vice-Principal 2015 - 2018; Principal 2018 - 2022)

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Tuscany, Italy!* 

Hobbies: Spending time with family, enjoying nature, finding new hobbies.

Retirement...In 3 words: The next adventure

Favourite memory of LRSD: My favourite memory of LRSD was reimagining High School at Nelson McIntyre Collegiate. Developing a program with an amazing teacher team that focuses on deep authentic learning opportunities, student voice and choice, and global competencies has been the highlight of my professional career.

#### **DOUG VINCE**



Retired: 6/30/2022 YOS: 32

Assignment: 1990-1992 Physical Education at JH Bruns, Shamrock and General Vanier; 1993-2008 Physical Education at General Vanier, Shamrock and Island Lakes; 2008 to present Physical Education at Windsor Park Collegiate

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Spain* Hobbies: *Fishing, downhill skiing, hockey and building* Retirement...In 3 words: *Not there yet but hopefully relax.* Favourite memory of LRSD: *Coaching students, I have coached for 41 years. St Boniface in-services days.* 

## **RANDAL PAYNE**



Retired: 6/30/2021 YOS: 31 years

Assignment: Teacher Drama, Musical Theatre, English, Teacher Librarian.

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Newfoundland* 

Hobbies: Fishing, Acting, Writing

Retirement...In 3 words: Time to breathe

Favourite memory of LRSD: *My* favourite memories are always those little moments with a student when "the lights go on", and you can see the student understand and appreciate what you are trying to teach. In early 2021, teaching online, it was great to be able to work with a student editing writing together on the screen, while he was in Pakistan and I was at my desk at home. I don't think I imagined doing that in my first year of teaching.

# **RALPH WAGNER**

Retired: 6/30/2021 YOS: 20 years

Assignment: Classroom teacher (2001-2004), student services teacher (2019-2021), high school and elementary administrator (2004-2019)

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? West Coast and Mexico

Hobbies: Spending time with my grandson, cycling, running , hiking, traveling

Retirement...In 3 words: Livin' the dream!

Favourite memory of LRSD: *Too many memories.* What sticks out is the great students and valued colleagues/friends.

#### LYNNE DAULMER



Retired: 6/30/2022 YOS: 25

Assignment: Grades 6, 7 and 8 1997-2022

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? Las Vegas

Hobbies: Going to our cottage, paddle boarding, golf, volunteering, reading

Retirement...In 3 words: freedom, fulfilment, leisure

Favourite memory of LRSD: I would have trouble summarizing one memory so I will share between the many good conversations and collaboration I've had with my colleagues who are more like friends and simply the kick I got out students' enthusiasm during science labs (I'll miss those the most)!



#### **APRIL LETWIN**

Retired: 12/22/2021 YOS: 13 +

Assignment: Resource at Hastings, George McDowell and Samuel Burland (1989-90), Minnetonka (PERM 1990-91), Employment Training Program, Dakota Collegiate (terms, 1994-95), Student Services, St. George School (term, 2009), Hastings (2010-2021)

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Almost* anywhere - the world is a big place.

Hobbies: Gardening, travelling, watercolour painting, cycling, hiking...

#### Retirement...In 3 words: It's about TIME.

Favourite memory of LRSD: Many people pass in and out of your life during you career students, parents and colleagues. Each connection you make changes a little of who you are and what you want to grow to become. It is not one specific favourite event or person, but the compilation of these memories in your career that makes you who you are. Thank you to those people.

# SANDI WAGNER



Retired: 6/30/2022 YOS: 32 Years

Assignment: High School Teacher (Began teaching Business Education, then moved on to Social Studies, History & Law)

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *My spouse* & *I will be taking our dream vacation to Fiji this fall.* 

Hobbies: We plan on wintering in warmer climates and continuing our travels.

Retirement...In 3 words: Time to travel

Favourite memory of LRSD: Some of the best memories I will take with me are the experiences I shared with my students beyond the classroom. Exploring the culture & history of Europe, participating in Mock Trials for the annual Law Days, taking students to Social Justice conferences, and the many other field trips and experiences that allowed them to learn beyond a textbook and open up their world to different perspectives.

## LYNNE SYRENNE-HABECK

Retired: 6/30/2020 YOS: 23

Assignment: Teacher

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Italy* 

Hobbies: Working out, reading and travelling.

