TRUSTEE CONFERENCE REPORT
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Name: Courtney Waterfall
Date Submitted: June 4, 2018
Name of Conference: OPSBA AGM
Sponsoring Organization:
Theme (If any):
Conference Dates: May 31-June 3, 2018
Location: Marriott on the Falls, Niagara Falls

Workshops/Seminars/Presentations/Keynote Speeches Attended:

Teaching, Leading and Learning Ontario: Diversity as a Strength of Public Education - Ann E. Lopez PhD, Associate Professor, University of Toronto
Achieving excellence in education by recognizing the value of diversity among leaders and communities.

Findings from the Independent Review of Assessment and Reporting - Carol Campbell PhD, Associate Professor, University of Toronto
Outlining the recommendations of the review and evaluation of EQAO assessments. EQAO hasn’t changed in several years and we need to look at ways of updating it on a regular basis. There are concerns about the nature of impact of assessments given commitments to equity, diversity, inclusion, and well-being.

Toward Sustainable, Quality FSL Programs in Ontario Schools - Research and Practice - Judith Nyman, Director of Program Policy, OPSBA
Panel: Jennifer Adams, Director, Ottawa-Carleton District School Board
The findings from the first year of the OPSBA-led FSL Labour Market Partnership Project were presented. The directors spoke about the different things they are doing to recruit and retain French teachers and the different ways they run their French immersion programs.

**Presentation from the “Bluenotes” Jazz Band - Port Colborne High School, District School Board of Niagara**

**10 Minute Sessions:**
1-**Exit Outcomes - Ottawa-Carleton District School Board, Jennifer Adams, Director**
The OCDSB identified the 10 characteristics and skills that every student should have when they graduate from high school. They are the foundation of their board’s strategic plan.

2-**Creating a Culture of Innovation - District School Board Ontario North East, Lesleigh Dye, Director**
Creating a culture of innovation and enhancing learning opportunities for all students.

3-**R U Ready to Shift? - Halton District School Board, Jacqueline Newton, Superintendent of Education**
Shifting how we learn, grow, and succeed.

4-**Update on “A Blueprint for Addressing Poverty in Ontario Schools” - Durham District School Board, Michael Barrett, Chair**
An update on the successes and challenges of their initiative.

5-**Enhancing Equity by Transforming Student Learning - Toronto District School Board, John Malloy, Director**
Transforming student learning on a foundation of math and literacy.

**Annual General Meeting - Part 1 - nomination period for executive officers**

**The Wonder Wall: Leading Creative Schools and Organizations in an Age of Complexity - Peter Gamwell, Former Superintendent, Ottawa-Carleton District School Board**
How can we make the extraordinary happen?  
Where there is a problem community is the answer.  
How shifting the apostrophe can change the world. Rather than focusing on what we can do to help kids’ learning, what can we do to help this kid’s learning.  
The Wonder Wall  
Encourages leading with creativity to inspire creativity in others.  
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**Collective Bargaining August 2019 - Penny Mustin, Director, Labour Relations, OPSBA ad Janet Edwards, Associate Director, Labour Relations, OPSBA**  
Outlining the the preparation/consultation process prior to central collective bargaining. An opportunity to provide feedback to OPSBA’s 2019 collective bargaining.

**Annual General Meeting - Part 2 - Executive Officers Elections**  
President - Cathy Abraham, Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board  
1st Vice President - Michael Barrett, Durham District School Board  
2nd Vice President - Carol Ann Sloat - Grand Erie District School Board

10 Minute Sessions:  
1-Preparing our Students Today for the World of Tomorrow - Bluewater District School Board, Alana Murray, Director  
Ensuring equitable access for their diverse rural student population.

2-The DSBN Academy - District School Board of Niagara, Lora Campbell, Trustee  
A program committed to providing comprehensive education to ensure post-secondary graduation. Students have to apply for this program and there is an hour of mandatory extra-curriculars 4 days a week. If the students move the bus route changes to keep the students in the program.

3-Here Campaign - Lakehead District School Board, Ellen Chambers, Trustee  
Used by school boards across the Northern Region to help with absenteeism. Every school day counts.

4-Building a Plan From the Inside Out: DSBN’s Strategic Plan - District School Board of Niagara, Helga Campbell, Trustee
Outlining the comprehensive consultation process used to create a new strategic plan that was embraced by students, staff, and the community.

**Regional Council Elections**
Regional Vice President/Chair - Donna Danielli, Halton District School Board  
Regional Vice-Chair (Alternate) - Kathleen Woodcock, Waterloo Region District School Board  
Policy Work Group: Jeanne Gray, Halton District School Board  
Linda Busuttil, Upper Grand District School Board  
Alternate: Amy Collard, Halton District School Board  
Program Work Group: Marty Fairbairn, Upper Grand District School Board  
Alex Johnstone, Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board  
Alternate: Amy Collard, Halton District School Board

**President’s Annual Dinner**