

# **TRUSTEE CONFERENCE REPORT**

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**Name:** Karen Meissner

**Date Submitted:** Feb 18, 2020

**Name of Conference:** Public Education Symposium

**Sponsoring Organization:** OPSBA

**Theme (If any):**

**Conference Dates:** January 23-25, 2020

**Location:** Sheraton Centre - Toronto

## **Workshops/Seminars/Presentations/Keynote Speeches Attended:**

### **Opening Ceremonies - Thursday Jan 23 7:00pm**

Welcome and speech by Stephen Lecce. He gave a CV of all the initiatives he has done since becoming Minister of Education.

### **Keynote - Ziya Tong - Fri Jan 24, 9:00am**

Was a wonderful speech connecting the animal world to the human world through leadership styles.

### **The Self Fulfilling Prophecy - Fri Jan 24, 10:30am**

Presentation about the future of the role of a Trustee and school boards across Canada.

**Directors of Education, Chairs and Boards - Fri Jan 24, 10:30am**

Panel discussion of Chairs and Directors of Education from across the province. A nice discussion about how they manage relationships.

**Keynote: Connecting Governance and Leadership to Impact within Public Education - Fri Jan 24, 2:00pm**

This was my favourite session. The speaker NoumanAshraf was engaging and interactive.

**Communications and Advocacy in your Local Community - Sat Jan 25, 10:30am**

Some interesting topics explored in this session.

**Central West Regional Meeting - Sat Jan 25, 8:15am**

Update from negotiations team and discussions with local boards.

**Keynote: Student Voice - Sat Jan 25, 10:30am**

Always love hearing from students about how to improve their educational experience.