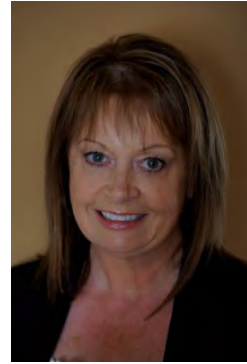


Denise Pike

Denise Pike has consistently been a champion for the cause of public education in Newfoundland and Labrador since the late 1990s, advocating tirelessly for the necessary resources, personnel and supports for the province's K-12 education system. As the former President of the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of School Councils she has publicly supported the case for increased resources for education and has lobbied strongly to have the provincial government provide the same. For many years Denise was accepted by the media and public as the "voice of parents" on matters affecting K-12 public education and has worked to provide meaningful input to government and school board decisions and strong support for teachers and schools.



Besides voicing opinions on resources, class size and other concerns regarding the education of children, Denise has also spoken strongly on other education issues. She has continually addressed the topic of teacher stress and workload and whenever requested, has joined with the NLTA to advocate for appropriate resources and funding for education. She has regularly spoken publicly on the issues and has worked with the NLTA during public campaigns and addressing the issue of teacher allocations. Denise and the executive of the NL Federation of School Councils have been vital in getting the message out about the importance of adequate resources for our education system and the children of this province.

Denise was elected to the Board of Directors Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of School Councils as 2nd Vice President in 1999-2001. She served as President from 2001-2003 and re-elected by acclamation for second term as president, 2003-2005.

Denise was the only NLFSC President elected, by special motion during an Annual General Meeting for third term, which ran from 2005-2007.

During her years of involvement with NLFSC she participated in many provincial conferences, forums and committees including:

- "Teacher Stress and Working Conditions: Implications for Teaching and Learning", the Harris Centre, Memorial University - February 2006
- The State of the Arts: Roundtable - 2006
- Teacher Allocation Model Review Commission - 2006
- ISSP/Pathways Model Review Commission - 2006
- CURA Workshops, Memorial University - 2005
- NLTA Biannual Meetings - 1999- 2007
- NLSBA Annual General Meetings - 1999-2004
- Opening ceremonies for Education Week - 2002-2005
- Panelists for CBC current affair program "Learning Curves: Education in Atlantic Canada" - October 2002.
- Provincial forum organized by Ministerial Panel on Education Reform - December 1999.
- "Special Matters: Beyond 2000 Conference" - November 1999.

Denise also represented the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of School Councils at a number of Regional and National Conferences:

- Atlantic Caucus of Home and School/School Councils Federations - 2005
- CTF Conference, “Moving from a Cult of Testing to a Culture of Professional Accountability”, in Ottawa - May,2004.
- Represented Canadian Home and School Federation, and NLFSC at Canadian School Board Association’s Congress - July 2002.
- Canadian Home and School Federation, Mid-Term Meeting - November, 1999. Ottawa.
- School Achievement Indicators Program “Expectation Setting for Science”, Charlottetown, PEI – October 1999

Denise’s volunteer efforts and work ethic earned her a number of prestigious awards:

- 2011 Life Membership Award, Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of School Councils
- 2010 Canadian Community Newspaper Association Award for Best Feature Series
- 2009 Canadian Community Newspaper Association Outstanding Journalist Award
- 2009 Atlantic Canada Community Newspaper Association for Best Photo Essay and News Story
- 2009 NL Eating Disorder Foundation Media Recognition Award
- 2007 NLTA Pat Cowan Education Advocacy Award
- 2006 Canadian National Teachers Association Advocacy for Education Award
- 2002 - Female Volunteer of the Year, M-RON, Carbonear, NL
- 2002 - Media Award, The Community Service Council, NL
- 2002- Queen’s Jubilee Gold Medal, The Honorable Ed Roberts, NL
- Outstanding contribution to education
- 2001 - Volunteer Award, The Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of School Councils, NL
- 1999 - Media Award, The Community Service Council, NL

Denise’s list of accomplishments in support of teachers and public education is long and diversified – from being an elected parent representative, lobbyist, and media spokesperson to feature writer in local newspapers. As the Executive Director of NLFSC she continues to be a strong advocate for children and for education.

Denise resides in New Harbour, Trinity Bay with her husband Max. They have 3 children Maxwell (Elaine), Sarah (Brad) and Daniel (Marquetta).