

# LCEEQ Annual Conference

## Report



Change is the  
Only Constant

Nurturing Reflection into Practice

February 6 – 7, 2023

Sponsored by The Leadership Committee for English Education in Quebec



## Conference Theme

Last year our theme was: The Reflective Practitioner. We took the time to think about our practices motivated by the ideals of what we must keep as sacred in our educational system as we move forward. In doing so we also questioned ourselves about what we need to reimagine, and possibly leave behind. Our goal is always the same; to provide our students at all ages, pre-school through University and Adult Education with the best possibilities for their future.

Conference 2023 adapted the theme, **Change is the Only Constant: Nurturing Reflection into Practice**. The intention is to continue to reflect but also to focus on putting into practice what we have learned

## Registration Information

As in previous Conferences, there was no registration fee to attend and each LCEEQ affiliate was offered a number of places. The Conference Coordinator in each School Board/Association/Institution was able to provide access to approved delegates to the Conference website, <https://conference.lcee.ca> Approved participants then completed their individual registrations and were provided a personalized schedule. All support documentation was available electronically.

In the virtual context, it was difficult to accurately determine whether each individual who registered attended, as in some cases participants did not use the name with which they registered but depended on the identification on the device they were using . The details per session (pages 4-5) provide an overall picture of attendance.

## Conference Attendance per Board/Association

School Board/ Association/Institution	Allocation	Registered Delegates
AAESQ	5	3
AJDS	6	6
Bishop’s University	10	5
Central Québec SB	35	14
Champlain College	25	13
Concordia University	10	3
Cree School Board	15	0
Dawson College	10	3
Eastern Shores SB	25	13

Eastern Townships SB	50	38
English Montreal SB	130	86
FNEC	7	5
John Abbott College	8	23
Kativik SB	15	1
LCEEQ		19
LEARN	10	9
Lester B. Pearson SB	150	155
Littoral SB	6	7
Marianopolis College	6	0
McGill University	7	0
Ministry of Education	30	21
New Frontiers SB	30	36
QAIS	20	22
QPAT	10	7
Riverside SB	30	28
Sir Wilfrid Laurier SB	75	39
Vanier College	15	12
Western Québec SB	50	22
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>590</b>

**Conference participants who identified as:**

Teacher	Administrator	Consultant	Professionals	Student/ Pre-service	Other
37.8 %	24.7 %	21.7 %	7.1 %	< 1 %	8.1 %

## Conference Programme

The programme was made up of Keynote Speakers, Featured Speakers, and Workshops by local presenters:

Date	Keynote	Featured Workshop	Local Workshop
<b>February 6, 2023</b>	Dr. Jean Clinton	Paul Bennett	Magy Dimitry
Morning		Jamila Dugan	
		Brad & Dan	Jessica Saada, Karen Rye, & Josie (Giuseppina) Salvatore
		Kathryn Peterson	
Afternoon	Dr. Meg Wheatley	Kelly Gallagher-Mackay	Catherine Korah
		Michael Hernandez	Stephanie Anna Domes & Tina Morotti
		Ainsley B. Rose	
<b>February 7, 2023</b>	Dwayne Matthews	Jean Clinton	Caroline Dupuis & Kish Gué
Morning		Kristina Llewellyn & Jennifer Llewellyn	Melinda Clifford & Kathleen Murray
		Gordon Porter	
Afternoon	Kevin Lamoureux	Ai Addyson Zhang	AMI Team and LBPSB Representatives
		Michael Hernandez	
		Laurie Hillis	Anne Beamish & Tatjana Chartrand-Biello

### Access to Recorded Sessions

Every session was recorded. Shortly following the event, delegates registered for the Conference were provided access to these recordings so that they can watch any of the presentations at their convenience.

**Attendance**

One indication of the effectiveness of a workshop is the number of participants who begin the presentation and stay with it through to the end. This year we found that the overall attendance was fairly good and the ‘staying power’ of the speakers was exceptional.

**Conference Evaluations**

Conference participants were invited to evaluate the sessions attended by completing an on-line survey. The link to the survey was provided on their individualized schedule. They were encouraged to provide feedback after each workshop session and then submit once completed.

