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Director of Education
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The NOEL Directors have been working with Ken Leithwood for the past four months discussing System Leadership. We have used research to stimulate the conversations pertaining to leadership within our boards and are finding the sharing to be of great benefit. We will continue to meet with Ken over the course of the year. His knowledge and influence challenge us to make research based decisions to improve student success in our region.

NOEL will be meeting in late February as one of our three meetings during the year. We have invited the Superintendents of Business and Superintendents of Education to the two day meetings, as the first day is a session with Ken Leithwood. We see this as an excellent learning opportunity for all involved. Day two will consist of meetings within our groups and will culminate in a sharing session with all involved.

We welcome Colleen Kappel as the PNC/Misa Lead for NOEL region. Colleen is replacing Marie Clarke, whom we wish a happy retirement. Colleen will help guide us with research projects and our use of data to drive improvement within our region. Welcome Colleen.

The NOEL members continue to collaborate to improve the lives of our youth in Northwestern Ontario.

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Working Smarter

A Conference for Frontline Support Personnel

April 7 & 8, 2011

Your Frontline Conference committee has been working diligently to finalize a brochure for the upcoming conference which is entitled "Working Smarter!". Although it should be in your hands very soon, we wanted to outline the plan to date and to share a few highlights. We will be returning to the Valhalla for the opening day of our conference on Thursday April 7, 2011. At that time Brian Woodland, APR (Director of Communications and Strategic Partnerships, Peel District School Board) will be giving both a workshop (Do You Have Them At Hello?) and a keynote (You've Got The Power) after our Dinner Buffet.

The following morning after a Breakfast Buffet, participants will be going to a variety of sites to take part in hands-on workshops to hone their skills in Word, Excel, Groupwise and presentation software. Due to the variety of sites, participants will receive a lunch at their site and an invitation to share their thoughts through an online evaluation. Your brochure should arrive by Valentine's Day, so keep an eye and sign up early as presenters will be asking for your input to tailor workshops to your needs.





PRESENTERS CALL FOR PROPOSALS

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LITERACY

August 23 & 24, 2011
Nor'wester Resort Hotel
Thunder Bay

LITERACY

The plans for the Summer Literacy Conference which will be held on August 23 and 24 at the Nor'Wester Resort Hotel are well underway. Your committee has held lengthy discussions to try and allow for new input as well as in-depth opportunities to learn from each other, both at and beyond the conference. Given the new ministry document "Growing Success", we have decided that a focus on the area of Assessment and Evaluation will provide an opportunity for shared practice as well as chance to broaden and deepen our collective understanding. To that end we have invited Damian Cooper to facilitate our first day together, sharing his expertise in the field and

providing an opportunity for participants to share theirs. On Day 2, there will be a choice of workshops offered by local and external experts in both English and French. We are working to extend the conference beyond a one-time event, to an event that is compatible with your teaching and learning goals. To that end, presenters will be eliciting participants learning goals and questions prior to the conference. After the conference, there will be follow-up opportunities through webinars or electronic gatherings. At the present time, we are looking for people interested in sharing their expertise with their colleagues. A Call for Proposals which can be accessed at the link below has been sent out to all. We would hope to see your submissions by March 2 so that we can have a brochure out after March Break.

Summer Literacy CALL FOR PROPOSALS is

<http://www.noelonline.ca/resources/2011LiteracyCallForProposal.pdf>

LEADERSHIP

October 12 - 14, 2011
Valhalla Inn
Thunder Bay

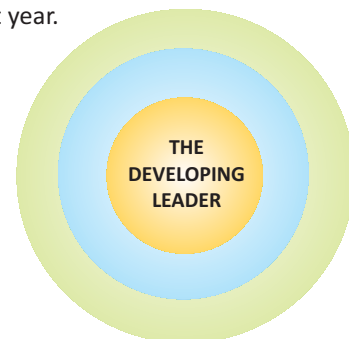


LEADERSHIP

The Fall Leadership Conference will be held at the Valhalla Inn from October 12 through 14, 2011. This year, having made a conscious effort to align our conference practices with the Ontario Leadership Framework, we will spend one day working in Board-based and Cross-regional groups to explore, share and hone our practice. This Thursday session will begin as a large group and will be facilitated by Michael Fullan, Ken Leithwood and Bev Freedman. A variety of workshops will be offered on the Friday morning by both local and external experts. If you are interested in sharing your practices with colleagues, please go to the following link to submit a proposal.

Our goal at this conference is to involve participants as a natural and ongoing extension of their professional learning. To that end, we will be asking for participant input prior to the conference and offer opportunities for ongoing learning and sharing after the conference through webinars and electronic meetings. We hope to hear from you with your proposals and to see you at the conference next year.

- Support the Ontario Leadership Framework
- Provide opportunities for learning for Aspiring, School and System Leaders
- Facilitate networking across the region
- Share best leadership practices in the region



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FRAMEWORK



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SUMMER 2011 Watch for information coming soon!



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