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Coming Up

- Issue 52 comes out in July—send your news by late June.
- Our conference sponsoring partner profiles continues in Issue 52.
- CASA Awards will be presented at 7pm on July 4 in St. John's. Full coverage in Issue 53.

Message From The President: Providing Real Leadership Across Canada

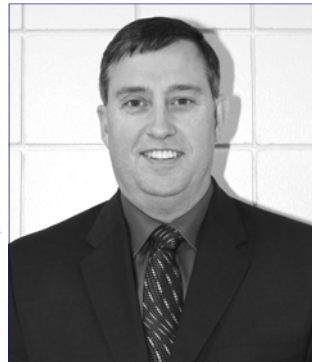
How quickly time passes. It's hard to believe that we will soon be looking at the 2012–13 school year through the rearview mirror.

Welcome to our final edition of the CASA newsletter for this school year. It's also our last issue before the annual conference this summer.

I trust that as you read the information provided and get an opportunity to reflect on the events that have transpired within the education sector across the country, you will gain a newfound appreciation for the efforts that we have collectively made to better serve children and families.

As I look from coast to coast to coast, I believe that our various provincial contexts have been particularly challenging. Consequently, our members have had to provide real leadership in dealing with problems with no easy answers. These issues include collective bargaining, restructuring of boards, school safety and more.

This newsletter focuses on CASA as an organization and the growth that it has experienced in recent years. We have a number of proposals for our summer annual general meeting to fundamentally change the struc-



Roger Nippard
CASA president

ture of the organization to better serve our members. The name of the organization, the governance structure and more are all up for discussion. We welcome your thoughts and ideas on those matters as we gather for our AGM and conference in July.

As I'm originally from Newfoundland and Labrador, I look forward to returning this summer and welcoming you to our national conference in the beautiful city of St. John's.

That conference is the second theme of this edition of the newsletter. We already have a record number of registrants. As you will read in the conference overview in these pages, a wide range of excellent presentations are scheduled. We work within an education system that is high performing with high equity. The opportunity to share the work that we are engaged in on a daily basis is one that I look forward to each year through CASA.

I trust that you will enjoy your work in drawing this school year to a close while simultaneously planning for next year and beyond. I look forward to seeing you at our conference in July.

Enjoy the read.

Message From The Executive Director: Include The AGM As Part Of Your Conference Plans

Welcome to the last edition of our *Leaders & Learners* newsletter for the 2012–2013 school year. I know your students have benefited from your leadership and have enjoyed a healthy and academically successful year. My thanks to each of you for your tireless commitment to the children of Canada!

I am looking forward to the CASA annual conference, and I am excited about the lineup of speakers and workshop presenters that we have been able to secure. We look forward to showcasing our newly redesigned website, which we developed in partnership with Blackboard Engage. We have a record number of attendees and sponsors this year. That reinforces the fact that CASA is a vibrant and strong national organization.

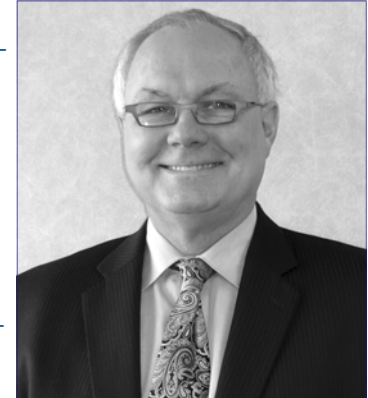
This has been a very busy and very important year for CASA. I am pleased with the results of our strategic planning sessions and look forward to CASA members participating at the annual general meeting. I know the meeting is not always a high priority for conference attendees, but this year we will be discussing a number of important items:

- our strategic plan
- changes to the CASA constitution
- the recommendation from the board of directors to change the name of the organization

This last item is of special importance, with the intention to better reflect the fact that CASA is primarily an organization that serves the professional interests of school system administrators. The meeting will also serve as an opportunity to

review the strong financial status of the organization. Please consider attending and participating in the further development of CASA!

As I mentioned, we have a record number of attendees, including delegates from virtually every province and territory. This only reinforces the sense that interest in CASA and its professional value is gaining national support.