One hundred and sixty-five delegates (165) completed the electronic survey, representing a response rate of around 30%. As a gesture of appreciation, those who provided feedback in the designated time period were eligible to enter a random draw for a one-hundred-dollar gift card from Indigo. The lucky winner was **Charlene Bana**, a Consultant with the English Montreal School Board.

**Scale: 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree)**

	Average Score
The Conference met my expectations	4.4 / 5
The Conference will be of value to me in the future	4.4 / 5
The Conference had enough variety to maintain my interest	4.3 / 5
The Conference's online format was satisfactory	4.3 / 5
I would attend the LCEEQ 2024 Conference if held in person in the Montreal area.	4.1 / 5
I would attend a virtual LCEEQ 2024 Conference	4.4 / 5

Workshop Name	Average Workshop Score	Presenters
<b>DAY 1 9:00 - 10:00 - Plenary 1</b>		
P1 - Good at Learning, Good at Life	4.6	Dr. Jean Clinton
<b>10:30 – 11:45 - Workshops - Block A</b>		

Workshop Name	Average Workshop Score	Presenters
A1 - Reinventing Education: Learning from the Powerful Lessons of the Pandemic	3.8	Paul Bennett
A2 - 3, 2, 1 Action! Let's teach science in a creative way by using performing arts!	3.6	Magy Dimitry
A3 - Street Data: Climbing Out of Equity Traps and Tropes	4.3	Jamila Dugan
A4 - A LBPSB Student's Success Story - The Importance of Technology, Inclusion, & Good Leadership	4.8	Brad Heaven & Dan O'Connor
A5 - Emotional Intelligence in Turbulent Times	4.2	Kathryn Peterson
A6 - The School Success Team Initiative: broadening the scope of reflection and action towards student success	3.8	Jessica Saada, Karen Rye, & Josie (Giuseppina) Salvatore
<b>13:30 – 14:30 - Workshops - Block B</b>		
B1 - Teacher Induction and Mentorship: A Learning Journey	4.4	Stephanie Anna Domes & Tina Morotti
B2 - Understanding the impacts of educational disruption & approaches to educational recovery...	3.9	Kelly Gallagher-Mackay
B3 - Cultural Literacy Projects	3.8	Michael Hernandez
B4 - Setting up a Nurturing Support Centre in your school: An essential solution to helping students	4.5	Catherine Korah
B5 - Change is a Process not an Event	4.3	Ainsley B. Rose
<b>2:45 – 3:45 – Afternoon Plenary</b> Learning From Our Experience To Guide Us Going Forward		
<b>DAY 2 9:00 - 10:00 - Plenary Day 2</b>		
P2 - Teach Boldly: A New Approach for the Future of Education	4.2	Dwayne Matthews
<b>10:30 – 11:45 - Workshops - Block C</b>		
C1 - Relationships: How a reflective practise on connection and belonging creates vibrant learning communities	4.7	Jean Clinton

Workshop Name	Average Workshop Score	Presenters
C2 - Teachers Digital Toolkit: Get Your Game On!	4.3	Chris Colley & Carolyn Buteau
C3 - La compétence numérique illustrée - A Visual Representation of the Digital Competency	3.7	Caroline Dupuis & Kish Gué
C4 - A Restorative Approach to Education	4.4	Kristina Llewellyn & Jennifer Llewellyn
C5 - Reflecting on How We Assess Talk	4.6	Kathleen Murray & Melinda Clifford
C6 - Two Steps to Support School Inclusion	3.9	Gordon Porter
<b>1:00 2:00 - Workshops - Block D</b>		
D1 - Preparing Students for Career- and Life-Readiness: Three Creation-Focused Project	4.4	Ai Addyson Zhang
D2 - The Responsive Curriculum: Diverse Texts in Secondary English Language	4.7	Anne Beamish & Tatjana Chartrand-Biello
D3 - Storytelling as Design Thinking	3.7	Michael Hernandez
D4 - To Trust or Not to Trust... That is the Question	4.5	Laurie Hillis
D5 - Improving school climate: how three schools took concrete actions that led to meaningful change	4.0	AMI & LBPSB representatives
<b>Closing Plenary – The Gifts of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission</b>	4.7	Kevin Lamoureux

