

TRUSTEE CONFERENCE REPORT

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Name of Conference: OPSBA AGM & CSBA 2024

Sponsoring Organization: Ontario Public School Boards Association

Theme (if any):

Conference Dates: July 2, 2024 to July 5, 2024

Location: Westin Harbour Castle 1 Harbour Square, Toronto ON

Workshops/Seminars/Presentations/Keynote Speeches Attended:

I am pleased that I was able to attend this years OPSBA AGM and CSBA 2024 Conference. I was nominated and stood for election as President of OPSBA. I am thankful that I was allowed to stand for election.

I was very impressed by the inspiring remarks from our Lieutenant Governor The Hon. Edith Dumont who drew on and shared her experiences as a former teacher.

I was substantively impressed with the quality of the workshop keynote speakers enjoyed the address from the CSBA President and the snapshots he drew on from Trustee Associations from across Canada. It was great to hear about what's taking place across our beautiful country.

I was very impressed with the workshop that was moderated by Michelle Rodney Bartalos with speaker Matthew Morris ("Black Boys Like Me"). Matthew drew extensively on his personal lived experiences as a mixed race child growing up in Toronto. He spoke about how "education is a microcosm of culture". I believe he gave participants much to think about the difference between race and culture.

I also attended the Black Trustees' Caucus Meeting.

I wish to convey my thanks to the OPSBA staff members who organized a very successful conference.