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# THE SCHOOL-FAMILY RELATIONSHIP: A PROBLEM STUDIED WITHIN A PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH IN A KINDERGARTEN IN PRIORITY EDUCATION.



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# CONTEXT: THE SCHOOL-FAMILY RELATIONSHIP

- 1882: parents are the guarantors of the attendance of pupils or their education
- 1953: punishment for families who fail to attend school
- 1990: parents are designated as the school's primary partners
- 2000: Encouragement of stronger relationships with families
- 2013: Strengthen cooperation between parents and schools
- 2015: School is also built through the participation of all parents





#### **CONTEXT: PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH**

Action research, teacher research, classroom research, co-learning, cooperative inquiry, critical reflection, or practical inquiry.

- Research, not "on" but "with
- Comprehensive approach
- Co-construction between partners
- Research development professional development of the power to act





### **PROBLEMATIC**

Benefits and limitations of collaborative research to study the school-family relationship





## POSTURE AND ROLE OF THE RESEARCHER

The researcher is a resource person able to express the research and to dialogue with the field.





# **METHODOLOGY**

#### A team was created

- Three actors: a teacher, an educational supervisor, a researcher
- An outside observer: a researcher





Step 1: Reading of inspirational texts to build the interview guide (Caouette, 2012)



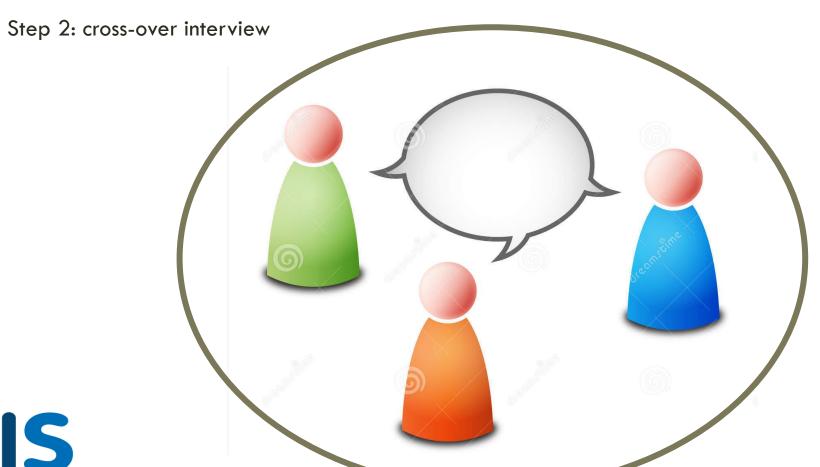


















Step 3: Cross-categorization

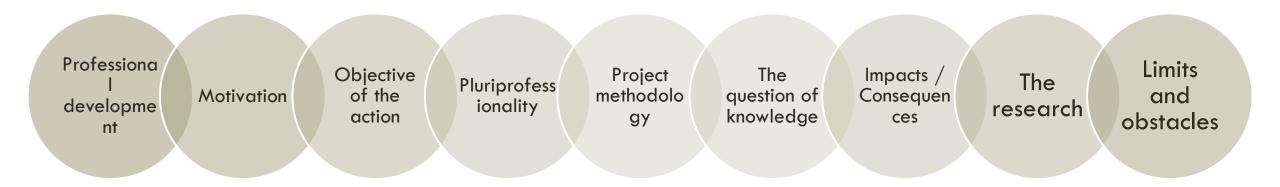






# RESULTS

# RESULTS: QUESTIONS FROM THE INSPIRATIONAL READINGS







# RESULTS: MULTI-PROFESSIONAL CATEGORIZATION OF VERBATIMS

#### Converging categorizations:

- Professional development
- Research functions
- Contrasting temporalities
- Research ethics





### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

"What does it mean to co-produce knowledge?"

"in what way do I, from my place, produce knowledge and which one?"

"for me, it refers to the notion of reflective practitioner"





### FUNCTIONS OF THE RESEARCH

#### **Distancing**

"taking the high ground"; "raising awareness"; "I didn't know that, I didn't think about it"

#### Objectivize the daily routine

"have a research team at the beginning to have, to be able to objectify this absenteeism"

#### Learnings

"what I really learned...was...about the importance of making school readable visible understandable to parents." "bring in research content, that is, a little bit of current research on the school-family relationship."

### **CONTRASTING TIMEFRAMES**

#### Research time is a long time:

"loss of memory from one session to the next, maintaining a necessary vigilance"

#### Research time as a third party for reflexivity:

"it seems to me that on my side I have a more rigorous reflection than before but afterwards I say to myself that it is also... the work we did together"

"we really settle down, we take the time, we look at what was done before, that's it, it moves forward completely differently, step by step, you know what I mean."





### **RESEARCH ETHICS:**

#### Mutual trust relationships

"it shows a trusting relationship that has been built when someone is able to ... say a negative review"

#### Contractualization

"how to operationalize the collaboration, formalize the contract along the way between all parties"

"the parents are solicited and in what way do they have a feedback, what place from the moment their data is used?"





#### SINGULAR CONCERNS

What reciprocity in research?

"research takes and gives what?"

Times opened up by the research





# DISCUSSION

### WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED EFFECTS?

- Facilitating conditions for a research with.
- Unavoidable institutional commitment
- Necessity to have the agreement of the parents involved in the uses of their participation
- Constant concern to translate and validate the point of view of the partners solicited





### WHAT ARE THE UNEXPECTED EFFECTS?

#### The place of parents is still insufficient

"parents are solicited and in what way do they have feedback, what place from the moment their data is used?"

Being baffled, the power of the unexpected

"I didn't expect it"

Co-writing





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