Ken Bain
CASA executive director

As I close, I must express my thanks to our sponsors who help support CASA. Congratulations to all of the EXL Award nominees and my thanks to another loyal partner, Xerox, for its annual support of the award. I look forward to their involvement in our conference and appreciate their ongoing commitment. As well, I must thank our PD director **Ed Wittchen** for his unwavering commitment to CASA. His hard work, along with that of **Marion Holmes** from PD Pros, makes sure we have a successful conference each year. Finally, my thanks to the board of directors for its support through my first year as executive director. The board consists of volunteers who give up time each month to make sure CASA is governed and operated effectively.

See you in St. John's!

We Want Your Conference Photos

Are you going to CASA's annual conference in St. John's this July? Do you plan on bringing your camera? Do you enjoy taking pictures with your smartphone or tablet?

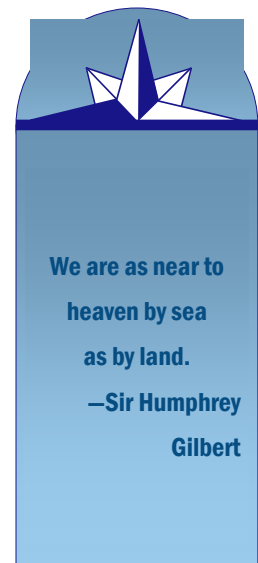
Consider submitting your photos of conference and pre-conference activities to your national newsletter to be included in this year's double issue.

We're looking to publish a variety of photos featuring CASA members, guests, family members and sponsors, local scenery, wildlife and more. Is your group enjoying a memorable meal together? Get a shot of everyone at the table together. Is your family taking part in the sea kayaking adventure? Cap-

ture the moment for posterity—and for the newsletter!

We welcome all kinds of photos. We prefer to receive JPG files that have not been resized, cropped or otherwise altered; original photos are easier to edit on our end. If you must edit, we recommend using 4 x 6 inches at 300 dpi as a guideline.

Send your photos to *Leaders & Learners* editor **Tara Wittchen**, care of tarawittchen@eastlink.ca.



CASA Conference Sponsoring Partner Profiles: Nelson Education

With just over a month to go until CASA's annual conference, *Leaders & Learners* continues our ongoing series of sponsoring partner profiles with this feature on **Nelson Education**.

Chris Besse, Nelson Education's senior vice president and managing director (School Division) has kindly responded to questions about the company. This is the first time Nelson has been a sponsoring partner, and we look forward to further developing CASA's relationship with the company when we meet in St. John's this July.

To learn more about Nelson Education, visit www.nelson.com.

Please tell our readers about your company.

Nelson Education has been a leader in Canadian publishing for nearly a century. We are focused on the future, but we never forget our proud past.

Our roots in the world of books go back to 1798, when Thomas Nelson opened his bookstore in Edinburgh, Scotland. The Canadian branch of Thomas Nelson and Sons was opened in 1914 and was one of the first publishers to respond to regional needs in Canada with the publication of the Manitoba and Acadian Readers.

These two unique business resources were developed specifically for Aboriginal schools and were co-written by First Nation and Métis authors. The resources fully integrate full curriculum alignment while featuring examples and case studies specific to Aboriginal cultures.

In July 2011, Nelson Education entered a continuing partnership with National Geographic Learning, allowing our Nelson publishers to leverage the high quality content from their resources, including current maps, graphs and surveys, world-famous photographs from the National

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Canada's Learning Advantage

Through the years, Nelson's responsiveness to regional needs, our understanding of educational trends and our exploration of new technologies have built a strong foundation upon which we have continued to grow.

We have remained industry leaders through a continual focus on the development of Canadian authors, Canadian educators and Canadian resource programs to support K-12 curriculum across all subject areas.

Nelson's goal is ongoing innovation to provide best-in-class print and digital resource services to its customers. "Commitment to Excellence" is a key corporate value at Nelson Education. In keeping with this spirit, Nelson Education entered into three new exciting partnerships in recent years.

In January 2011, Nelson Education was honoured to be chosen as the exclusive publishing partner of the Martin Aboriginal Education Initiative.

Over the course of the project, the Nelson publishing team gained valuable experience and knowledge working with Aboriginal communities and authors to develop Entrepreneurship 11 and Entrepreneurship 12.