Retirement...In 3 words: Travel, family, relaxing

Favourite memory of LRSD: *Working as a phys ed teacher, coaching sports teams, all in French.* 

## **MONIKA GILBERT**



Retired: 9/7/2020 YOS: 20 years

Assignment: Bilingual educational assistant 2000-2020 beginning in Ecole Varennes, speech and language assistant started in St. George 2003 until 2020 in Ecole St Germain including the Barton dyslexia program.

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Victoria, B.C. and points west* 

Hobbies: gardening, grandmothering, reading history and assorted other, swimming, cooking, baking

Retirement...In 3 words: Shifting gears.

Favourite memory of LRSD: I have many memories of wonderful and exceptional colleagues. I was very privileged to do the kind of work I loved among likeminded people who came up with fantastic and creative ways to build children up in positive and constructive ways. I had freedom to do the same.

#### **DORIS GIETZ**



Retired: 6/30/2022 YOS: 32 years

Assignment: Early Years Educator – Gr. 1, Grs 1,2,3 Multi-Age, Gr. 2/3, Kindergarten, Gr. 1/2

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *The East Coast* 

Hobbies: Gardening, cycling, photography

Retirement...In 3 words: Opportunity Health Travel

Favourite memory of LRSD: Wow - so difficult to choose only one memory. My most recent memory was at Samuel Burland School. The grade one/two team planned a field trip to Henteleff Park. It was truly amazing to hear all the comments that students made during and after the outing. They way they connected with nature, the sense of wonderment, and the phrase "this was the best field trip ever!" are just a few reasons why this the memory I chose. The park is also in the community and many students encouraged their parents to take them there on another occasion. On a personal level this trip reintroduced me to nature and the power of it to teach and give me a sense of the magic of being outside.

#### **DEBBIE ROY**



Retired: 6/30/2020 YOS: 21

Assignment: Educational Assistant

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Cruising the Carribean* 

Hobbies: *Travelling and visiting Ontario to see my grandchild.* 

Retirement...In 3 words: Travel, family and freedom

Favourite memory of LRSD: Getting the students organized for their graduation portfolios. Watching the students walk across the stage to receive their diplomas.

Retired: 6/30/2022 YOS: 31 years

Assignment: Teacher: CJS 1992 to 2001...Collège Béliveau 2001 to 2007...CJS 2007 to 2022

PHILIPPE HABECK

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Europe* (*France and Italy*)

Hobbies: Theatre, officiating volleyball, baseball etc, speaking engagement and voice overs, spending quality time with my spouse.

Retirement...In 3 words: Choosing life wisely!

Favourite memory of LRSD: It all begins with an incredible leadership group. From the trustees, to the board office and the local administrations, they have always been delightful. The trust and the support in numerous sporting events, artistic projects or teaching style have been second to none. The LRSD promotes safe risk-taking and a growth mindset. 4everLRSD!

## NICOLE COLLETTE



Retired: 6/30/2022 YOS: 30 years

Assignment: 1992 - Secretary Maintenance & Transportation, 1992-1997 - Library Clerk Windsor Park Collegiate, 1997-2002 - Reception Monterey, 2002 Admin. Sec. Maintenance & Transportation, 2002 Reception Norberry, 2002-2003 Secretary Nelson McIntyre, 2003-2022 Admin Secretary École Guyot

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Hawaii* 

Hobbies: I plan to spend a lot of time at the lake and with my grandchildren.

Retirement...In 3 words: Freedom, Peace and Joy

Favourite memory of LRSD: Too many great memories to list in 50 words or less.

## **CYNTHIA VAN DRIEL**



Retired: 6/30/2022 YOS: 33 years

Assignment: Victor Wyatt Gr. 2 & Student Services, Hastings; Reading Recovery and ERI, St George; Kindergarten, Samuel Burland; Gr. 1, Gr. 4, Reading Recovery, ER, Kindergarten

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Phoenix to visit* our son

Hobbies: sewing, knitting, stained glass, reading and babysitting our grandson

Retirement...In 3 words: *flexibility, relaxation & gratitude* 

Favourite memory of LRSD: Throughout my many years in LRSD, I have made lifelong friends. I feel honoured to have worked closely with many talented colleagues and administrators. Being a primary teacher, I have enjoyed supporting and encouraging the youngest children in our schools and hopefully encouraged them in their love for learning. I have always felt I have the best job in the world. Thank you for my opportunities to learn and grow !

