

Global Education

“Looking Out to Join In”

A THREE PART SERIES ON GLOBAL EDUCATION



Session # 3

Promises and Challenges for Global Citizenship

DATE: Tuesday, February 12, 2008
TIME: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
LOCATION: Simon Wiesenthal Centre
(www.fswc.ca)
5075 Yonge Street (416 864 9735)
between Empress and Hillcrest, opposite Mel Lastman Square

PARKING: public around the area after 6pm
TRANSIT: TTC subway stop North York Centre, then walk south
ACCESSIBILITY elevator contact FSWC for details

Dr. Mark Evans OISE

Educating for global citizenship: Emerging understandings and practices

Despite growing interest in, and support, there has been little research into teachers' understandings and/or practices of what it means to educate for global citizenship. This session will explore briefly emerging perspectives and practices in relation to educating for citizenship in classrooms and schools.

Michael Etedgui Educational Consultant FSWC

Global hatred on the Internet: Implications for the classroom

Michael will lead an interactive session based on the Centre's annual report: *Digital Terrorism and Hate* documenting how extremist groups use the Internet to recruit youngsters to their organizations.

This may also serve as a lead-in to PDK's research series for 2008-9: The Promise and Peril of New Technologies in the Classroom.



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Global Education Series: Session Two by John Myers

The second session of our research series on Global Education was held before a sizable crowd at Pierre Laporte Middle School in North York.

This session focused on Global Ed Curriculum: Past, Present, and Future and was packed with insights that built on the first session in the series. We began with curriculum representing the totality of experiences in school as Principal Pam Tylee and her teachers at Pierre Laporte outlined their school's focus "From Me to We". Working with a number of organizations, including Free the Children, teachers demonstrated through student examples that at the middle school level students have an ethic of care. They want to grapple with or work on solving some of the world's serious problems, from war to child labour and sexual exploitation. We in the audience look forward to hearing of this school's progress as it strives to make the world a better place.

From there John Myers from OISE offered a little history lesson into a course on Canada's Multicultural Heritage: an optional course for grades 9-10 from the mid 1970s to mid 1980s. As well as describing his role in designing the Toronto Board's response to this ministry initiative he noted that the course involved changes in pedagogy as well as content. He wondered aloud what Ontario would be like had the course continued and evolved through to 2008 and beyond. Perhaps it is time to return to this aspect of the past.

Brian O'Sullivan from the York Region Catholic District School Board also concluded his analysis of global trends on curriculum with questions.

- Are we educating our students for the future: a future which will hit them as they reach adulthood if not earlier?
- What kind of global society do we value?
- Are we committed to cultivating a global ethic in our students?
- Are we preparing our students for this world of rapid economic change and political uncertainty?

Stan Hallman-Chong concluded the evening with an address challenging teachers in one key area of the curriculum, History. He asked them to rethink their narrative, and the assumptions they make about the nature of national identity.

Lots of questions were raised. Can we come up with answers in time?

Next session on Feb. 12 will bring all of this to a climax. See you then.



Participants examine resources from Pierre Laporte



Susanna presents Principal Pam Tylee with a gift of appreciation



Presenter Brian O'Sullivan discussed global trends on curriculum



Susanna and Susan thank presenter Stan Hallman-Chong



The full slate of presenters at the second session of the Global Education Series are pictured with the Chapter President, Walt Winchell.

Trip to Niagara – by Irene Manahan

On Friday, November 9, Carolyn Moras, Susan Seidman, Eleanor Pierre and I, Irene Manahan, headed to Niagara Falls to meet up with some Niagara Kappans and to attend a concert at the Niagara Centre for the Arts.

The drive there was shortened by stimulating conversation while we actually accomplished some useful tasks such as putting labels on PDK envelopes, brought along by the ever practical Carolyn. What foresight!

After arriving in Niagara Falls we just had enough time for a brief visit to the Bird World next door to Michaels Inn where we joined Elizabeth Manker and friends for a delicious dinner. This was followed by pre/post prandials at Elizabeth's house where we were greeted by the bushy Nanook. A plaque displaying PDK magazine covers was presented to Elizabeth, which will be used to enhance PDK's visibility in the Niagara Region.

The Arts Centre was located across the street from our hostess where a lively and most enjoyable concert awaited us. Canadian Angèle Dubeau (Montreal Conservatory of Music, Juilliard School of Music, Romania) is an accomplished violinist who has performed worldwide. The concert was such a success that two encores were played for the appreciative audience. What a wonderful way for PDK members to get together and enjoy fellowship with a cultural component.

After bidding our hostess farewell, we viewed the spectacular Niagara Falls Cavalcade of Lights, a lovely way to round out a successful and stimulating evening.

On our way home, with the wintry setting and having met Nanook, our conversation turned North to the Arctic, and, upon Susan's request, I'm recounting an experience Charlie, my husband, and I had there in 1964.