## Detailed Comments – Keynote Presentations

### Plenary Day 1 **The (Progressive) Schools Our Students Deserve**

**Dr. Jean Clinton**

**Score: 4.5/5**

Score	5 (High)	4	3	2	1(Low)
Percentage	63% (98)	33% (51)	4% (7)	0% (0)	0% (0)
<b>Comments in Random order</b>					
Well presented. Good message					
A lot to rethink about					
A heartfelt, powerful and inspiration call to focus on the whole child.					
Very inspiring! A call to action for some changes that we can make in the educational system on a smaller scale. Lots of interesting ideas.					
Dr. Clinton is helping educators navigate the profound dichotomy that exists between creating rich, safe, project based, and relationship driven classrooms and having to grade and expose our students to board and ministry exams for ranking purposes. She is reminding us the importance of connecting before expecting that any teaching can take place in our schools. We need to hear her science-based discourse again and again like a mantra. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to reflect on the fundamental science of how human beings learn.					
Nice start to the conference (What is your North Star?)					
Very insightful. I came away with new terms, analogies, and strategies. Thanks, you.					
This was interesting. It did feel like a lot of buzzwords. I've attended a lot of Solution Tree training such as RTI, such as LCEEQ's DNA math summer institute. The data-driven essential learning: common formative, and summative assessments. Project-based learning is enticing, but when there is so much pressure to stuff the duck with basic knowledge, as a teacher trapped in the machine can I really just ignore the data-driven demands in order to pursue deep learning?					
very interesting and thought provoking.					
Great kick off to the conference!					
Very interesting session, thank you					
I always look forward to Dr. Clinton's workshops. She validates my teaching practice and provides food for thought on how to be even better or more effective.					
Seemingly "pie in the sky" ideas. Hard to develop deep one-one relationships with 30 students across 4 class groups. If I only taught one or two groups, this would be much easier.					
A great reminder!					
very informative					
It was approachable, and despite Dr. Clinton's work being about children and adolescents, it was applicable to many contexts.					



Dr Clinton was engaging and informative. She had lots to share and tied together so many theories/research in an easy-to-digest manner. Really appreciated this session!
Excellent kickoff to the conference!
This was an inspiring talk with so much food for thought! What a great way to kick off the conference!
She is fantastic!
Very good comments
The speaker was inspiring and was a great way to open this conference. My takeaways: I thought that being mindful of tone was a useful tip when building relationships. How we are heard is important when attempting to build trust. Once that is established, then we can become aspirational.
Excellent inspirational speaker!
Absolutely fantastic! Such a great speaker with important insights & knowledge.
Ignite the flame, don't stuff the duck!
She seemed lovely and knowledgeable. The session was not very practical, but I appreciate that she did this on such short notice! It was a good reminder about the importance of connection and the underlying purpose of what we do.
Some of the messaging was a little tired. Hard to ignore the systematic issues.
Very inspiring session. Many of the things Dr. Clinton talked about will actually be of great use to us when we write our new educational project.
Wonderful!
Difficult to follow at times
Inspirational and set a good tone to the overall conference
I liked how he said that children with special needs are sent with a gift to educate us.
Très inspirante!
Excellent presentation. Definitely highlights the need for compassionate leadership in our schools.
Great motivational speaker but her vision is highly inapplicable here in Quebec. If we want progressive schools like Alfie Kohn has stated many times before, we need to rethink our curriculum here and our QEP. The time for change is now.
Relationships are key! You must build connections in order for correction! Well said!
Loved what she had to say, very engaging.
Great message
Very inspiring with lots of takeaways. Be an up streamer. Connect before you correct. Ignite the flame rather than stuff the duck. The teacher creates the weather in the classroom- the admin creates it for teachers.
Dr. Jean Clinton was very inspiring and such a great way to start the conference. She gave me so much to reflect on and I really enjoyed her talk. Big take away was Ignite the flame don't stuff the duck and that the children are sacred ones. We must remember this!!
A great way to set the tone for the conference, I really enjoyed this presentation.
Engaging and thought provoking. Highly enjoyed what Dr. Clinton shared with us.
I am looking forward to watching this presentation again.
Thank you Dr. Clinton, do you ever zoom into a classroom to speak and inspire students? I would love for you to pop in and connect with my students! Inspiring morning with you!

