

1992 WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

1. COMMUNITY SCHOOL PROGRAMS: "WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?"

FACILITATOR: Dr. James McNinch

PRESENTERS:

- (i) **Mrs. Rae Pelletier**
c/o Kitchener School
840 Athol Street
Regina, Saskatchewan S4T 3B5

Rae has been involved with Community Schools and the Community School concept for the past eight years. She has been both a parent and chairperson at Kitchener Community School in Regina. Currently she is the Kitchener Community School Coordinator. On a provincial level, Rae has been involved with the Saskatchewan Community Schools Association for the past three years and now holds the office of Vice President.

Mrs. Pelletier's presentation will focus on her perspective of the Community School Program from the various roles she has played: parent, local Chairperson, Community School Coordinator and provincial Vice President of the Saskatchewan Community Schools Association.

- (ii) **Mr. Richard Kotowich**
Community School Coordinator
Sacred Heart School
1314 Elphinstone Street
Regina, Saskatchewan S4T 3M4

Richard Kotowich was born in Northern Saskatchewan but moved to Regina at the age of three. Rick, whose mother is Flora McAuley of Cumberland House, comes from a large Metis family of ten children. He is married and the father of three children aged 9, 6 and 4.

Richard attended school in Regina and studied Administration at the University of Regina from 1969 through 1973. He has worked in Northern Saskatchewan as an adult educator and has been involved in Indian and Metis education through several volunteer committees including: AWASIS - the STF Special Subject Council, the Saskatchewan Community Schools Association (SCSA), and IMEAC -

the Indian and Metis Education Advisory Committee.

Richard has worked in community schools since the Program began in 1980. In his presentation Rick will share his views on the Community School Program's strengths and weaknesses. He will have particular focus on the practical "nuts and bolts" issues of Community School Program implementation.

(iii) Mr. Armand Dorion
c/o Queen Mary School
1010 - 15th Street West
Prince Albert, Saskatchewan S6V 3S2

Armand Dorion was born in Cumberland House and raised in the Cumberland House and Prince Albert areas. Prior to becoming a SUNTEP student, Armand worked for several years in the areas of food services and security.

For the past three years Mr. Dorion has worked as a teacher Associate in both the Separate and Public School Systems in Prince Albert.

Having grown up in both northern and urban settings, Armand Dorion "empathises with students from small northern communities who move to urban centres". In his presentation Mr. Dorion will cover the role of the Teacher Associate and will describe the benefits of the Community School Program to our students and their families.

(iv) Mr. Harvey Welch
c/o Pleasant Hill School
215 Avenue S South
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7M 2Z9

Harvey Welch is currently the Principal of Pleasant Hill Community School in Saskatoon. While Mr. Welch has, over the past twenty-one years, served as Principal of four different schools, he says, "Perhaps the most exciting years have been [those spent] in a Community School."

As part of the Panel on Community School Programs, Mr. Harvey Welch will discuss the use of the Community School concept to build better, safer communities.

Mr. Welch will speak of how he, as a Principal, continues to enjoy the environment of the Pleasant Hill Community School. He reflects, "The Inner City Community School Program challenges its staff to grow and learn".

**(v) Ms. Faye Ahdemar
1460 – 16th Street West
Prince Albert, Saskatchewan S6V 3W7**

Faye Ahdemar is currently an undergraduate student in the Human Justice Faculty and will complete her Bachelor's Degree in Human Justice this spring.

Faye has been involved with Queen Mary Community School in Prince Albert for five years and currently sits on the Aboriginal Advisory Committee to the School Board and the Parent Council Committee.

Faye Ahdemar will explain her role as an active parent within the Community School setting. She will describe the networking that goes on between school, community, home and the provincial levels.

Faye will present her views on what needs to be accomplished before further change is able to take place.

**(vi) Joanne Pelletier
c/o Regina Public School Board
1600 – 4th Avenue
Regina, Saskatchewan S4R 8C8**

Joanne Pelletier currently holds the position of Indian and Metis Education Consultant with the Regina Public School Board.

Joanne grew up and took her early schooling in Indian Head. She is a graduate of SUNTEP-Regina, and is currently enrolled as a part-time graduate student of the University of Regina working towards a Masters' Degree in Education.

