

TRUSTEE CONFERENCE REPORT

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Name of Conference: Principals' Conference 2019

Sponsoring Organization: WRDSB

Theme (If any): Moving Forward

Conference Dates: September 26-28

Location:

Workshops/Seminars/Presentations/Keynote Speeches Attended: **(Include a brief Summary)**

I had the opportunity to attend this conference in September 2019. In addition to the workshops, this conference provided an opportunity for me to meet, and interact with, Principals and Vice-Principals in an educational, but more informal, setting.

During the three days of the conference, I attended the following workshops:

Keynote – Frank De Angelis – Dealing with Traumatic Events

- Frank De Angelis was the Principal at Columbine High School during the tragic shooting
- Frank provided us with background and insight into the shooting and the trauma he and others experienced in the years following Columbine
- I found this workshop to be very well presented and had quite an emotional impact on others and myself

Traumatic Events System Response

- workshop providing an overview of how events should be reported
- discussed the protocols involved in reporting various traumatic events and provided examples from past incidents

Keynote – Beth Veale – Contagious Awesomeness

- Beth is a retired Superintendent and a hilarious/fun presenter
- her presentation encouraged us to be positive and to look at the bright side of a situation
- very enjoyable presentation and Beth's sense of humour made this a fun presentation

Promoting Your School

- Lynsey Slupeiks and Ross Howey from Communications were the host for this workshop
- Lynsey and Ross provided clear instructions on how to best communicate with the media and provided an overview of the roles of Comms staff and a mock interview scenario
- this was a very informative workshop and provided us with a brief media training scenario exercise

Keynote - Orlando Bowen

- Orlando is a very powerful motivational speaker and his story was very compelling
- Orlando spoke about his life and the lessons he has learned after his football career was taken away from him as a result of an attack by police
- the themes of leadership and family were evident throughout the workshop along with the only thing you can control is how you react to a situation
- this workshop was a great example of how you move forward when life gives you challenges and was a wonderful conclusion to the conference.