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Conference Review

Working Smarter

A Conference for Frontline Support Personnel



2012 Frontline Conference
FREE Registration Winner:
Karen Peloquin (KPDSB)

April 18 & 19, 2011

Our Frontline Conference 2011 used a very different format this year. Brian Woodland, Superintendent of Communication from Peel DSB kicked off Day 1 with his address "Do you have them at Hello?" Throughout this session and the following keynote, Brian emphasized the importance of the role of Frontline staff and the fragility of a good reputation. Using humour and personal anecdotes, he shared statistics regarding public opinion and gave many practical tips to help us develop, maintain and extend a positive impression, even when dealing with challenging situations. He covered everything from your telephone message through email suggestions to the importance of a smile and kept us laughing throughout.

"Mr. Woodland is an excellent speaker - I think he had most of us within the first 5 minutes - I thoroughly enjoyed his speech"

For those people who were unable to attend or for those who wish to revisit some of these thoughts, the Peel Board website includes a number of tips (www.peelschools.org).

Brian referenced a number of books including:

Crazy Busy: Overstressed, Overbooked and About to Snap
Silent Messages

Dr. Albert Mehrabian

The Buzz

David Freemantle

Calming Upset Customers

Rebecca L. Morgan

Send

David Shipley & Will Schealbe

Thank you to all participants who sent in their evaluations.
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It was a breath of fresh air having a guest speaker who could relate and speak to the challenges we face in our work sites. More often than not, guest speakers 'generalize' and often cannot possibly understand what truly happens in a work site. His presentation while filled with humour, also validated the importance of our job being the front line worker.

On Day 2, we made our first ever attempt at offering Technical training at a variety of sites around the city. All participants were very positive, despite a number of glitches. While this area remains an area of interest for many, we will need to rework the way in which we undertake these types of sessions in the future. We really appreciated the many helpful comments that came out in the evaluations. As Brian said in

"Brian was great! He is funny, serious and kept us on our toes! His presentation was very informing especially when he used real life examples. This made his presentation outstanding."

his presentation, if we are going to improve things, we need to know what isn't working.

Your Frontline Conference Planning Committee will be meeting in May to begin plans for next Spring. If you have any suggestions that you would like to see included, please forward them to any of the Committee members listed below.

Frontline Conference Committee

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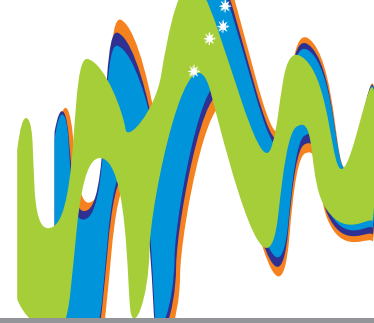
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"Brian is an excellent speaker and the passion he has for "WOW" service inspires everyone to excel. His handout and resource material references were very helpful."



Weighing In: An In Depth look at Assessment and Evaluation

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

Plans for our Summer Literacy Conference-Weighing In: An In Depth look at Assessment and Evaluation, are well underway. Participants will be able to ease into school preparations while still enjoying the great outdoors at the Nor'wester Resort Hotel on Tuesday, August 23 and Wednesday August 24.

In an effort to provide teachers with a forum for exploring new information and sharing exemplary practices, **Day 1** of the conference will feature **Damian Cooper** in a full day institute entitled: ***Redefining Fair: How to plan, assess and grade for excellence in mixed ability classes.*** This interactive session will allow participants to meet their own learning goals through input from Damian as well as opportunities to share experiences with other teachers in a similar setting.

Day 2 will follow a more traditional workshop format, in which teachers will be able to pursue specific topics at greater depth. Please see the list below for the upcoming workshops.

The official brochure should be arriving on a screen near you very soon, so mark August 23 and 24 on your calendars and keep your eyes open.

- Summer Literacy Conference Workshops**
- Summing Up Success*** (Laura Benson)
 - Creating A Positive Classroom Environment*** (Darryl Fawcett)
 - Improving Aboriginal Students' Literacy Skills Through Concrete, Kinesthetic and Community Literacy Activities*** (Tesa Fiddler, Catherine Forbes, Shannon McQuilter-Viau and Jen Rissanen)
 - Early Primary-Oral Language Literacy Drama Activities*** (Joan Halonen)
 - La Culturosit *** (Nicole Thibeault)
 - Assessment In Differentiated Instruction*** (Holly Szumowski, Shannon Jessiman)
 - Mobility In The Classroom*** (Rob Policicchio)
 - Solutions to Support Assessment for Learning*** (Diane Findlay)
 - Evaluation en franais*** (Nicole Thibeault)



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Leadership Fall 2011

October 12 - 14, 2011
Valhalla Inn
Thunder Bay



NOEL Conference Information

LEARNING LEADERS

Our 2011 Leadership Conference will kick off on Wednesday October 12 at the Valhalla Inn with **Don Allison** (*The Mark of a Leader*), who will share his vision of Leadership through humour and storytelling. Thursday, October 13 will be organized more like an institute, with participants working together in a large group throughout the day. **Dr. Ken Leithwood** will be facilitating the group in the morning as we work to understand "*School and System Strategies of Closing Achievement Gaps*" and then continuing his ongoing work with Directors in the afternoon. The afternoon session will be led by **Bev Freedman** as she helps us to discover: "*Improvement Plans: what's working, what isn't and why? How can we tell and why is it important?*" Friday morning, we will once again

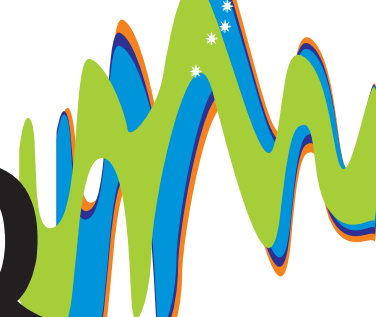


have an opportunity to participate in a series of workshops to allow participants an opportunity to pursue specific interests, including:

- Robert Dunn: *Improving Student Achievement***
- AJ Keene: *Leading Teachers through the Paradigm Shift of 21st Century Learning***
- Michelle Probizanski: *Using the Practices and Competencies of the Leadership Framework to Move a Vision Forward in a School***
- Donna Fry: *Leaders Learning Styles***

We hope that you will all be able to participate, so please mark your calendars for October 12-14 and keep an eye open for the upcoming brochure.