# **GISÈLE MRAVEC**



Retired: 9/3/2021 YOS: 36

Assignment: Manager of Payroll & Benefits

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? Las Vegas

Hobbies: Reading, learning a language, finish craft projects that I started years ago

Retirement...In 3 words: Best gig ever

Favourite memory of LRSD: *Being fortunate to work with some amazing people* 



# **GILLES MOUSSEAU**

Retired: 6/30/22 YOS: 30

Assignment: 1990-2001 Teacher at Collège Béliveau; 2003-2008 Teacher at Collège Béliveau; 2008-2009 VP at Collège Béliveau; 2009-2012 Principal at École Guyot; 2012-2022 Principal Collège Béliveau

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Hawaii* 

Hobbies: *Camping, Golf, Home Renos, Landscaping Projects* 

Retirement...In 3 words: Change of pace

Favourite memory of LRSD: My favorite memory of LRSD is working with the countless great people that make up the LRSD. From the Board Office staff, IT wizards, Custodial and Maintenance Team, mes superbes collègues adminos en immersion, the great HS admin group, to all the fantastic staff at Collège Béliveau. Un grand MERCI!

#### DARLENE AUGERT



Retired: 4/29/2022 YOS: 28 YRS & 8 MTHS

Assignment: NMC - Library Clerk. Oct 1992-Nov 1993, Nordale -EASN - Nov 1993-March 1994, Nelson McIntyre Collegiate - Secretary - March 1994-Feb 1995, Nordale - Administrative Secretary - Feb 1995-Dec 2013, Victory H.L.Wyatt - Administrative Secretary - Dec 2013-June 2018, Niakwa Place School - Aug 2018 to April 29, 2022

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Italy, Switzerland, Spain* 

Hobbies: Beading jewellery and handbags

Retirement...In 3 words: *Relax, Enjoy Life with Friends and Family, Travel - LOL, I know more than three words* 

Favourite memory of LRSD: *My favourite memory, I young child came into the office for a bandaid. When asked, What's the Magic Word? His response was Abracadabra.* 



## **ROXANNE MCCOMBER**

Retired: 6/30/2021 YOS: 33 years

Assignment: 1989-1990 Gr. 3 (Ecole M.-A. Gaboury), PE, French (Hastings) 1990-1992, Gr. 6, 1992-1998 Grs. 7-9, 1998-2002 Student Services, 2002 - 2005 Gr. 5; 2005 -2010 Student Services (Windsor Park Collegiate), 2010-2015 (Glenlawn Collegiate), 2015-2018 Gr. 8 (Burland), 2018- 2021 Student Services (Burland)

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? Somewhere warm in the winter

Hobbies: Reading, sharing time with friends and family and volunteering in various capacities

Retirement...In 3 words: *Different, Challenging, but oh so wonderful!* 

Favourite memory of LRSD: A have millions of favorite memories from my time being part of the LRSD family but they all have one thing in common, they were shared with students, or colleagues but most importantly they were shared with friends!

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### **MONIQUE BOURRIER**

Retired: 6/30/2020 YOS: 33 years

Assignment: Teacher

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Hawaii* 

Hobbies: fitness, gardening, sewing, knitting, travel

Retirement...In 3 words: busy, stressless, wonderful

Favourite memory of LRSD: I have been very fortunate to have had such a fulfilling and rewarding career as a teacher in the LRSD. Looking back, I have fond memories of colleagues I have worked side by side with, as well as all my students that were in my classes. After all my many years in the classroom, I never imagined leaving my teaching career, teaching from home online during a pandemic!

### **ROXANNE PHILLIPS**

Retired: 9/1/2020 YOS: 25 years

Assignment: School bus driver/Trainer

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Mexico* 

Hobbies: Walking, reading and crafts

Retirement...In 3 words: It is wonderful

Favourite memory of LRSD: *I loved the kids and met and worked with many different great people* 

# CAROL LORAN CRAWFORD



Retired: 5/31/2021 YOS: About 10

Assignment: Sorry I not sure but always co op Ed Dakota

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Caribbean* 

Hobbies: Spending more time at the lake in the white gel with nature

Retirement...In 3 words: Freedom family and friends

Favourite memory of LRSD: Making close connections with many of my students from Co Op SLP and friends at Dakota Collegiate as I spent most of my time there they all taught me so much I learned a lot from all of the students and I will miss them and continue to have relationships with them throughout my retirement

