



Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations

FALL CONFERENCE 2016

November 5th, 2016

Beaconsfield High School

250 Beaurepaire

Beaconsfield, Quebec

8:30-3:30

LEARNING THE LESSONS OF HISTORY: CREATING A NEW NARRATIVE FOR CANADA

Keynote Speaker: Nakuset, Executive Director of the Native Women's Shelter of Montreal, Creator, producer and host of the television series "Indigenous Power", as well as being voted "Woman of the Year" by the Montreal Council of Women.

Plenary Panel Discussion- Changes to the History and Social Studies curricula at both the elementary and secondary levels are being examined across Canada. How much of our history has been ignored or left out entirely? One clear example involves Canada's behind the scenes true relationship with its Indigenous peoples. The time for truth and reconciliation is long overdue.

An exciting panel of educators will give us their perspectives on why changing our narrative is necessary to understanding who we are as a nation. Our children deserve a legacy of truth in the telling.

Panelists:

Kevin Deer-school teacher at the Karonhianonhnha Mohawk Immersion School since 1989. In the older traditional teachings in the Longhouse he is also a Faithkeeper and helps to perform the ceremonies, songs, speeches, and dances of the Mohawk people.

Dorothy Williams- Masters in History and in Library Studies and a Doctorate in Library and Information studies with a specialization in African Canadian Bibliography and Archives. She brings significant content about the African –Canadian experience. She has authored three books: Blacks in Montreal 1628-1986 – An Urban Demography,(1989); The Road to Now: A history of Blacks in Montreal, (1997); and finally, Les Noirs à Montréal, 1628-1986: essai de démographie urbaine.(1998.)

Robert Green - teacher and Senior Social Sciences Department Head at Westmount High School. He has taught the History of Canada and Quebec secondary 3 & 4 course of study and is an outspoken critic of the current History Curriculum. He believes that Quebec needs a history

curriculum that is focused on its francophone majority, yet inclusive of the significant contributions of its minority communities.

Moderator:

Simon Jacobs, founder Exposition Shalom Quebec which researched and produced an exhibition on the Jewish community of Quebec City that was showcased for the 400th anniversary of Quebec City in 2008. Simon has been a member of the Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network Board of Directors since 2009, and the president since 2013. In 2015, he and Pierre Anctil published a book called *Les Juifs de Quebec* that reveals the rich history of four hundred years in Quebec through a series of essays and archival photographs.

In addition to Keynote and Panel discussion there will be a selection of Workshops:

- * Cultivating and Enhancing your child's self-esteem
 - * Uncovering the Mysteries of Anxiety
 - * Volunteering Matters- Mission Driven Volunteering
- As well as two literacy workshops:
- * Quebec Reading Connection
 - * **READING:** Do the books in our schools reflect our society's diversity and cultural identities?

Regional Council Meetings and Lunch will round out the day's activities

\$25.00 registration fee for Home and School members

\$35.00 registration fee for the General Public

For more information and/or to register, contact:

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About the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations-

The Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations (QFHSA) was officially inaugurated in May 1944 and was granted its Articles of Incorporation (Letters Patent under the Quebec Companies Act) in August 1959.

QFHSA is an independent, incorporated, not-for-profit volunteer organization dedicated to enhancing the education and general wellbeing of children and youth. QFHSA promotes the involvement of parents, students, educators and the community at large in the advancement of learning and acts as a voice for parents. We are a federation of local Home and School Associations driven by one objective: to provide a caring and enriched educational experience for students. The over four thousand (4,000) family members of Home and School Associations come from all sectors of society: working parents, stay-at-home parents, grandparents, educational professionals and other ordinary citizens with an interest in maintaining a high level of education in this province.