

# The Apple Core

May 2016

## Upcoming Events

GVTA Exec meetings for the year at NPC. All meetings start at 4:00pm.

All are welcome:

- May 31—General Meeting
- June 7

## GVTA Spring Annual General Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday, May 31

**Location:** NPC Room 113 (Double Classroom)

**Time:** 4:30 pm

- Vote for Executive
- Approve the new budget and fees
- Year End Committee Reports
- Prizes and Snack!

## MTS Golf Tournament

Hosted by Seine River Teachers' Association

**When:** June 18, 2016

**Where:** Oakwood Golf Course, Ste. Anne, MB (<http://www.oakwoodgolf.net/>)

**Details:** \$90 per golfer - Limited to 36 foursomes  
Greenball 3+1 format  
½ Cart, Supper, Prizes included in registration fee

For info or to register: [mtsgolf@seineriverteachers.com](mailto:mtsgolf@seineriverteachers.com)



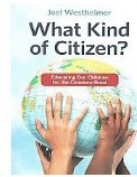
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# Equity and Social Justice Corner

Helping teachers and students achieve, helping to be aware, helping to support....

## **BOOKCLUB:**

The start of this year's book club with Joel Westheimer's



“Joel really seems to be identifying the lack of creativity and teaching autonomy for teachers...it seems that education is being used only for advancement and financial gain as he puts it, and hence the idea of citizenship being a core aspect of education that is lacking and would really distinguish us from, as he puts it, a totalitarian education system....”

There are a lot of interesting debateable thoughts presented in this book which can shed light to some of our perspectives on education. Short and well worth read.

The idea of continuing for next year will be scheduling 5 books throughout the year and spreading them out to one book every two months. We'll choose short and time sensitive reads so as not to make them too onerous for the readers. Our book club goal is to share thoughts and promote discussion in our personal PD as educators, meeting once a month in a casual setting to share. ESJ flavoured books will be the theme to bring more awareness so we can share with our colleagues and students alike.

10 Mindful Minutes by Goldie Hawn will for sure be on the list as the first book for the months September and October next school year....it looks like a very good read indeed. Still looking to choose for November-December, January-February, March-April and finally May-June of 2017.

There will be opportunity to participate in a Poverty simulation PD next year which should prove to be engaging and eye opening for all participants, we'll keep you updated as a date gets finalized. If there are any ideas and questions you may have from an Equity and Social Justice perspective please feel free to contact Joe Lindhorst at [joe.lindhorst@gvsd.ca](mailto:joe.lindhorst@gvsd.ca) your ESJ Chair representative on the GVTA Executive committee.

Something to watch and reflect on going forward.....

[https://www.ted.com/talks/hugh\\_evans\\_what\\_does\\_it\\_mean\\_to\\_be\\_a\\_citizen\\_of\\_the\\_world](https://www.ted.com/talks/hugh_evans_what_does_it_mean_to_be_a_citizen_of_the_world)

Thanks, and have a smooth and successful remainder of the year! Joe Lindhorst

## EQUALITY VERSUS EQUITY



In the first image, it is assumed that everyone will benefit from the same supports. They are being treated equally.



In the second image, individuals are given different supports to make it possible for them to have equal access to the game. They are being treated equitably.



In the third image, all three can see the game without any supports or accommodations because the cause of the inequity was addressed. The systemic barrier has been removed.

The 2016-2017 MTS Professional Development seminars have been announced! There are a number of sessions throughout the school year, on such topics as EAL, refugee students, leadership, guidance, Indigenous education, mental health and UDL. The Fab 5 conference is also continuing this year. This conference is aimed at teachers in their first 5 years of teaching and is offered in Winnipeg and Brandon on October 19 and 20th, 2016. On April 20 and 21st, 2017, MTS will be offering a two day conference on Human Rights. Spots are limited for this conference.

For more information on any of these PD opportunities, go to

<https://www.mbteach.org/professional-development/mtsseminars.html>





**AND**  
**the winner is...**

Trump Clinton Selinger Bokhari Trudeau  
Sanders Carson Cruz Fiorini Kasich Bush!

**YOU!**

... if you exercise your democratic rights and ensure  
we meet quorum by attending the...

**GVTA Spring Annual General Meeting**  
**Tuesday May 31, 2016 – 04:30 pm**  
**Northlands Parkway Collegiate**  
**Room 113 – Double Classroom**

- *Vote for your new Executive*
- *Choose your new Bargaining Team*
- *Approve your 2016-2017 Budget and Fees*
- *Hear the Year-end Summaries*
- *Find out the amount of your MTS Fee*
- *Light Snack and Prizes Throughout!*