

IXth Trinational Conference
*Towards Public and Democratic
Education*

May 7 - 9, 2010



*Université du Québec à Montréal
405, rue Ste-Catherine East
Marie Gérin-Lajoie Auditorium
Room J-M400
Montreal (Quebec)*



Programme

Friday May 7, 2010

- 12:30 - 2 pm **Visit of the Cégep Vieux Montréal** – 255, rue Ontario East
Meeting point in the front lobby of Cégep at 12:30 pm or departure from the Hotel des gouverneurs at 12:10 pm
- 2 pm - 5 pm **Guided Tour of « L'Autre Montréal »**
Departure from the Cégep du Vieux Montréal—
255, rue Ontario East
- 5 pm - 7 pm Possibility of meetings between national delegations
Supper at your leisure
- 7 pm - 9:30 pm **Public Conference**
Marie Gérin-Lajoie Auditorium, UQÀM

« TOWARDS PUBLIC AND DEMOCRATIC EDUCATION IN NORTH AMERICA »

The numerous attacks on public education in North America follow the same logic but take many different forms. In order to counter the devastating effects of privatization, we must understand its mechanisms. This conference will focus on the current state of public education and privatization in Mexico, the United States, Canada and Quebec.

- Speakers** Irene Lanzinger (BCTF – Canada)
Julie Washington (UTLA – United States)
Azael Santiago Chepi (SNTE/CNTE – Mexico)
Réjean Parent (CSQ – Quebec)
- Leader** Jean Trudelle, FNEEQ



Programme

Saturday May 8, 2010

Breakfast at your leisure

8 - 9 am **Registration** - Marie Gérin-Lajoie Auditorium Lobby

9 - 9:30 am **Plenary** - Marie Gérin-Lajoie Auditorium

Word of welcome, general orientation of the day and presentation of workshops.

Workshop objectives: Put forward proposals for promoting the development of truly public and democratic educational systems in North America.

**Leaders : Julie-Catherine Pélissier, CSQ
Claude Vaillancourt, FNEEQ**

9:45 - 11: 45 **Workshops**

1. Schools and Marginalization – room A – 1785

**With: Gabriel Torres (LRFT – United States)
Michael Domínguez Briseño (Trinational Coalition – Mexico)
Jean Falardeau (FPPE-CSQ – Québec)**

Schools do not treat all students equally. It has become increasingly difficult for the poor, and cultural minorities to pursue their education with success. Priority must be given to developing schools that can meet the growing needs of these communities and ensure their academic success.

Leader : Isabelle Bouchard, FNEEQ

Secretary : Gabriel Danis, CSQ



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2. Winning strategies – Marie Gérin-Lajoie Auditorium

With : Pierre Côté (OSSTF – Canada)
Bob Peterson (Rethinking Schools – United States)
Pedro Hernández Morales (CNTE – Mexico)
Pierre Jobin (CSQ – Quebec)

The current state of public education in the face of constant privatization can seem overwhelming. However, several victories have been achieved by educators in the past few years. This workshop will provide an overview of these victories in order to inspire others. Focus will also be put on the possibility of modeling future campaigns on these successful struggles.

Leader : Madeleine Ferland, FNEEQ
Secretary : Jacques Tondreau, CSQ

3. Making Education a Priority— Democratization and State Funding of Primary and Secondary Education – room A – 1824

With : John Ehinger (Manitoba Teachers' Society – Canada)
Rosemary Lee (UTLA – United States)
Francisco Bravo Herrera (CNTE – Mexico)
Josée Scalabrini (FSE-CSQ – Quebec)

For many governments, education is far from being a priority. In fact the biggest constant is their blatant and long-standing under-funding of public school systems across the board. The economic crisis has exacerbated this phenomenon. This workshop will focus on developing strategies to raise public awareness and promote the importance of an adequately funded and quality education system, with increased input from those who use the public education system (students, parents, and teachers) .

Leader : Jean Trudelle, FNEEQ
Secretary : Luc Allaire, CSQ



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Saturday May 8, 2010 (cont.)

12 - 1:30 pm **Lunch** – at “La Boîte à lunch”
(Metro Level of the Hubert Aquin Building)

1:30 - 15:30 pm **Workshops**

4. Education and Indigenous Peoples – room A – 1785

Avec : **Marjorie Dumont (BCTF – Canada)**
 Jorge Cázares Torres (CNTE – Mexico)
 Nicole De Sève (CSQ – Quebec)

The state of education in almost every Native American community is alarming: marginalization, social issues, poverty, under funding, low graduation levels etc... We must support native peoples in their struggle to improve this situation and in developing strategies.

Leader : **Domenic Bellissimo, OSSTF**
Secretary : **Gérald Pageau**

5. The Many Faces of Privatization – Marie Gérin-Lajoie Auditorium

Avec : **Patty Dalton (OSSTF – Canada)**
 Steve Miller (OEA – United States)
 María Rosario Trejo (Trinational Coalition – Mexico)
 Claude Vaillancourt (FNEEQ – Quebec)

Privatization is gaining ground in Canada, the United States and Mexico, in many different forms. The examination of the various forms privatization takes in each region is essential in order to stem the tide and to promote the development of public education.

Leader : **Luc Allaire, CSQ**
Secretary : **Myrna Chahine, FNEEQ**



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Saturday May 8, 2010 (cont.)

6. **Making education a priority** – and State Funding of Post-Secondary Education – room A – 1824

With : Viny Tirelli (CUNY – United States)
Sara Unda (Trinational Coalition – Mexico)
Marie Blais (FNEEQ – Quebec)

With the constant undermining of our post-secondary educational systems in Canada, the US and Mexico, focus needs to be oriented towards the value of higher education. This focus must start with significant state investments in order to increase access to post-secondary education.

Leader : Pierre Avignon, CSQ
Secretary : Laval Rioux, FNEEQ

15:45 - 17:30 pm **Plenary** – Marie Gérin-Lajoie Auditorium

Presentation of workshop results

Each facilitator will present the proposals put forward in each workshop. Discussion with all participants.

Leaders: Julie-Catherine Pélissier, CSQ
Claude Vaillancourt, FNEEQ

7 pm **Dinner** – Bistro Sanguinet
308, Ste-Catherine East, Montreal



Programme

Sunday May 9, 2010

Breakfast at your leisure

9 am - 12 pm **Plenary** – Marie Gérin-Lajoie Auditorium

- Conclusion of discussion on the workshops
- Presentation and adoption of Final Declaration
- Discussion on how to further the influence of the Trinational Coalition

Participants will be invited to comment on the ideas put forward by the six workshops, followed by a discussion on how to further the influence of the Trinational Coalition, closing with the adoption of the final declaration.

Leaders : **Julie-Catherine Pélessier, CSQ**
 Claude Vaillancourt, FNEEQ

12 - 1:30 pm **Lunch** – at “La Boîte à lunch”
 (Metro Level of the Hubert Aquin Building)

2 pm - 4 pm **Tour of the Old Port**
 (Meeting point at Champs-de-Mars Metro at 2 pm or Departure from « La Boîte à Lunch » at 1:30 pm)



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