

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Spring 2016 School Councils' Conference
April 7-9th Yukon Inn, Whitehorse

Keynote Speaker: Debbie Pushor

Saturday April 9



Debbie will lead us in considering the questions: What is the place of parents in the schooling and education of their children?

How might attending to the learning of children in the context of families and communities change the current nature of our school systems, and enhance educational outcomes for students and all other stakeholders?

In exploring these questions, Debbie will discuss the attributes of authentic parent engagement, attributes which are critical markers in the meaningful positioning of parents in their children's teaching and learning.

Debbie Pushor, PhD, is the mother of three adult sons, Cohen, Quinn, and Teague. She is a Professor in the Department of Curriculum Studies at the University of Saskatchewan. Debbie has engaged in narrative inquiries into parent knowledge and into parent engagement and leadership. In her work, she makes central an often absent or underrepresented conversation about the positioning of parents in relation to school landscapes. Debbie, in collaboration with the Parent Engagement Collaborative (cohorts of graduate students), has published 2 books:

[*“Portals of Promise: Transforming Beliefs and Practices through a Curriculum of Parents”*](#) (Sense Publishers, 2013); and

[*“Living as Mapmakers: Charting a Course with Children Guided by Parent Knowledge”*](#) (Sense Publishers, 2015). Currently, Debbie and the Parent Engagement Collaborative III are creating a video series for parents and educators to present concepts from the two books in a different form.