

TRUSTEE CONFERENCE REPORT

Please attach to your Professional Development/Conference Expense Reimbursement Form. Thank you.

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Date Submitted: October 7, 2019

Name of Conference: WRDSB Principals Conference 2019

Sponsoring Organization: WRDSB, Ontario Principals' Council

Theme (If any): Moving Forward

Conference Dates: September 26 - 28, 2019

Location: Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre, London ON

Workshops/Seminars/Presentations/Keynote Speeches Attended:

Thursday, September 26

I attended the dinner, opening ceremonies and participated in the team building exercise.

Friday, September 27

I attended the following sessions:

Keynote by Frank De Angelis, "Dealing with Traumatic Events"

Workshop "Traumatic Events System Response"

Keynote by Beth Veale, "Contagious Awesomeness"

Workshop "Work to Rule/Job Action Realities"

Followed by dinner and activities

Saturday, September 28

I attended the final keynote by Orlando Bowen

Summary:

The activities and informal gatherings were helpful to get to know Principals and staff, many of whom I had interacted with via email but had not yet met in person.

The keynotes focused on forging and maintaining relationships with students, staff and the community, giving others your full attention in the moment, raising the bar for all but also raising the floor as needed, and a reminder to take care of yourself while leading others.

The workshops provided both helpful background information and scenarios which Principals may face when dealing with a traumatic event or a job action. While Trustees would not have to work through these specifics, it was helpful to understand some potential situations in schools.