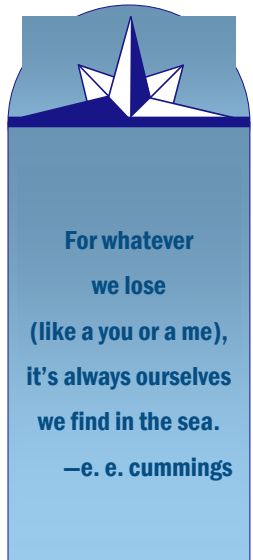
Geographic image bank, access to the National Geographic video library, and use of articles from the National Geographic explorers and scientists.

Nelson Education is also proud to be affiliated with a list of non-publishing partnerships, including Free the Children, We Day, Adopt a Village and Second Harvest. As engaged corporate citizens, Nelson Education employees take pride in our continued community involvement.

Please tell our readers a little bit about yourself.

I have been in the educational publishing business for close to 25 years. Eight of those have been with Nelson Education, and previous to that I was president of Gage Learning Corporation. I have a strong passion for lifelong learning and feel privileged to work in the business of education.

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For whatever
we lose
(like a you or a me),
it's always ourselves
we find in the sea.
—e. e. cummings

CASA Conference Sponsoring Partner Profiles, continued: Nelson Education

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My wife **Kathy** and I have two teenage children who bring great joy to our lives each and every day.

Outside of work and family, I am actively involved with Free the Children, a non-profit organization focused on empowering youth to make a difference in the world. Through this organization, I am taking my family overseas this summer to assist in a school build program in a remote and impoverished region in Kenya.

How long has your company been a CASA sponsor?

This is Nelson's inaugural year as a sponsor, and we are excited to be a part of the growing momentum as everyone prepares to head to St. John's in July.

Why is important for you to develop a sponsorship relationship with CASA? What makes your company a good match with an organization like CASA?

Nelson Education considers itself to be a partner in support of Canadian teachers and students.

In building high quality learning and teaching resources, we bring together stakeholders across educational boundaries representative of the broad spectrum of learning environments, districts, provinces and regional consortia, all of whom share a fundamental goal: fostering success for students and teachers.

We seek out "the best of the best" in subject area specialists and pedagogical design. We strive to learn and to incorporate innovation and best practices in all we do.

Working together with an organization like CASA affords opportunities for such ongoing learning and dialogue with a broad group of key stakeholders with whom we share common goals.

Any plans to attend the 2013 conference in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador?

Nelson's Mission
To enable the success of Canadian students and educators

- Nelson's Values**
- Committed to excellence
 - People working together
 - Progressive spirit

Yes, we will absolutely be in St. John's. First and foremost, we are looking forward to meeting all the CASA members and having many conversations about education in our country, as no doubt the sessions will provoke interesting dialogue over coffee breaks and dinner.

Would you like to add anything about Nelson Education and this partnership?

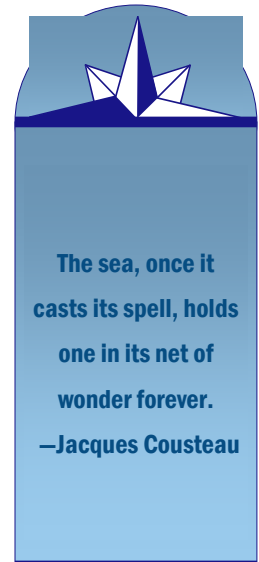
Our company's success is rooted in the passion and talent of our people, who are committed to our customers as much as they are to delivering quality products and services.

We will bring that same energy and enthusiasm to our CASA partnership and encourage members to reach out and let us know what's on their mind.

Thank you, Chris, for Nelson Education's ongoing support of CASA.



Chris Besse, senior vice president and managing director (School Division) for Nelson Education.



CASA Conference Sponsoring Partner Profiles: ThoughtStream

The second of this issue's profiles is on **ThoughtStream**.

ThoughtStream is a product from Fulcrum Management Solutions. Fulcrum was founded in 2007 as a management consulting company. In 2009, the company began to develop a software application to augment the consulting practice and enhance collaboration in meetings and between meetings. Since then, it has pivoted to become a pure software business focused on providing an application for online engagement.

ThoughtStream's vice president and co-founder **Dave MacLeod** responded to our questions about the company.

To learn more about ThoughtStream, visit www.thoughtstream.ca.

Please tell our readers about ThoughtStream.