2. ABORIGINAL INFLUENCE ON EARLY LEARNING

FACILITATOR: Ingrid Gallagher

PRESENTERS:

- (i) **Irma Fuentealba**
Executive Director
Maggie's Child Care Centre
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Irma has a Degree in early Childhood Education from the University of Chile. In the past she has worked as a Child Care Worker, an Assistant Director and Director of a day care centre.

From 1986 through 1988 Irma coordinated the Early Childhood Development Program offered through the Gabriel Dumont Institute. Presently Irma holds the position of Executive Director of Maggie's Child Care Centre for teen parents in Saskatoon.

Irma's presentation will focus on her experience working with Metis students and children.

- (ii) **Ms. Anne Luke**
Executive Director
Early Learning Center
2115 Athol Street
Regina, Saskatchewan S4T 3E8

Anne was born and educated in England. She acquired her teaching certificate there. In August 1969 Anne immigrated to Canada and resided at Wolsley, Saskatchewan. Anne, with a high level of parent involvement, established kindergarten in Wolsley. Later she taught in the Regina Public School System for four years. In 1977 Anne initiated the Early Learning Centre. She is presently the Executive Director of the Early Learning Centre and acquired a BSW in 1985.

Anne has three sons and one daughter. Her hobbies are: Reading and painting in oils.

The workshop will describe the history, goals and programmes of the Early Learning Centre, focusing on the value of community-based efforts to create change. A video tape will be used to illustrate these topics.

**(iii) Ms. Pat Totton
Executive Director
MacKenzie Infant Care Centre Inc.
1308 College Avenue
Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 1B2**

Pat holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Saskatchewan. For the past nineteen years she has worked in the field of community health, in both Ontario and Saskatchewan. Pat presently resides in Regina with her nine year old son.

In September 1990, Pat became the Executive Director of the MacKenzie Infant Care Centre in Regina. The MacKenzie Infant Care Centre is a day care designed to teach parenting skills to teenage parents, and to provide educational day care for infants from birth to 18 months.

In her presentation, Pat will outline the programs offered at the MacKenzie Infant Care Centre. She will then provide an overview of infant stimulation in the areas of fine motor, gross motor, language and social development skills.

The discussion will also briefly touch upon the developmental tasks of adolescence and how these relate to the skills required for parenting.

**(iv) Ms. Mary Delanghe
c/o Scott Collegiate
3350 - 7th Avenue
Regina, Saskatchewan**

Mary Delanghe R.N., B.Ed., M.Ed., is the mother of two children. She has been a facilitator and counsellor at the university and community college level since 1980. She has been involved in the design, development and delivery of various educational and career planning curricula.

Mary's experience involves working with the Bridging Program for Women with clients with multiple barriers to employment. She has a wide range of experience delivering workshops on various topics including parenting, career planning, time and task management, stress reduction, decision making and other areas related to health and life skills.

In her current position as the Parenting Curriculum Developer at Scott Collegiate in Regina, Mary will begin her presentation with an overview of the Collegiate and its Infant Care Centre. She will describe and discuss support for teen parents. Her presentation will include a video, parenting curriculum and the "Nobody's Perfect Parenting Program".

3. EDUCATIONAL CROSS CULTURAL AWARENESS

**FACILITATOR/PRESENTER: Maureen Johns
c/o O'Neill High School
134 Argyle Street
Regina, Saskatchewan S4R 4C3**

Currently employed as a teacher/counsellor for the Regina Separate School system, Maureen is a Cree-German Metis woman from the Fort Qu'Appelle area. Maureen has also worked as an Education Consultant and an Associate Producer with CBC Radio. She looks forward to the "Steps in Time" Conference.

PRESENTERS:

**(i) Mr. Calvin Racette
3070 Elphinstone Street
Regina, Saskatchewan S4S 2A5**

Calvin lives in Regina and is a graduate of the Regina SUNTEP program. He worked at GDI for several years, in the Curriculum Development area and taught Native Studies classes. Calvin is currently working with communities and students to emphasize the importance of education. He has four children.

