

PUBLIC EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM NOTES FROM KATHI SMITH

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Need for Change

- traditional school is boring
- 2 catastrophic forces
 - o climate change (Uninhabitable earth)
 - o towering & extreme inequality
- inequality is widening
- the world is troubled
- deep learning innovations show promise
- trust is quickly declining
- if we differently educate students – that will save us
- the issue is deadly convergence
- Engaged students 95% at grade 1
- 37% at grade 9
 - o Shapers – Top framers
 - o Messaging
 - o Invests, Interacts
 - o Intervenes

The top frames, the middle strengthens and the bottom liberates

- Autonomy is good as long as it is connected
- Teachers support collaborative collectivism

Coherence Framework – all provided with leadership

- Focussing direction
- Create collaborative culture
- Secure accountability
- Deepening learning
- schools need shared depth of understanding
- what happens day to day creates the shared depth of understanding
- bad things strike 4 times more than good things
- coherence.....a shared depth of understanding about the nature of work
- nothing automatically good about collaboration

Embrace Discomfort-----Move Beyond ----- Design from Love
Mere tolerance Not from guilt

- **Make no small plans.**

Communication & Advocacy In Your Local Community

- a Q & A with Tim Hudak (from Ontario Real Estate)
- Aaron Davis from Sick Kids Hospital
- Shelley Laskin, a TDSB Trustee
- The MC was Shane Gonsalves

They talked about communication with parents . TDSB looks at how they are different from the rest of us. Time is an issue of policy development. Develop a policy on public consultation. Nothing more satisfying than clarity of purpose.

Central West Meeting

Labour Relations

- Public discourse
- Minister seems focused on Dollars only
- Two labour leaders have 5 issues
- OSSTF have taken to posting everything
- Unions won on remedy for former decisions
- ETFO has hired some extra staff
- E-learning is not about the machines
- Survey results that were collected by OPSBA have been very helpful
- 274 won't be inside of the collective agreement
- April 30/May1 will be date for Labour Relations conference
- Director appraisal to be completed by the end of May

Will Gourley & York Region Students

- was one of the TED Ed pilots hosted in the world
- students were engaged
- they were hesitant to talk with non teachers
- really great addition to the conference!

The conference was excellent. Lots of great and open conversation about the state of education in the province. We need to encourage more non party conversation among trustees that focuses on students not on party politics. Well done!