

Engaging in a Conversation: Real Learning First

An evening with Dr. Stephen Murgatroyd

Date: Thursday, January 28th, 2010

Place: Stonebridge Hotel, 12102 - 100 Street, Grande Prairie

Time: 6:30 p.m. - Wine and Cheese

7:00 p.m. - Speaker presentation and discussion

Engaging in a Conversation: Real Learning First, co-sponsored by the Northern Spirit, Trumpeter and Grande Prairie and District Catholic Teachers locals of the Alberta Teachers' Association, is an evening where school community members are invited to engage in a conversation about what we truly value in our schools and what we consider as indicators of success. Dr. Stephen Murgatroyd will challenge us as education partners.

"As Alberta enters its second century as a province, it requires imaginative, creative, skilled, focused people who work well across social and cultural boundaries and who can master complexity, engage in dialogue and create the conditions in which communities can thrive."

Dr. Murgatroyd will not only describe the growing international trends in education but will also outline Alberta examples of schools attempting to broaden what it means to be educated. Following the presentation by Dr. Murgatroyd, as education partners we will engage in a conversation around three key questions:

1. What do we want from and expect of our schools?
2. How do we know if we are being successful in meeting these desires and expectations?
3. What education policies and practices will support and encourage the kind of teaching and learning we will need in the next decade?

Dr. Murgatroyd, a consultant to governments across the globe, has written and published 25 books, 29 chapters in edited works, 47 peer reviewed papers in academic journals, 45 contributions to journals and magazines and fifteen journalistic pieces in newspapers. He is a regular contributor to *The Edmonton Journal*, *Alberta Venture* and other publications and has hosted TV and radio programs, the most recent of which was a TV series on the *Future of Cities* for Canadian Learning Television.

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