We are a Canadian stakeholder engagement company, founded in 2009. This response typically inspires the question "What exactly is a stakeholder engagement company?" Fair enough.

Stakeholder engagement is important, unclearly defined and challenging. That's where we come in. People seem harder to connect with, yet they understand the value of being involved in their communities and expect to be involved more and more in decision making.

To meet the challenge of reaching more people in a meaningful and insightful manner, we are developing software, building inquiry processes and training engagement experts to ensure education leaders have the tools and support they need to make decisions with increased insight, buy-in and trust. No small task!

ThoughtStream is growing rapidly and currently employs 20 experts composed of stakeholder engagement specialists, analysts, software developers, sales and marketing staff.

Please tell our readers a little bit about yourself.

I am the vice president and co-founder of ThoughtStream. I have a colourful background in community development, project management and facilitation, and I'm passionate about group process. Even the messy bits. You could even say especially the messy bits.

I think there is particular value in focusing on engaging diverse and differing people, and I migrated to co-founding a software company through experiencing and understanding the power of hearing from introverts, busy folks and the silent majority, along with the usual "town hall meeting suspects."



Sponsors and CASA members are given many opportunities to make real connections at the annual conference.

At left, **Dave MacLeod**, vice president and co-founder of ThoughtStream, and **Theresa Harris**, executive director of the Ontario Catholic Supervisory Officers' Association, spend some time together at the 2012 conference in Whistler, BC. MacLeod will also be in St. John's for this summer's conference.

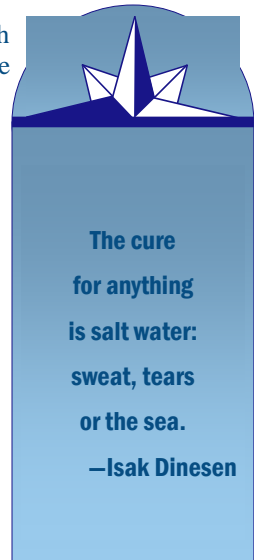
I live in the Cariboo region of British Columbia, and I have three sons. The eldest is four years old. I am fully engaged with my household stakeholders—ha! I love snobby coffee, playing guitar and buying toys for my kids that I secretly play with after they go to sleep.

How long has your company been a CASA sponsor?

This is our second year as a CASA sponsor.

Why is it important to you to develop a sponsorship relationship

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with CASA? What makes your company a good match with an organization like CASA?

As a stakeholder engagement company, we value leaders who engage with their communities to better understand the issues that are important to them and best serve their needs.

We feel honoured to partner with CASA, as you focus on being the voice for senior education system leaders to influence the direction of national issues that impact on education.

Were you able to attend the 2012 CASA conference in Whistler, BC?

Yes, we were in Whistler and we have since spread the word! CASA was a great opportunity for us to learn and connect with education leaders and there was an obvious dedication to partnership. Instead of being a “vendor” tucked into a shady corner, we were welcomed and treated as peers.

We believe that strong partnership with Canadian companies, especially those in growing industries (and therefore growing employment sectors for young people) is crucial for modern education systems. The CASA conference proved to be an excellent place for us to establish many relationships. That’s why we are headed to St. John’s!

What are you most looking forward to at the 2013 conference in St. John’s?

We look forward to presenting with superintendent **Michael**



ThoughtStream’s **Kevin Skelcher** (centre) meets with conference attendees in Whistler last year. Skelcher is the company’s director of sales.

Hauptman from Elk Island Catholic Schools. We will also be chasing down a few fish dinners and pints between our sessions and our time spent harassing people to visit our display table. I will be attending with my colleagues **Kevin Skelcher**, and I hope to bring my wife and my youngest along!

Would you like to add anything about your company and this partnership that may be of interest to our readers?

We are really excited about the preconference. ThoughtStream and I are sure it will create some excellent results—looking forward to sharing them.

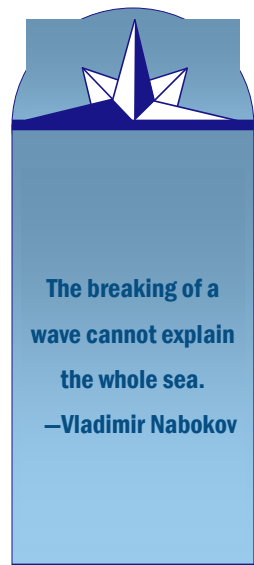


ThoughtStream’s **Dave MacLeod** (right) with **Lea Thuot**, ThoughtStream’s director of Stakeholder Engagement, and **Tim Davie**, district principal of School District 68 in British Columbia.