## **KAREN HALUSCHAK**



Retired: 6/30/2022 YOS: 32 years

Assignment: Principal, Windsor Park Collegiate 2018-2022; Principal Darwin School 2015-2018; Vice-Principal Frontenac School 2012-2015, Dakota Collegiate 2009-2012, J. H. Bruns Collegiate 2006-2009; Teacher J. H. Bruns Collegiate 2000-2006, Windsor Park Collegiate 1990-2000

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Puerto Vallarta* Hobbies: *Golfing, time at the lake, time with family and friends, and travel* 

Retirement...In 3 words: Rest, Relaxation, Freedom

Favourite memory of LRSD: There have been many memories of my time with both SBSD & LRSD. Most often the memories would be with the students in extra-curricular activities like sports, musicals, or presentations! Being able to travel with students for either music trips or to see more of the world in Europe would be the most memorable experiences by far. I have enjoyed working alongside many colleagues and administrators to the point where I know I have made great lasting friendships. Thanks for the memories!

### **GISÈLE ROBIN**

Retired: 9/18/2020 YOS: 29

Assignment: Library Technician Board Office

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Akumel, Mexico* 

Hobbies: Reading, camping, time with family and friends

Retirement...In 3 words: Freeing, heavenly, peaceful

Favourite memory of LRSD: LRSD played a huge part in growing my career and therefore my confidence. I was especially grateful for being allowed to participate in creating a comprehensive published document on cataloguing to help Manitoba school library staff. This encompassed a two year period of meeting and creating with my peers from other large school divisions. A wonderful experience!

## **KATHERINE PAYNE**



Retired: 3/19/2021 YOS: 30 Assignment: Classroom teacher grades 5/6 thirty years When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? Penticton Hobbies: Playing soccer, gardening, weightlifting & reading. Retirement...In 3 words: Time to rejuvenate!

Favourite memory of LRSD: The greatest memories of my time in LRSD will be the many friendships I developed with my caring colleagues and the countless times my students made me smile and inspired me to be a better teacher.

### **GUY MOQUIN**

Retired: 8/31/2020 YOS: 35

Assignment: Night custodian

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Doug Kyle house &* 

Hobbies: Doing nothing and everything I want when I want 😂

Retirement...In 3 words: OMG

Favourite memory of LRSD: Working with so many different people taking in flooded schools when I was working at Glennwood school with Kevin

### SALLY MCNABB



Retired: 6/30/2022 YOS: 16 1/2 Assignment: Substitute lunch, recess supervisor,EA

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination a trip to the maritimes & winter vacation to a warm destination

Hobbies: Lots of reading (mysteries), gardening, maybe learning some woodworking and doing some sewing

Retirement...In 3 words: Time with grandson!

Favourite memory of LRSD: My favourite memories spent at LRSD would probably be the many relationships formed with students and staff. Some of my fondest memories are going with junior highs to camp - sleeping in tents with other staff, being up most of the night getting students to be quiet and getting them to bed, cooking outdoors with the students, watching them learn new skills, and just hang out and build relationships with them outside the normal school setting. Also a strong memory but definitely not the favorite part of camp, the terrible smelly outhouses but seeing the way the students took that stinky situation in stride was amazing!

### **CLAUDE MOUSSEAU**

Retired: 6/30/2022 YOS: 35

Assignment: 1987 - 1997 - Elementary Music Teacher @ École St. Germain, 1997-2000 - Elementary Music Teacher and Tech @ École Varennes, 2000-2022 - High School Teacher ICT @ Collège Jeanne-Sauvé. Also short 0.2 assignments working for St. Vital Information Systems in the 1990's

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Probably Raleigh, North Carolina* 

Hobbies: Playing piano, gardening, woodworking

Retirement...In 3 words: ... new opportunities, freedom

Favourite memory of LRSD: *My* teaching career started with a whirlwind. The first 2 months were spent teaching half-days in 5 different schools, each with their own starting and ending times. This was the side-effect of having the special opportunity to open a brand new school, École St. Germain in late October 1987.



