



*“Only the educated are free.”*

*- Epictetus (55 AD – 135 AD) -*



## **An Alternative Educational Setting for the LSSD**

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# The “RSC”

- The Regional Support Center is a divisional program located in Daerwood Elementary School
- “An alternative educational setting for kids that are having difficulty being successful”
- Presents a higher teacher-to-student ratio, which creates a smaller group setting



# The Beginning

- The program was started in 1991
- Was a collaboration of four school divisions:
  - Lord Selkirk (Dr. Ken McCluskey)
  - Agassiz (Se O' Hagan)
  - Evergreen (Vic Thortison)
  - Interlake (Phil Baker)

- Over time, the other divisions left, leaving the Lord Selkirk School Division in control of the RSC

# The Center



# Philosophies

- The ultimate goal for each individual student is getting them comfortably back into their regular school.
- The staff's philosophies based on:
  - Glasser's Reality Theory
  - Nick Long's Life Space Intervention Model

## Glaser's Reality Theory

A behaviour theory based on the idea that all behaviour is a choice. We are all need driven.

## Nick Long's Life Space Intervention

Life Space Model is a way to relate to kids in a crisis and find ways to communicate with them.

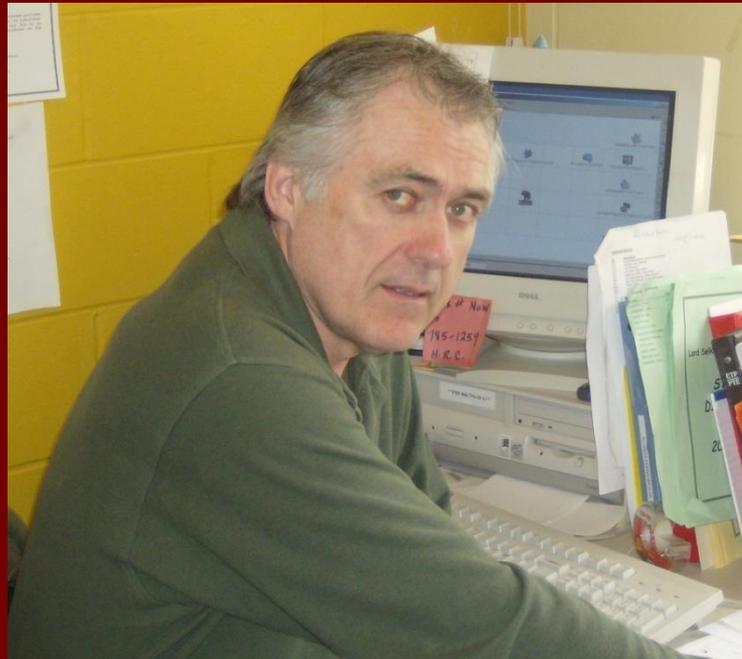
**These two philosophies are a major factor in the success of the RSC**

# The Changes

- The center has not changed drastically over the years.
- Has always been located at Daerwood Elementary School.
- The age demography has changed from grade 5-8 to 1-9 due to teacher, parent, and student feedback.

# The Success

- The RSC has received two awards:
  - The Spotlight on Excellence Award
  - Readers Digest Leadership in Education Award  
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# Pictures



# The Regional Support Center

Through the hard work of the dedicated staff of the RSC, "students who would otherwise drop out of school are now being shown that they too can succeed!"

The Words Of A Student



