

TRUSTEE CONFERENCE REPORT

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Date Submitted: February 4, 2019

Name of Conference: Public Education Symposium

Sponsoring Organization: OPSBA

Theme (If any): Public Education

Conference Dates: January 24-26, 2019

Location: Toronto, Sheraton Centre

Workshops/Seminars/Presentations/Keynote Speeches Attended:

January 24, 2019

Don Drummond, who is an Adjunct Professor from Queen's University and author of 'The Drummond Report' provided the Keynote.

- there is an ideological battle coming
- cuts to education and issues re the PHE Curriculum are only the beginning
- discussion on standardized tests and the effect on students
- all roads come from education – it is the foundation of everything

Managing Polarization in Public Consultation

Eric Bergman led this informative workshop on how to manage differing opinions in the arena of public consultation.

He developed the Polarization Model and encouraged us to develop the skill of answering questions effectively especially when dealing with media.

I found this workshop to be very interesting.

Parliamentary Procedures

I attended two concurrent sessions on Parliamentary Procedure by Lori Likinuk, who is a Certified Parliamentarian. I found these sessions to be a good refresher for my understanding of Parliamentary Procedure and Roberts' Rules of Order.

After dinner we attended the Opening Ceremonies which included a speech by the Minister of Education Lisa Thompson.

January 25, 2019

Michael 'Pinball' Clemons a former CFL Football Player provided the Keynote Address and was a very inspirational speaker.

Introduction to First Nations, Metis and Inuit Education in Ontario

Director of Education Sean Monteith provided us with information on education for First Nations Students and a discussion took place regarding issues with education for Indigenous students in Ontario.

Trustees and Their Boards – Legal Framework

Michael Hines, Hicks Morely, spoke about the role of the trustee and legal parameters of the role. He also provided us with an overview of In Camera regulations.

I found this to be a very worthwhile conference, especially for new Trustees.