



## Conference Development/Hosting

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**Pushor, D.** and the Parent Engagement Collaborative IV. (2018, May 30, May 31, June 1). *Walk Alongside: A Parent Engagement Forum*. College of Education, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK.\*

\*With current and former graduate students enrolled in ECUR 805.3 A Practicum in Parent and Family Engagement in Winter term, 2017 forming the planning committee, we planned and hosted a three day forum on parent engagement.

### **Forum Goal:**

*Walk Alongside: A Parent Engagement Forum* offered participants the opportunity to deepen their understanding of what parent engagement is, why it matters, and how to embed it in practice.

### **Forum Vision:**

Together we worked to interrupt the taken for grantedness of schooling to create a landscape on which parent knowledge is honoured and used alongside teacher knowledge to shape curriculum, teaching, and learning.

*Walk Alongside: A Parent Engagement Forum* offered teams of parents and educators from all backgrounds the opportunity to work together in a gentle revolution to have parent and family engagement become an integral aspect of all schools.

All keynotes, extended workshops, and facilitated planning were led by Debbie Pushor or former/current graduate students in master's or doctoral programs in Curriculum Studies.

### **Forum Attendance:**

With a capacity of 120 participants, the Forum sold out. 30 teams, 29 from SK and 1 from Australia, attended. 11 of 28 school divisions were represented, as well as a SK early learning not-for-profit organization.

*We are continuing to provide follow-up support and mentorship to the 30 teams through the 2018-2019 year.*