Whether you are working with us currently or not, we are always happy to share resources and tools about engagement in Canada.

Please visit us online at www.thoughtstream.ca to hear the innovative and interesting ways our customers have been engaging with their stakeholders on issues like border restructuring, strategic planning, supporting teaching and learning, and more.

Thank you, Dave, and enjoy your time in Newfoundland.



A Preview Of The 2013 CASA Conference: Pedagogy To Technology: Hardware To Headware

The countdown to St. John's is on. This July, CASA members, sponsors and special guests will gather for the 2013 annual conference in this historic and beautiful city in Newfoundland and Labrador. The conference theme is pedagogy to technology. Will your team be a part of this energizing and inspiring event?

The CASA annual general meeting starts at 9am on Thursday, July 4, in the Placentia Bay Room at the Delta St. John's. All delegates are invited and welcome to attend.

The conference opening ceremonies get underway at 12:45pm in the Avalon Ballroom (Salon A). All delegates and guests are welcome to attend. CASA president **Roger Nippard** will provide opening remarks.

At 1pm, CASA is honoured to welcome keynote speaker **Dr. Ben Levin** as he presents his address, titled "The Role of Technology in System Change Efforts." Dr. Levin is a professor and Canada Research Chair in Education Leadership and Policy at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. He was most recently deputy minister of Education for Ontario. From 1999 until September 2002, he was deputy minister of Advanced Education and deputy minister of Education, Training and Youth, for Manitoba, with responsibility for public policy in all areas of education and training.

Dr. Levin is widely known for his work in educational reform, educational change, educational policy and politics. His work has been international in scope and his writings examine broad areas of educational policy.

The first coffee break is from 2:15 to 2:45pm, in the Conception/Crush Lobby. This is one of many aspects of the conference that is supported by CASA's sponsoring partners.

The first of the breakout sessions run from 2:45 to 4pm. These include Harnessing the Pedagogic Power of Twitter: Zero to Hero in 60 minutes (with **Michael Quinn**), Introduction to the Changing World of Social Media (with **Paul McGuire**), Web 2.0 Tools for Teachers and Students (with **Barry Hannah**), Parkland School Division...Where the World Opens Up (with **Tim Monds** and **George Couros**), and Technology Can Bridge the Student Achievement Gap (with **Dr. Rosemary Lucia** and **Dr. Philip E. Geiger**).

At 6:30pm, CASA president **Roger Nippard** will host a gathering at the Avalon Ballroom (Salon A) to welcome and recognize conference guests and sponsors. This event will include remarks by a number of dignitaries, including St.

John's mayor **Dennis O'Keefe**, NLADE president **Jeff Thompson**, AASA president **Amy Sichel**, CEA executive director **Ron Canuel**, CAP president **Jameel Aziz** and more. It will also feature the release of CASA's new website, created by Blackboard.

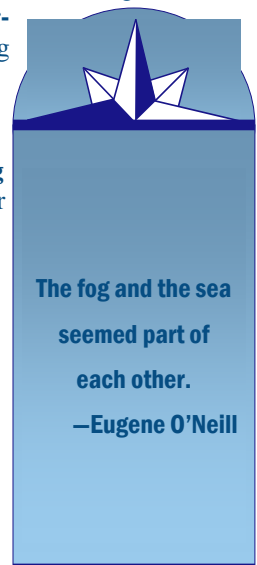
At 7pm, the annual CASA awards get underway. These will be presented by **Randy Brydges**, the director of Xerox-Western Canada Operations. Awards include the CASA Distinguished Service Award, CASA Life Membership Award and the Xerox EXL Awards.

Blackboard will sponsor a reception at 8pm, which will include a variety of hors d'oeuvres, vegetables and roast beef.

Did you bring your dancing shoes? You're going to need them when one of Newfoundland's most energetic and entertaining New Celtic bands hits the stage at 8:15pm. **The Navigators** will play two sets this evening, with the second one starting at 9:30pm. Since forming in 2000, the Navigators have become one of the hardest-working bands in the region. With original songs, including a cappella and instrumental ballads and shanties, the band has created their own sound, representing the very best of Newfoundland's deep musical heritage. You'll find yourself clapping, singing and dancing along.

