

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

2016 YUKON SCHOOL COUNCILS' CONFERENCE & AYSCBC AGM

Thursday, April 7th evening, and Friday and Saturday, April 8th & 9th All day
Yukon Inn, Whitehorse

AGENDA*

Thursday, Apr. 7th

6:30pm Welcome

6:45pm - Introduction of & Learning through the "Blanket Exercise"

8:45pm Over the past year or so, teachers, school administrators and students in Yukon schools have had the opportunity to participate in the Blanket Exercise. This participatory, highly engaging and often emotional activity walks participants through the 500 year history of relationships between indigenous and non-indigenous people in Canada. It raises awareness of some of the practices that impacted the lives of Aboriginal peoples, and through dialogue moves us towards a better understanding of the past and relationships in the present. **Janet McDonald, First Nations Programs & Partnerships, Yukon Education**



NOTE: There will be a refreshment break mid-way through this session.

Friday, Apr. 8th

8:00am Breakfast

2:30pm Health & refreshment break

8:30am Welcoming Remarks and Introductions & Overview of the Day

2:45pm **Committee and Working group Updates—Q & A opportunity**
Delegates will have a chance to ask questions, and seek clarification and understanding on the status, decisions, recommendations, & future plans of the various Yukon Education committees.
Judy Arnold, Deputy Minister, Yukon Education & colleagues

9:00am **ROUNDTABLE**
All School Councils responding to 3 questions that celebrate the wins and bring forward what is most pressing at the School Council level

10:00am Health & refreshment break

3:45pm **Choose a breakout session:**

10:15am **ROUNDTABLE continued**

11:15am **RECOMMENDATIONS**
A gathering and documenting of any Recommendations put forward from the assembled School Council conference delegates

- A. I have more questions regarding committees.....
- B. Smaller group discussion for rural School Councils/communities
- C. Smaller group discussion for Whitehorse School Councils/catchment areas

12noon LUNCH on site and networking opportunity

1:00pm **AYSCBC Annual General Meeting & Election of Executive Members**

4:30pm **Gathering before adjournment for the day**

Saturday, Apr 9th

8:00am	Breakfast	12:30pm	Information session on School Council elections for anyone seeking more details
8:30am	Welcoming Remarks and Introductions Overview of the Day		
8:45am	Parent engagement and enhancing student learning outcomes, Part 1 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? Debbie Pushor, Professor of Curriculum Studies, University of Saskatchewan and author	1:00pm	Choose a breakout session: A. School Council Authority—what does actualizing this look like? B. Smaller group session on using circles with the Restorative Approach
10:00am	Health & refreshment break	2:15pm	Next Steps in Moving Forward with Authentic Parent Engagement in our Schools How can parent knowledge, used alongside teacher knowledge, inform decisions made in schools and enhance curricular programming and student learning outcomes? Debbie Pushor, Professor of Curriculum Studies, University of Saskatchewan and author
10:15am	Parent engagement and enhancing student learning outcomes, Part 2 <i>Continued from above</i>	3:30pm	Adjournment of the Spring 2016 School Councils' Conference
11:00am	Restorative Approach and Practices Interested in learning how to increase attendance, connectedness, and academic performance while at the same time reducing negative behaviours and having fewer conflicts? Restorative practices are a well researched set of approaches used to build healthy communities, repair harm, and restore relationships. The emphasis is on addressing harm and building relationships, rather than administering punishment. Liza Manolis, School Community Consultant, Yukon Education		
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