### **PHYLLIS COOK**



Retired: 6/30/2021 YOS: 15 years plus 1 year term Assignment: Student Services Teacher 2005-2021 When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? Europe Hobbies: Continuing Learning

Retirement...In 3 words: Continuous Snow Days

Favourite memory of LRSD: In my role I was privileged to work with special needs kids who see the world from unique perspectives. I gained insights from ASD students who left me with precious quotes. I also learned much from newcomer students. One memorable moment was with a nine-year old newcomer who was experiencing Canadian winters for the first time. I was insisting that she needed to go out for recess and she turned steely eyes on me and said, "If I die out in the snow, Mrs. Cook, you will not be blameless." Best recess-skip excuse I ever got.

# Julie Labossière

Retired: 6/30/2021 YOS: 31 years

Assignment: 1990-2008: primary teacher and student services teacher at École Saint-Germain 2008-2010: Viceprincipal at École Provencher 2010-2017, École Julie-Riel 2017-2021 École Van Belleghem

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Europe* 

Hobbies: Golfing, Travelling, spending time with my grandsons

Retirement...In 3 words: Family, Travel, Freedom

Favourite memory of LRSD: *I have so many fond memories of my time at LRSD but my favourite memory is the people that I have met and the friendships that I have made.* 

### **STEVE PAGEE**

Retired: 2020 YOS: 32

Assignment: Night Custodian

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? Just to the lake cottage

Retirement...In 3 words: Fantastic

Favourite memory of LRSD: *Working with the kids when I worked day at different schools* 

### **DIANE NICHOLLS**



Retired: 6/30/2021 YOS: 31

Assignment: Teacher (Phys. Ed. & Student Services) Teacher (Phys. Ed. & Student Services)

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Costa Rica* (hopefully, Jan. 2023)

Hobbies: Walking, hiking trails, cycling, x-country skiing

Retirement...In 3 words: Restful, Spontaneous, Adventurous

Favourite memory of LRSD: meeting so many great people over the years. Through coaching and my role as a student services teacher I was lucky to get to know many families. Sometimes we would cry, laugh; more importantly we would celebrate ALL accomplishments (My Call to a parent: "Yes, he pooped today & we did a happy dance").

Retired: 6/30/2020 YOS: 32

Assignment: Gr. 1 teacher - École Howden (1988-1998); Gr. 6 or 5/6 - École Howden (1998-2010); Gr. 6 or 5/6 - École St-Germain (2010-2013); Gr. 6 - École Georges-McDowell (2013-2016); Gr. 6 - École Henri-Bergeron (2018-2020); Student Services - École Henri-Bergeron (2019-2020)

HÉLÈNE SAVARD

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Peru or Europe* 

Hobbies: Sourdough baking, babysitting grandkids, travelling, learning spanish

Retirement...In 3 words: The best time

Favourite memory of LRSD: So many fond memories during my 32 year working span! One year, I had agreed to get my hair shaved if the students would raise a certain amount of money (2 large water jugs filled of coins) for United Way, while convinced that it would not get done. At the end of the week, my head was shaved in front of the whole school and a Free Press reporter. The story appeared in the next WFP edition.

### **TERRY HYRA**

Retired: 6/30/2021 YOS: 30.5 years

Assignment: Grades 2, 6, 3 and Kindergarten at Victor HL Wyatt; Student Services at Victor HL Wyatt and Samuel Burland; Grade 4 at George McDowell; Grades K,1,2 multiage at Mountbatten School; Grade 3, and Grades 3/4 at Highbury School where I retired

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? Somewhere sunny and warm. Also British Columbia

Hobbies: Gardening, cooking, walking my dog daily, yoga, and working out with weights 5 days a week.

Retirement...In 3 words: relaxing, stress free

Favourite memory of LRSD: It is hard to think of just one favourite memory. I think back with a smile or chuckle to all the times over the years that my students and I laughed together over a funny book or a funny situation in class. Those fun times together will stay with me forever!

### **COLLEEN HILL**



Retired: 6/30/2022 YOS: 28

Assignment: Classroom teacher 1994-2022

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? Somewhere hot with sand and water!