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NOEL ONLINE

Visit www.noelonline.ca for a complete list of courses and for more information about online courses.

Aboriginal Series

- First Nations Culture and the Environment
- First Nations of Canada
- First Nations of Canada: Aspects of Culture and Heritage
- The Social History of the Algonquian People
- Integrating Native Culture with the Curriculum and in the Classroom
- First Nations Perspectives in the Classroom
- And more!

General Series

- Primary Mathematics through Aboriginal Art
- Junior Math Comes Alive Through Aboriginal Art
- Intermediate Math Comes Alive Through Aboriginal Art
- Enhancing Oral Language in the Core French Classroom
- Math Strategies to Support Students at Risk 7/8
- Math Strategies to Support Students at Risk 9/10
- Reading Strategies to Support Students at Risk 7/8
- Reading Strategies for Grades 9 and 10
- Making Sense of Math Problem Solving
- Developing Number Sense in the Primary Grades
- Balanced Math
- Math Instruction Best Practices
- EQAO: Education Quality and Accountability Office
- Running Records
- Assessment as a Planning Tool: Grades 1 - 8
- And more!

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Principal's Qualification Program Part I – Summer 2011
Apply by June 20

- On campus in Thunder Bay Monday, July 4 to Friday, July 8 and Monday, July 11 to Friday, July 15 between 8 am and 5 pm. (Maximum of 8 hours of class per day, to a total of 70 hours)
- 5 weeks distance in the Fall = 30 Hours*
- * Video conferences from 6pm to 9pm EST Wednesdays plus online components. (Dates to be confirmed in July)

Summer AQ Courses

<p>Online Courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindergarten Religious Education, Part I French as a Second Language, Part I Special Education, Part I and II Reading, Part I and II Integration of ICT in Instruction, Part I English as a Second Language, Part I Senior Curriculum & Instruction (Sr. ABQ)- Health and Physical Education 	<p>Independent Study Courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guidance and Career Education, Part I English as a Second Language, Part II Co-operative Education, Part I and II <p>Retreat Courses: <i>Blended delivery courses with online components and face-to-face retreats in Southern Ontario</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor Experiential Education+ (Norval, ON) Environmental Science / Environmental Studies, Part I* (Bracebridge, ON)
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Register online at <http://education.lakeheadu.ca/PDE>

*Field trip fee for retreat components

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**ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATION COURSES
OPEN TO ALL QUALIFIED TEACHERS**

SUMMER 2011

Application Deadline: June 13, 2011

Application forms, auditing fees, information on registration procedures, etc. are available on the website:

www.lakeheadschoools.ca/aq

Guidance and Career Education, Part 2*
July 4 to July 15 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Westgate C. & V. I.
Instructor: Catherine Forbes
Course Code: EAQ9052 SU

Reading, Part 1*
(Primary and Junior focus)
July 4 to July 15 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Jim McCuaig Education Centre
Instructor: Carol Rasmussen
Course Code: EAQ9061 SU

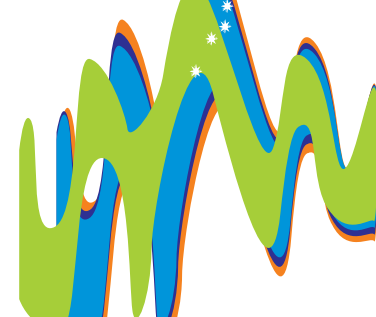
*Indicates that AQ Courses are offered in a classroom setting (face-to-face) with an online component.

Integration of Information and Computer Technology in Instruction, Part 2 (Fully Online)
July 4 to August 5
Instructor: Daniel Denommé
Course Code: EAQ9652 SU

Mathematics, Primary and Junior, Part 2 and Part 3*
June 8, 15 and 22 (Wednesdays) 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
July 8 to 13 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Jim McCuaig Education Centre
Instructor: Nicole Walter Rowan
Course Code: EAQ9762 SU and EAQ9763 SU



ALL COURSES REQUIRE A MINIMUM ENROLMENT IN ORDER TO PROCEED



Exciting Changes

In the conference news, I had mentioned that participants will be able to meet their own learning goals. In fact, when you register for the conference you will have an opportunity to share those goals with us. In this way, presenters will be able to better prepare for the sessions that you attend. Our first day has been re-designed to be significantly more interactive to allow participants to learn from each other as well as the presenters. In our past

evaluations, we have also heard many times that it would be nice to “continue the conversation” beyond the conference. This year, we are going to attempt to do just that by some form of post-conference encounter. We are working on 2 webinars to take place after the conference and possibly an electronic group conference. Look for the next edition of NOELights for more information.

Ideas?

We are always searching for new ways to meet the needs of all three conference groups: Frontline, Teachers & Leaders.

If you have suggestions that you would like us to incorporate please contact Carol at carolv@noelonline.ca

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