

FSL in the 21st Century: Making Communication Really Happen!

An examination of the most widely used FSL curriculum programs in Canada is based under the underlying assumption that explicit knowledge becomes a skill which enables students to speak spontaneously. However, this assumption is not supported by recent neurolinguistic research which indicates that knowledge cannot become a skill; the two are located in different areas of the brain, with no direct connection between them (Paradis, 2004). Students must construct their own internal grammar. Ex. The oral competence can only be achieved through language use rather than the learning of vocabulary and rules. What a revelation!

Come and learn more about strategies that support this NEW approach which has had great success in Canada. Its success is due primarily to the teaching strategies used which encourage the development of IMPLICIT competence for fluency and accuracy in oral communication which is critical to language acquisition.

This conference will focus on addressing the following topics:

- Who are 21st century students in the FSL classroom?
- Why is authentic oral communication so important?
- How do we make oral communication authentic?
- How do we evaluate listening and speaking?
- How do we use technology to make learning engaging?

The sessions will be lead by **Sharon Lonsberry, Second Language Coordinator, Susan Wright, System French Coordinator, Lise May, French Consultant/Coordinator and by FSL classroom teachers** who will be sharing their success stories focusing on strategies presented in the conference.

Throughout this conference you will learn research-based strategies that will transform students motivation and production in your FSL classroom. This approach really works!!!

Dates: Friday, January 20/2012 5:00pm-8:00pm
Saturday, January 21/2012 9:00am-2:30pm

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Calgary, AB

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