



2009 - 2010 Themes in Staff Development

Continuing the conversation.....

A roadmap for aboriginal self-reliance:
Culture, commitment and respect.

Event Details:

Location: North Surrey Secondary
15945 – 96th Avenue, Surrey

Time: 3:30-6:30pm

Cost: \$50.00 per person (for 3 sessions)

Session 1: January 21, 2010
Speaker: Monique Gray Smith

Session 2: April 8, 2010
Speaker: Dr. Martin Brokenleg

Session 3: May 17, 2010
Speaker: Mike McKay,
Superintendent of Schools

Registration: *FirstClass* workshop registration go to:



SD Staff Conferences



District Workshops & Focus Days



Themes in Staff Development



Welcome to the 2009 - 2010 Themes in Staff Development Series

On behalf of the planning committee, we invite you to attend these sessions and be part of continuing the conversation for aboriginal self-reliance. In Session #1, Monique Gray-Smith from Little Drum Consulting in Victoria will provide practical classroom strategies for youth resiliency in a positive and upbeat workshop. In Session #2, Dr. Martin Brokenleg from Reclaiming Youth International returns to Surrey. He returns to further his message for responding to youth who are different in significant ways. Lastly, in Session #3, Mike McKay joins us to reflect on our journey / commitment on the work we have accomplished to date and where to from here on this long and honourable path.

District Goals for 2009/2010:

Supporting Our Aboriginal Learners

All aboriginal programs, support structures, and resources will be completely aligned with the District's improving student achievement goals and initiatives focussing on improving the graduation rates of our aboriginal learners.

Themes in Staff Development Planning Committee:

Pat Horstead, Gayle Bedard, Ann Turner, Barry Lepin, May Hay, Keith Rajala and Bonnie Mackwood.

Target Audience:

Teachers
Principals & V. Principals
Counsellors
Youth Care Workers
Child Care Workers
SEA's
LST Teachers
Support Staff
Teacher-Librarians

Conference Schedule:

3:30 – 4:00 Meet & Greet
4:00 – 5:15 Speaker
5:15 – 5:30 Break
5:30 – 6:30 Speaker
6:30 – Adjourment



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Speakers



Monique Gray Smith, Little Drum Consulting www.littledrum.com

She is the founder of little Drum Consulting has & exceptional capacity to walk in many lands. As an aboriginal woman she sensitively interprets First Nation sensibilities & gives us context specific information. Her experience working with governments & in the field of early childhood development make her an exceptional communicator between not for profits & government. She is well

trusted and respected by the business community, the Aboriginal community, government & not for profits such as Roots of Empathy. Monique's history of heading up Aboriginal Head Start in BC, her leadership position on Boards, her long history of community development & her reputation of building peace bridges is well known.

Dr. Martin Brokenleg He is the Director of Native Ministries and Professor of First Nations Theology and Ministry at the Vancouver School of Theology in Vancouver, British Columbia. He serves as a Vice President of Reclaiming Youth International, providing training for individuals who work with youth at risk. He holds a doctorate in psychology and is a graduate of the Episcopal Divinity School. For thirty years, Dr. Brokenleg was professor of Native American studies at Augustana College of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.. Dr. Brokenleg has consulted and led training programs throughout North America, New Zealand, and South Africa. He is the father of three children and an enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe practicing the culture of his Lakota people.



Mike McKay,
Superintendent of Schools/CEO
School District No. 36 Surrey

Session Details



Session #1: Monique Gray Smith

Belief in the Strength and resiliency of Indigenous Children and Families.

This session will provide a brief overview on how stress and trauma impact the body and how this reaction influences the behaviours of the children and young people you work with. A historical perspective will be shared that will assist in identifying how our history as Indigenous peoples in Canada continues to affect the lives of children, youth, families, and communities today. Stories of incredible strength, determination and resiliency will be shared as we explore the unique factors that foster the resiliency of Indigenous children and families. We will discuss strategies and unique ways to ensure these factors are part of your class, schools and district. This will be a positive, upbeat and experiential workshop.

Session #2: Dr. Martin Brokenleg

Culture in the Classroom

In this session, Dr. Brokenleg defines culture, summarizes research on problems in education, which are culture related, and suggests multicultural strategies for responding to the problems. Youth come from many different cultures in Canadian society and yet professionals are often trained to think of all youth as alike. What is culture? How does the school experience affect culturally diverse youth? How do youth workers respond to youth who are different in significant ways? We will explore these questions to begin serious dialogue about useful approaches to youth.

Session #3: Mike McKay

Superintendent of Schools

In this session, Superintendent Mike McKay will provide a perspective on the work we have done to support Aboriginal student engagement and the challenges and opportunities ahead. Our declared commitment to Canada's First People has resulted in many successes and strengthened many relationships – one child and one family at a time. Where to from here on this long and honourable path.