change from stuffing the duck to igniting the flame
Inspirational and informative session.
Wonderful speaker! Dynamic, interesting and able to make the academic nature of her research applicable to everyday. Truly enjoyed the message from the overall presentation. I will work even harder at gardening!
Dr. Clinton offered an inspirational and enlightening speech grounded in evidence. Dr. Clinton offered practical strategies to reach our students, motivate them and help them reach their full potential.
Not necessarily eye opening nor outside the box but the message was essential and expected. A strong and promising opening to a 2023 conference with a multitude of eye-opening speakers.
Dr. Clinton had a charming presentation and was very engaging and allowed me to reflect on my role as a professional in a CEGEP. I appreciated that she was live and not recorded.
I have a similar perspective as De. Clinton. I am often trying to build relationships with students. Now, as an administrator, it is something that I try to work at with my staff.
Have seen Dr. Clinton before and she does not disappoint. Great reminders about the importance of connecting with students.
Very inspirational.
It was a good start to the conference. Informative and interesting!
A thought-provoking presentation. Her words were an affirmation of what I believe to be my "truth".
A totally inspiring and deeply moving presentation! I would like to share this video presentation with my family and friends. We are all so strongly impacted by what happens in schools. Education should be everybody's business.
Such an excellent presentation!
I missed part of it but will listen to the recording
I loved the quote That teachers create the weather in the classroom and then she attended that the system is creating the weather of the teacher, cause often we do want to focus on our student well being but we are being pressured to evaluate and track their performances.
"Make sure to connect before you correct"
Dr. Clinton spoke from the heart and spoke to my heart. I have always believed that relationships are the heart of education.
Great message, a wonderful keynote. Good Q and A session,
I had a difficult time to connect on my computer and was only able to join finally through my mobile phone. I enjoyed her workshop, and I was engaged and connected well.
I discover Jean Clinton. Amazing presenter.
Excellent opening keynote. Great tone setting, she laid out challenges AND made it easy to bring that understanding back to others. Then she laid out a path, or at least the start of a path and made me feel confident that we would figure out the path as we go along it. Also, in a way that would be easy to bring back to others in my organization.
Incredible speaker! I learned and was reminded of so much about how children learn.
Fantastic presentation! Dr. Clinton was very insightful. I felt she was speaking with conviction, experience. Her words moved me profoundly as I am in a period of questioning SEL in our schools but more specifically in my classrooms (how I am meeting my students' needs). Thank you Dr. Clinton!
Very inspirational!

She was amazing and gave us so much information and ideas to use for our schools. We need to change our mindset and push forward to better support everyone in the school system.
This was an informative and useful workshop. r. Clinton's connection between balanced living and student relationships was relevant.
An excellent way to start the conference!
I enjoyed the presentation, especially the second half.
A very beautiful and hopeful session with many inspiring and thought-provoking ideas
This was an engaging session.
Her message resonated throughout the conference. An excellent opening speaker.
Dr. Clinton was very engaging and informative. Very interesting insights into learning.
thoughtful keynote with emphasis on well-being.
Very inspirational. I would have liked more concrete ways to put what she was saying into action.
AMAZING!!!! Truly insightful and inspiring! I could listen to her for hours! Her message about our why: Love Builds Brains should always be our guiding principle as educators!
Thank you for filling in at the last moment. That must have been a challenge and is greatly appreciated!
This was an amazing talk. there were a lot of valuable points I will take back with me and share with my colleagues and perhaps organize workshops with the same message.
It was good, but in an ideal world.
Dr. Clinton was thought provoking.
I hope to "Ignite the Flame" in my students, by giving purpose and meaning to my students.
A warm way to kick-off and ease into the conference. The image of stuffing the duck or igniting the flame will remain with me.
The keynote address was soooo rich. A remarkable feat for a last-minute fill in. She was inspirational, clear, concrete, and engaging. It was the best kick off to a conference I have attended in many years. BRAVO!
Great presenter and shared a valuable message.