Friday's breakout sessions start at 8:30am. These include Managing Distractions: How to Keep the Focus on the Things That Really Matter (with **Dr. Ben Levin**), Leveraging Social Media Tools in Your School Learning Community (with **Ed Doadt** and **Mark Carbone**), iPad Pedagogy: Transforming Learning in the 21st-Century (with **Christine Chmilar** and **Stephanie Power**), Realigning Our Instruction for 21st-Century Learners (with **Reg Klassen**) and Practical Strategies for Effective Educational Technology Implementation in the Classroom (with **Michael Chechile**).

Sponsor displays will open on Friday at 9:30am. Take time to talk with each of the company's representatives. This is a great opportunity to develop or strengthen relationships throughout our organization. (Continued on page 8)



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tion. The sponsoring partners are also behind this morning's coffee break from 10 to 10:30am.

The second breakout sessions for Friday run from 10:30 to 11:45am and include Politics for Education Leaders (with **Dr. Ben Levin**), Engaging Our Learners to be Critical, Creative and Innovative Thinkers in a Positive School Climate (with **Dr. John Malloy, Vicki Corcoran** and **Peter Joshua**), Leveraging Technology (with **Kath Rhyason** and **Craig Foley**), SMART: Transforming Classroom Practices Through Technology (with **Jeannette Peoples** and **Pierre-Alexandre Germain**) and InFORMing Others Through Data Collection (with **Blair Norton** and **Dana Robb**).

Lunch takes place from 11:45am to 12:40pm in the Avalon Ballroom (Salon A).

The first of the afternoon sessions begin at 12:45 and include Learning in Technology Environments (with **Rick Collins** and **Keith Fudge**), Pedagogy Meets Technology: The Unanticipated Results of Developing an Outcomes-based Report Card (with **Catherine Coyne** and **Lois Gluck**), Technology and Student Learning: A Journey (with **Greg Reeves, Jonathan Bibby, Joan Carragher** and **Ron McNamara**), Iris: Learning and Teaching as Unique as Every Student (with **Naomi Johnson, Alison Boyd, Kristin Dahl** and **Erica Rae**) and Heartwired (with **Nanci-Jane Simpson** and **Dr. Mag Gardner**).

Your afternoon break, sponsored by CASA partners, takes place from 2 to 2:25pm in the Conception/Crush Lobby.

The day's final breakout sessions run from 2:25 to 3:40pm. These include Cultivating a Culture of 21st-Century Inspired Innovation (with **Loretta Notten**), Pedagogy-Technology: The Aboriginal Community (with **Laurie Thompson**), Making Thinking and Learning Visible Through Technology (with **Ann Sutton, Laura Callaghan** and **Cortnee Goure**), Students Having Authentic Research Experiences (with **Kelly Tams** and **Yolanta Lis**) and Out of the Mouths of Babes: Student Voice on Student Voice (with **Karen Edgar, Melanie Ferdinand** and **Dr. Michelle Gilpin**).

So the sessions have wrapped up and you've found yourself in downtown St. John's on a Friday night in the summer. A merrier spot you won't find. While delegates and their families are free to explore the city on their own, folks wanting a more organized event should sign up for the Rally in the Alley. St. John's has more bars and pubs per capita than any

other city in Canada. Most of them are located on the infamous George Street. Join us to experience the famous nightlife of downtown St. John's. McCarthy's Party will host a traditional pub dinner, and an organized pub crawl will follow. There is a minimum of 50 people required.

