

TRUSTEE CONFERENCE REPORT

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Name: Mike Ramsay

Date Submitted: January 29, 2020

Name of Conference: PUBLIC EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM

Sponsoring Organization: OPSBA

Theme (If any): The Building Blocks of Leadership

Conference Dates: January 23 – 25, 2020

Location: Sheraton Centre Hotel

123 Queen Street West, Toronto, ON

Workshops/Seminars/Presentations/Keynote Speeches Attended:

I attended the Pre-Symposium and the Main Symposium.

On the morning of January 23, 2020, I took part in the Pre-Symposium where Michael Fullan delivered the keynote on “Core Governance and Deep Learning”. I found his entire presentation to be very informative.

I also attended the other Pre-Symposium remarks that were delivered by Nikita James Nanos. Again, I found the entire presentation to be very informative and quite relevant to our role as elected Trustees.

I was pleased to hear the Minister of Education The Honourable Stephen Lecce speak at the Opening Ceremonies of the Conference on the evening of January 23, 2020.

In addition to networking with colleagues from across our province and elsewhere, and attendance at the Pre-Symposium activities, I also attended a number of workshops on January 24, 2020. They are as follows: Legal Restrictions on the Role of Trustee as Advocate, The Nature of Leadership, The Self-Fulfilling Prophecy: The Future of Trustees, Code of Conduct, Conflict of Interest, and the Role of Integrity Commissioners.

I closed off the Symposium by attending a Regional Breakfast Meeting on the final morning (January 25, 2020) of the Conference. The meeting afforded the opportunity to further network with Trustee Colleagues from within the WRDSB's geographical area.