## Afternoon Plenary Day 1

### Learning From Our Experience To Guide Us Going Forward with Margaret Wheatley

Score: 3.9/5

Score	5 (High)	4	3	2	1 (Low)
Percentage	34% (46)	37% (50)	20% (27)	9% (12)	1% (1)

#### Comments in Random order

Love the General perspective pertaining to learning during the military exercises.

This came across as a rambling narrative. Session was saved by John Ryan & his questions/comments at the end.

The importance of relationships in Meg Wheatley's talk was very powerful. She would be a better morning speaker as her calm demeanor required paying serious attention at the end of the day.

Lots of knowledge and experience. Thank you

Loved her way of explaining different concepts.

Did not find this to be particularly helpful or concrete.

Great.

I missed part of it but will listen to the recording

Good message, I just found this one difficult to connect with through zoom. It is not always easy to be engaged through a screen.

I am looking forward to watching this presentation again.

A very good message about well-being from someone who has a vast knowledge of various leadership situations. This was a good way to end the day.

I found this speaker a bit abstract but I did like her definition of leadership (do you believe that everyone has the capacity to be generous, creative and kind, and do you create the conditions in which this can flourish?). I find it's a great basis from which to operate in a school.

I found this session to be less engaging than all of the others.

Imagers created by her anecdotal stories made her message clear

Very well presented, interesting keynote.

My favorite speaker - "be a reflective practitioner" is my favorite saying- will share her presentation with my team!

Nice to emphasize, reflection, peace of mind and the power and importance of relationships.

I don't know what I was listening to. I need to meditate and reflect in order to learn. Maybe some visuals would have helped. All the talk of reptilian brains. There was a lack of coherent flow to this for me.

I really enjoyed how Margaret pointed out the need to be reflective and mindful, so we can help change or think about the reasons behind why we do certain things or react a certain way.

Dr. Wheatley drove home the importance of the reflective process and how it must be an intentional exercise, practiced almost daily if we want to connect with others and nurture relationships in this current reality.

The speaker was a good storyteller, but the talk was closer to self-help or motivational speaking. Not very engaging.

Inspiring but impractical (given my students).

I found Ms Wheatley enthusiastic, but her message meandered too much to maintain my attention. I ended up leaving the session about halfway through because I could not see any clear message/information in it. It could also be related to the fact that she was the last speaker of the day, and my attention was weaker, too.

I appreciated that she was able to share her own experiences to convey the message of how important and life altering reflection can be. I will definitely try to be more reflective in my teaching practices and in my personal life. I am all about finding ways to reduce stress.

Very inspiring presentation. I appreciate when a presenter speaks of personal experiences. It adds great value to content/subject.

Very American in its focus, not a lot of new learning here, decent review of what previous speakers emphasized , more visuals and stories would have livened up her talk

Interesting ideas, a little confusing.

Beautiful presentation with connections with our personal lives.

What a wonderful experience it was to hear Dr. Wheatly!

Thank you!

Big picture type of talk. The personal examples were great. Messages also fit home. We would love to connect, but as Ms. Wheatly pointed out we are tired (from a lot of things). I so agree that collaboration is energizing and that we need to create these opportunities as much as possible.

it made me reflect a little about supporting school staff in their teaching practices

I think the presenter did what was asked of her, but it did not feed my reflection.

Her comments are very relative

Was ok but not as engaging as some of the other presentations.

I can listen to her voice all day. I also like her sounding like an advocate for the arts. This was a very wise talk, and eye opening too.

She knew all the big science words and research but she just talk and talk without giving any new ideas on how to guide us going forward.