Hobbies: Crocheting-reading-going to the gym-walks with my dog and maybe my husband

Retirement...In 3 words: Exit stage left

Favourite memory of LRSD: I have come to know a lot of good people along the way. One in particular-A small town girl like myself who

met my last year of University-we were in all the same classes and ironically placed at Frontenac School for our student teaching block back in 1987, she would ultimately be hired and stayed on to teach at Frontenac School right out of University. This same person that called me and told me to apply for the 1/2 time Kindergarten job at Frontenac back in 1994! A friend who is my son's Godmother and was with me when I had my daughter. Only because she wanted to see a baby being born. Wearing a white lab coat and a stethoscope around her neck all day at Frontenac- she was ready to come when I called. This same person I stand here today and say --we started our careers together we will end them together. Thanks Connie Bagrie for choosing to sit beside me in that lecture theatre at the U of M back in 1987 your friendship will always mean the world to me!

### GERALDINE COLEMAN



Retired: 4/3/2020 YOS: 27

Assignment: Lunch supervisor (1993-1999) Secretary (1999-2006) Administrative Secretary (2006-2020)

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Europe* 

Hobbies: Beading

Retirement...In 3 words: Oh happy days!

Favourite memory of LRSD: The satisfaction in knowing that I was a valued member of the staff and was made to feel appreciated in all of my five schools. The happy times I had at these schools and the friends I made along the way made it a pleasure to go to work each day.

**JANICE WAUTIER** 

Retired: 6/30/2021 YOS: 20

Assignment: Student Services Teacher - General Vanier 2001-2008; George McDowell 2008-2014; J H Bruns 2014-2021

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Besides* visiting my children and grandkids in AB and BC, trip planned to The Maritimes and Labrador

Hobbies: Touring all the wineries in the Okanagan, volunteering for seniors & political events; learning to speak Ukrainian fluently, lifelong learning

Retirement...In 3 words: Freedom, endless Saturdays

Favourite memory of LRSD: My first part of my teaching career included 27 years in Catholic Schools and a term in River East. When I was hired in SBSD in 2001, my brother, Richard Dziedzic, was teaching in the division at that time. To my surprise, I suddenly became known as 'Richard D's little sister', a new identity I had not anticipated. I think back to that fondly as my brother has been a great supporter and is here tonight celebrating my retirement.

### **DAVE EVERLEY**



Retired: 6/30/2022 YOS: 33

Assignment: Principal - Nordale 2014-2022 2, Frontenac 2009-2014, Marion 2007-2009; Vice Principal Highbury 2005-2007, Victor Mager 2003-2005, Lavallee 2002-2003; Board Office Phys Ed Coordinator 1999-2002; St. George Phys Ed Teacher 2000-2002; H S Paul Phys. Ed. & Gr 4/5/6/7/8/9 Classroom Teacher 1989-2000; Victor Mager Phys Ed Teacher 1988-1989

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Toronto* 

Hobbies: Playing guitar, recording music & learning Piano, Baking bread & golfing

Retirement...In 3 words: Time To Be

Favourite memory of LRSD: The fondest memory I have are of the people I have met, the places and communities' I have been a part of, the countless students who will one day all become one huge memory and the school staff(s) that I have had the honour to lead.

### VALERIE NUYTTEN

Retired: 1/1/2021 YOS: 13

Assignment: Lunch Supervisor 3 years, School bus driver 10 years

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? Somewhere hot

Hobbies: I enjoy making willow and driftwood furniture

Retirement...In 3 words: *Everyday is Saturday* 

Favourite memory of LRSD: As a school bus driver, you drive many schools to their field trips. I will forever remember all the farms, corn mazes, sand quarries, museums, zoos, bowling alleys, waterslides, camps, marshes, forts, and much more. My inner child LOVED IT.

## MITCHEL VAUGHN SMITH



Retired: 9/1/2021 YOS: 7.5

Assignment: EA - Feb 2014 to Sept 2021

When you feel safe to travel...1<sup>ST</sup> destination? *Mexico* 

Hobbies: *Running my music school :*)

Retirement...In 3 words: Busy Relaxing Coffee

Favourite memory of LRSD: Recess duty was always great because I'd get to meet all the kids and form relationships with them before they'd get to grade 7/8

# IN MEMORY OF





### ALICE MEILLEUR RETIRED: 06/2020 YOS: 36

Volunteer - Marion School Educational Assistant Marion School SUSAN ANDERSON RETIRED: 08/31/2020 YOS: 23

Administrative Secretary Darwin School SVSD & LRSD Board office LESLIE LATER Retired: 09/02/2019 YOS: 26

Instructional Assistant Community Liaison Worker Dakota Collegiate