

## TRUSTEE CONFERENCE REPORT

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**Name of Conference:** Annual General Meeting

**Sponsoring Organization:** Ontario Public School Boards' Assn.

**Conference Dates:** June 9 - 11, 2022

**Location:** Westin Hotel, Ottawa

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

**June 10, 2022**

#### **Comedic Keynote Speaker: Brittlestar - Stewart Reynolds**

- Was supposed to be a humourous approach to the pandemic - not my cup of tea. Most of the audience seemed to appreciate his humour

#### **Keynote speaker - Nik Nanos, Chief Data Scientist and Founder of Nanos Research**

- Used his polling data to share comments on the provincial election
- Not as good as I had hoped

#### **Workshop One - Indigenous Language Recovery**

One of the best workshops I have attended. The presenters were outstanding - very honest. They engaged everyone in the session, the Indigenous student trustee with me was blown away. It would have been an outstanding session for everyone. Highly recommend for a future conference for all attendees!!

**June 11, 2022**

#### **Government Relations 101 - from Advocacy to Action**

A panel of supporters of each party talked about to work with the new government and also provided reflections on the provincial election. Not as good as it could have been without political hats on.

**Student Trustee Presentation - Jazzlyn Abbott, Aisha Mahmoud and AmaturRaheem Salam-Alada from OSTA-AECO**

This was by far the best session at the Conference. The students were bright, honest and well spoken. Their messages were exactly what the audience needed to hear. If only all presenters were so honest and well spoken. I hope all Boards left with ideas about how to support their students. Thank you!!

**Central West Regional Meeting**

The election of Central West Members came up with the following:

*Regional Chair - Donna Danielli*

*Regional Vice Chair - Martha MacNeil*

*Policy Development Work Group Members - Linda Busutill, Don Werden and Kathy McDonald (alternate)*

*Program Work Group Members - Carol Ann Sloat , Katy McDonald and Martha McNeil (alternate)*

*The evening ended with the OPSBA Awards Dinner.*