Honestly, I checked out of this presentation early. I think the sessions that I had attended earlier in the day (the keynote and Kathryn Peterson,) addressed the same topic with similar perspectives

with more information and context than this presentation. the dearth of slides was a negative for my experience.

It took 30 minutes for me to engage on Dr. Wheatley presentation. Nevertheless, I left her session inspired to prioritize connection opportunities for my school team to become a safe and happy place of work.

Reminder to reflect and take some time every day to do so. Not to get caught up in the stress of the day and do something that will ground you.

Schools are like ground zero

LOVED THIS WHOLE SESSION!! I WANT MORE!!

Wisdom, thought provoking. A fitting end to an excellent day 1. I was thoroughly impressed with the conference organization, smoothness, and use of zoom. I loved the convenience and comfort of being at home, and I really did feel like I was a part of a large conference event . A fabulous Monday, time off from work to reflect and learn. Bravo to the organizers and presenters. I am excited to get the full conference and watch the presentations I did not get to attend.

This presentation was a gift. Ms. Wheatley spoke with such poise and grace - it was a pleasure. I am going to try to follow through on her gratitude moment exercise.

Interesting and informative.

It would have been helpful to have some visuals to accompany the talk (PPT, images....)... It a long time to be watching a screen.

Good anecdotes "It's better to learn than to be dead" and reminders for reflective practice, but not as many takeaways.

A very interesting journey and inspiring woman, I was not as engaged and was not able to connect to a clear takeaway for my role.

Important message bringing us to reflect. Thank you.

I very much enjoyed Margaret's session, she felt very knowledgeable and approachable.

I found this presentation to be less inspiring than others.

Also inspiring.

Not that engaging. Nice stories, but I was not engaged like the others.

Loved the "lots of learning going on down there" example whereby failing first was necessary in order to learn and improve. The speaker was engaging, but it would have been nice to have some visuals accompany the presentation.

We need to reflect and to take the time to process what we experience to better learn to manage our own stress and help those who don't have the tools.

Wonderful presentation.

I hope to foster reflection in my students and colleagues. This was a good reminder to think about what learning can look like. I hope administrators and people who are able to give teachers time and space to reflect and discuss were listening.

## Opening Keynote Day 2 – Are we preparing students for 2019 or 2030? with Dwayne Matthews

Score: 4.4/5

Score	5 (High)	4	3	2	1 (Low)
Percentage	54% (84)	35% (54)	9% (14)	1% (1)	1% (2)

Good.

Provided lots of food for thought in terms of how I see and plan to use technology with students

Very provocative.

Fantastic and inspiring

The talk really resonated with me. We need to move forward.

Too short but how engaging!

Interesting modern perceptive. A little too much "show" for me.

Interesting - but hard to make change in a structured setting.

It made me dream of a new way to teach .... I can start the change in my classroom!

Great speaker! Familiar content to me but well delivered that I learned more about myself and my my colleagues.

Very impressed!

Very timely topic.

Great presentation! I wish all educators could hear this presentation. The government needs to hear it too. They can help with implement changes.

Too true that we need to look forward. The next school we need to make is to phase out the rows and reconstruct the space, and the questions we ask. Very provocative. I hope that these ideas presented today gain momentum.

My philosophy. I am a true believer of the child is the teacher and the knowledge is in them. We as educators need to allow students' knowledge to be activated. I am learning with my students. They are way more far advanced than I am technologically. I am open about it but I try to keep up at my age (over 60).

Great presentation. Excellent insight. We need to change.

This was another thought-provoking and informative session. I appreciated Mr. Matthews' approach, as he blended the strengths of technology and its inevitable presence in our modern world, with the view that human well-being is key. So often, experts take the view that technology hinders well-being. Mr. Matthews emphasized that tech use and mental strength are not mutually exclusive. He is very well-spoken, and left lots of time for questions, which he answered seamlessly.

It was largely aspirational and abstract. Very interesting to hear his perspective on how the work landscape is changing and how our education system was designed for 2 industrial revolutions ago, while we are onto the 4th!