At that time, the school system in Frobisher Bay, nowadays know as Iqaluit, encompassed Grades 1 to 12, following the Alberta curriculum. Stan, one of Charlie's teachers at Sir Martin Frobisher School, who taught the "shop" subject, had two Inuit build him an igloo beside his "shop", so that the complete igloo was above ground and not half "buried" in snow, as they usually are. This igloo was just too enticing for me so that I kept after Charlie to see if we could spend a night there. Mission accomplished! Stan agreed to spend the night elsewhere and we arranged to have Eekalook stay with the children. We were ready to "rough" it for a night.

What met us was a raised plank with an electric blanket on it (connected to the "shop"), another blanket and a candle sitting on a ledge. It was cold – to be sure – but we snuggled in our "bed," talked a bit and fell asleep.

The big surprise came when I awoke the next morning, raised my head and looked straight out into the great white "outdoors." We had forgotten to extinguish the candle which had melted a lovely symmetrical hole in Stan's abode. It was too cold to get back to sleep, so we headed back "home," knocking on doors and windows, all in vain, until finally Andy, our eldest, heard us and let us in.

On our way home from Niagara Falls, Carolyn, our driver, laughed so hard at this that I was concerned for our safety, but, needless to say, we arrived home safely amid great hilarity.

P.S. A hole in an igloo is easily fixed!

PDK, U of T Chapter Reaches beyond Toronto Borders

WEST - Our Niagara Concert socials are opportunities for all Kappans and Friends, especially those west of Toronto, to stay connected, have fun, and be aware of issues educators face beyond Metro.

NORTH - We are currently working on setting up an event north of Toronto. We are committed to having an array of events and geographical venues to better enable Kappans to enjoy the fellowship of PDK.

EAST - Both the summer barbecues and our Book Club are pleasureable and stimulating ways to become better acquainted with all Kappans and Friends, especially those east of Toronto.



Mary-El Milosh
Book Club Coordinator



Elizabeth Manker is presented with the Kappan Poster by Irene Manahan, Eleanor Pierre, Carolyn Moras and Susan Seidman

SPARKLING CELEBRATION - HISTORICAL SETTING - AND PDK WAS THERE!

2008 NEW YEAR'S LEVEE: We were honoured to accept the invitation issued by The Honourable David C. Onley, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and Mrs. Ruth Ann Onley to attend the Levee on 1 January 2008 at the Legislative Building at Queen's Park.

We were extremely impressed with the historical significance of this magnificent building and the display of paintings, records, and artifacts that surrounded us as we made our way through areas leading towards the official greeting and sincerely warm welcome from the Lieutenant Governor and his wife. The music from the various entertainment groups was spiritually uplifting, the reception was gracious, and we were truly entertained - and educated. With loyal PDK colleagues Ed and Jocelyn Badovinac, Susan Seidman, and Carolyn Moras; - it was a memorable day!

By: Elizabeth Manker



Ed and Jocelyn Badovinac at the New Year's Levee



Elizabeth Manker (above and below), Susan Seidman and Carolyn Moras (below) stand with books and PDK bags donated to the Lieutenant Governor's Book Drive

Lieutenant Governor January 2008 Book Drive for Aboriginal Children

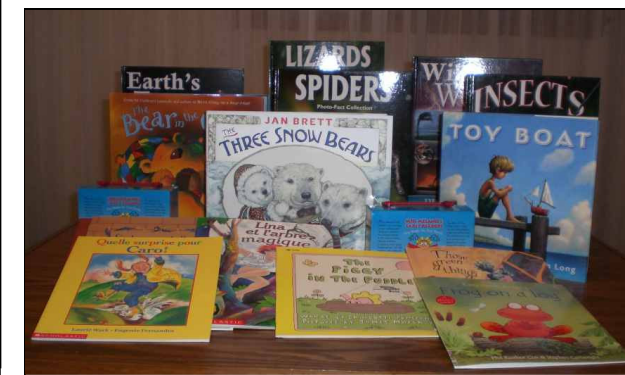
In 2004, The Hon. James K. Bartleman, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario was PDK's Outstanding Educator for initiating the Northern Book Drive to support literacy in fly-in communities. His successor in office, The Honourable David C. Onley, is continuing the initiative with a January 2008 Book Drive of new books for aboriginal youth in northern Ontario's fly-in First Nation communities. The levee launched the Lieutenant Governor's 2008 Book Drive which continues to January 18.

PDK, University of Toronto Chapter, is supporting the drive and encourages Kappans to buy a new children's book. While the books can be dropped at any Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachment throughout the province or at any Toronto Police Services station within the Greater Toronto Area through 18 January 2008, we encourage you to help us coordinate the chapter efforts.

We would like to tabulate the number of books collected by Kappans. To help us keep track, we ask that you do one of two things when you contribute. Either contact one of our executive and give books to them for us to put with our contribution at the upcoming executive meeting or, if you drop books off at a police station, will you please e-mail or phone Past President Carolyn Moras re your contribution. Each one adds up. 416-497-3034 cjmoras@rogers.com



It was a pleasure to re-connect with Fiona Nelson, Pdk's Outstanding Educator of 2000, at the TEOF Auction



Support the Lieutenant Governor's Book Drive

PDK U of T Executive will be collecting for the Lieutenant Governor's Book Drive! Contact an Executive to donate.