**(ii) Ms. Marion Cocarell
Inservice Consultant
Indian and Metis Education Branch
Saskatchewan Education
2220 College Avenue
Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 3V7**

Marion has been seconded from Northern Lights School Division, La Ronge to the Indian and Metis Education Branch, Saskatchewan Education. She acquired experience in teaching and administration from northern Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Participants at this workshop will be given an overview of how Aboriginal cultural perspectives impact on and influence across society, with an emphasis on education. Models and resources will be examined to enhance understanding and provide examples of diversity.

4. EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCES OF GDI GRADUATES

FACILITATOR: Janet Kurtz

PRESENTERS:

- (I) **Mr. Joseph Rivard**
1303 – 33rd Street West
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7L 0X1

Joe Rivard is a graduate of SUNTEP and the GDI Native Studies Instructor Program (1983/84). He has been teaching for five years with the Saskatoon Catholic School Board.

Prior to his training at the Institute, Joe worked in the construction industry for twenty years.

Joe was born in Willow Bunch and received all of his schooling in Saskatchewan. Besides Saskatchewan he has lived in Alberta and British Columbia.

Joe Rivard will address the timely question, "Is there life after GDI?".

- (II) **Ms. Joan Peigan**
Box 1398
Fort Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan S0G 1S0

Joan Peigan is currently the Coordinator of the Indian Business Management Program with the Saskatchewan Institute of Technologies and the Touchwood Filehills Tribal Council in Fort Qu'Appelle.

Joan has a Certificate in Band Administration through SIFC (1986) and a Diploma of Applied Business Administration through GDI (1988). At her GDI graduation Joan was awarded the Wm. Kapachee Awards for Highest Academic Achievement and Best Attendance and the S.I.A.S.T. Instructors Award.

Joan is presently taking classes with the University of Regina toward a Bachelor of Education Degree with a specialty in Vocational/Technical Education.

In her presentation, Joan will provide an insight into the changes in her academic and personal abilities before and after the Business Administration Program with GDI. Included in this presentation will be her thoughts on the challenges facing an adult learner who has family responsibilities.

**(iii) Ms. Jennifer McLean
c/o Meadow Lake R.C.M.P.
Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan S0M 1V0**

Jennifer is a Regular Member Constable with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Detachment in Meadow Lake. A graduate of the six month Gabriel Dumont Institute Pre-RCMP Program, offered in Fort Qu'Appelle (1989-90), she entered the RCMP Academy in April 1990.

Although she had already applied to the RCMP before she saw the Gabriel Dumont Institute's Pre-RCMP Program advertised, Jennifer saw the Program "as a good learning opportunity" while she awaited admission to the RCMP Training Academy.

In her presentation Jennifer will reflect on her experiences at the Gabriel Dumont Institute and its assistance in helping her achieve her career goal.

5. ORAL HISTORY WORKSHOP

FACILITATOR: Dr. Cathy Littlejohn

- (i) Mr. Tom Roberts, Host of Keewatin Kountry
CBC Radio
La Ronge, Saskatchewan S0J 1L0**

Mr. Tom Roberts is the Host of Keewatin Kountry, the CBC current affairs program aired Monday through Friday in Northern Saskatchewan.

Tom has been with the CBC for six and a half out of the last seven and a half years. He left the CBC for a one year period in the mid-1980's to work with Native Communications in LaRonge. Prior to his broadcasting career Mr. Roberts was employed as an Information Officer with the Provincial Government.

Tom Robert's presentation will focus on recording oral history on tape, and in particular talking to Elders about life in the north lands a long time ago.

Tom will give participants counsel on conducting an oral history interview including suggestions on how to approach Elders and how to record them without making them nervous. He will bring sample interviews for participants to hear.

- (ii) Keith Goulet, MLA
Cumberland House, Saskatchewan**

Mr. Goulet, a Metis, born and raised in Cumberland House, is a fluent speaker and writer of Cree. His knowledge of his language has been beneficial throughout his distinguished career.

Keith achieved his Bachelor of Education degree, then went on to receive a Masters of Education in Curriculum. His thesis was an oral history of the Sandy Bay Cree and his presentation will include a discussion on collecting oral history in communities.

Mr. Goulet has been a teacher, consultant, and an administrator. He has worked with both NORTEP and the Gabriel Dumont Institute.

Mr. Goulet is currently a Member of the Legislative Assembly for Cumberland House Constituency.

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