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**Shelley Moore** 

Based in Vancouver, British Columbia Canada, Shelley Moore consults locally, provincially and beyond. Her presentations include school, district and provincial professional development days throughout British Columbia, as well as various leading conferences throughout North America, including CEC, CSSE, AERA, IRA and NCTE. Her interactive presentations are constructed based on contexts of specific schools and communities and integrate theory and effective practices of inclusion, special education & curriculum. She completed an undergraduate degree in Special Education at the University of

Alberta, her masters at Simon Fraser University, and is currently a SSHRC funded PhD scholar at the University of British Columbia. Along with her best selling book, One Without the Other: Stories of unity through diversity and inclusion, Shelley is an award winning SSHRC research storyteller and a TEDxspeaker highlighting her work in presuming competence.

2019 Sneak Peek

## Dr. Jody Carrington

Dr. Jody Carrington is a Clinical Psychologist who has spent most of her career working with children and families who have experienced trauma. For 10 years, she worked on the Mental Health Inpatient Units of the Alberta Children's Hospital, where she became a believer in the power of the relationship in assisting children and their families who are struggling with emotional disregulation. She developed a particular passion working with children who are in care and assisting those who



care for these babes in understanding how to best to support children who have experienced difficult stories. She believes that human connections shape neural connections.

Through the relationships that children have with their caregivers, they begin to develop the "story" of themselves and others around them, and they decide two things: whether they are worthy of love and support and whether they are capable and competent beings. Children are constantly searching for the "bigger, stronger, kinder, wise"; they need an anchor. When they have these things in place, they have a much greater chance of developing into strong, healthy, and competent adults. The good news – and why she does what she does – is that she believes it is never too late to develop these skills. To repair relationships. To regain influence. To develop (or redevelop) strong and meaningful relationships that will influence others to have strong and meaningful relationships.

# Highlights from #MPTC2018



### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Teachers pay for Convention through their ATA fees. Having
  vendors at Convention allows us to keep that cost to a minimum. In 2018, the fees that we collected from the ninety-one vendors who came to the Convention exceeded \$25,000. There are not ninety-one educational vendors who are willing to come to Grande Prairie for Convention so we must also sell those tables to other vendors. If you have any vendor suggestions please contact the Display Chair, Tasha Zboya, at mptcdisplays@gmail.com.
- Many of the vendors drive from other areas of the province and they cannot stay late during the Friday of Convention because they need to pack up and get on the road before dark.
- The MPTCA Board looked in to moving the Convention to St. Joe's and Charles Spencer and found that we would lose a significant amount of space, especially large rooms that fit more than 30 people.
- Parking is a challenge at all Teachers' Conventions in Alberta. The board realizes that there is a parking shortage. We did try a shuttle bus a couple of years ago, and it was not utilized very much and was not very efficient for getting our members where they needed to be on time. It also created more challenges because then we needed to have the space in front of the schools for those buses, which further reduced the parking available.

### Submit a Proposal!

The MPTCA knows that teachers in the Peace Region have some unique needs and they also have a lot of skills and knowledge to share with their colleagues. Having local teachers present sessions at Convention is one of the things that makes our Convention such a success!

While we can't cover travel or other expenses for local teachers (since our teachers are obligated to attend Convention anyway), we do provide a \$150 honorarium per session presented. Local teachers are now able to present up to one full day (4 sessions) of Convention.

If you are interested in presenting a session please complete the online proposal form that is now available on our website (<u>mptca.teachers.ab.ca</u>). Proposals must be received by October 15, 2018. You must complete a form for each session you would like to present. If your proposal is accepted you will be contacted via email.

Any questions or suggestions should be directed to the program chair, Jodie Dell, at <u>mptcprogramchair@gmail.com</u>.