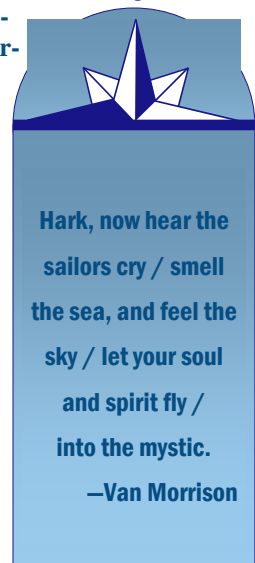
Saturday's activities start at 8:45am. The first breakout sessions run from 8:45 until 10am, and include Using Unified Communications to Connect Educators and Students in Newfoundland and Labrador (with **Jim Tuff, Maurice Barry, Eric Nippard** and **Frank Shapleigh**), Building the Capacity of Students by Infusing Career-Focused, Technology-Rich Programming into High Schools (with **Natasha MacArthur-Poole** and **Deborah Kitching**), The Sky is the Limit: Technology for Students with Special Needs in the 21st-Century (with **Dr. Cindy Finn** and **Dr. Christopher Fuzessy**), Flipping Out! Our Investigation with the Flipped Classroom (with **Shelly Hicks** and **Christine Elliott**) and Stakeholders and Technology: Lessons Learned During a Large-scale Engagement Process (with **Michael Hauptman** and **Dave MacLeod**).

The sponsoring partner displays will open again at 9:30am, and there will once again be a sponsored coffee break from 10 to 10:30am in the Conception/Crush Lobby.

The second breakout sessions of the day run from 10:35 to 11:50am. These include How the Technology that Powers the New CASA Website Can Become Your Ultimate K-12 Communications Platform (with **Brenda Langburt**), Delivering 21st-Century Learning Skills (with **Dr. Guy Tétrault** and **Darren Gasper**), iPads: Harnessing the Power...Closing the Gap (with **Catherine Montreuil** and **Bruce McPherson**), The Complex Process of System Change (with **Deborah Nelson** and **Mark Carbone**) and High Engagement Digital Learning Partnerships: Affordable, Engaging and Self-Sustaining (with **Dr. Lynne Paradis** and **Christopher MacPhee**).

Lunch will be served from 11:50am to 12:45pm in the Avalon Ballroom (Salon A).

Saturday afternoon sessions get underway again at 12:50pm through to
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Our Mission

CASA exists to promote and enhance effective administration and leadership in the provision of quality in education in Canada.



Our Beliefs

- School system administration is a noble profession.
- Effective leadership and administration of school systems are essential.
- Individually and collectively, school system administrators provide leadership for quality in education.
- Communication and cooperation with other stakeholder groups in education are vital.
- Individually and collectively, school system administrators can assist one another.

Our Goals

- To provide a national voice on education matters.
- To promote and provide opportunity for professional development of the membership.
- To promote communication and liaison with national and international organizations having an interest in education.
- To provide a variety of services to the membership.
- To recognize outstanding contributions to education in Canada.

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2pm. These include The Big Ideas Flowing From ORION's Users (with **Dr. Darin Graham**), Improve Student Achievement and Wellness: Building a Positive School Culture Through Restorative Justice Practices (with **Flora Nordoff, Josie Zuppa, Tracey Brown, Anna Boyle** and **Mike Mielko**), The Power of Partnerships (with **Deborah Nelson** and **Scott Urquhart**), Multi-year Educational Technology Plan (with **Leslie Telfer, Leta Potter** and **Anne Saftich**) and one other session with Baragar Systems.

All delegates and guests are invited to attend a closing keynote address in the Avalon Ballroom (Salon A) delivered by **Dean Shareski** of Discovery Education Canada.

Dean is the community manager for Discovery Education Canada. He taught grades 1–8 for 14 years, and spent 9 years as a digital learning consultant for Prairie South School Division in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. In addition, he teaches pre-service teachers at the University of Regina.

Dean's blog consistently ranks among the top educational blogs. He also blogs for *Tech Learning* and *The Huffington*

Post. In 2010, he won the ISTE Award for Outstanding Leader of the Year.

Dean has had the opportunity to speak to a variety of education audiences, both nationally and internationally. His passion remains helping teachers explore the affordances of technology for learning. He believes humour and humility go a long way in supporting and advocating transformational practices in teaching and learning.

CASA president **Roger Nippard** will present the conference closing address at 3:10pm. You'll definitely want to be there, as this is when the fabulous sponsor-provided door prizes will be awarded. Remember, you must be present to claim your prize. Sponsor staff and CASA executive will gather from 6 to 9pm at Quidi Vidi Village for a meeting and dinner. Everyone else is welcome to explore the city of St. John's on their own.

Information on preconference activities can be found in *Leaders & Learners* Volume 8, Issue 50. The CASA website also has information on registration and accommodations. Hope to see you in beautiful St. John's this July!