Great topic! slides and stories were versatile! I loved how you started the presentation; it caught my attention. Topic was so current. I totally agree, are we preparing for 2030 or 2019? It would interesting for you to present this to the Ministry of Education, because no matter how much change we try to do on a small level (in the schools), teachers and administrators' hands are tied with what

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the government demands. The programs are heavy on academic topics and mandatory evaluations. This leaves less room for teaching skills.

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His discourse was not a new concept for me. Nevertheless, we need to reflect on the evolution of AI and how we must prepare our students to compete with this reality.

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Great food for thought. Am looking forward to rewatching this.

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Interesting presentation, somewhat agree with certain ideas though I understand the importance of technology, I don't agree that it is good in all age groups especially at the elementary level when the child's brain is still developing and needs to learn to focus and think.

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Overwhelmingly frightening but exciting at the same time.

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I am looking forward to watching this presentation again.

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I took soooo many notes. This was an inspired presentation.

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Tech is good, but other skills are good as well to teach students (like patience, critical thinking, research and organisational skills).

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pre-recorded session was not as stimulating for me.

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Very interesting but we left with more questions than answers. I really had to think hard about the information shared and this is very positive. I enjoyed reflecting on my practice. The moderator did not read my question to the presenter. I will reach out to him on LinkedIn as he suggested.

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His message is so true, so timely, and should cause us to make changes NOW to how we educate our youth. By continuing to stick with the "old" ideologies and practices, our education system puts all of our futures at a disadvantage. We are raising superheroes and need to empower them!

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Really thought-provoking. Well done!

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Very good insight on where we are going with technology and to not be scared of the future.

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fascinating information, an eye opener

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So much to think about! Brings to light how things need to change to prepare our students better for the world they will be working in.

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Very good.

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Well-delivered presentation, clearly a professional. Addressed questions really well, was great to see him address the need to balance too much technology with the need for limits or regulations. = pioneer hour at home or no tech in the bedroom. I also appreciated the balanced response to, "what is education for?" to prepare students to be thoughtful life-long learners or to prepare them to enter the workforce. Education is full of false binary choices when instead we live in a reality of compromises and grey areas. Good presentation, I had never heard of Dwayne Matthews before, but I would like to see him again.

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very insightful and engaging.

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Absolutely blown away by the rate at which our students are being exposed to the future (in the real world) while still be expected to function in our past (in our classrooms). I hope that more educators (and boards, and the Ministry) take this fact to heart and make the needed changes.

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So very relevant today.

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I did not enjoy this presentation. Felt like it was a lot of stuff I already know. If you are in education and are not aware of this topic, you may want to reconsider your field. No value-added information was provided, just a lot of regurgitation of info...speaker was more interested in talking about himself rather than providing useful information on how to deal with this new reality in real terms. If I am

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honest, I'm truly concerned that this is who our leaders are listening to...it says a lot about the state of the world.

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Excellent presentation that included concrete examples and evidence-based examples. Very inspiring. It would be great to see how he could transfer this to QC reality too.

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Very different from yesterday's plenaries but very complementary. Sparked a lot of thoughts and reflections.

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Articulated the evolution of tech, how children learn differently in our lifetime really well. Interesting and I want to know more about how to leverage students' knowledge of tech and the design thinking process. I admired his ability to answer educators' questions so well.

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Amazing opening hook with examples of technology. Eloquent and engaging speaker. Good examples of resistance to change. But should be forthcoming with the negative effects of technology use and constant bombardment of screens on the mental well-being of students. Once asked, he explained the rules he has in place for screen limits for his own children, but not all parents would enforce that, and it could have major impacts on society to have students on screens day and night. A presentation like this should present the positive and negative effects or at least make reference to them. Taking away rows in classrooms and all-day lectures does not necessarily need to be replaced by more technology (examples: gardening, cooking, sewing, physical activity, etc.).

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His overall message about technology was important.

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I appreciated Mr Matthews message and ideas. He captured my attention, and I was interested throughout. I would have liked a clearer actionable strategies to put into place, however.

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So much to ponder. A very helpful session to help guide our approach to education in a world of exponential change. Thank you!

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Wow! Wow! Wow! His presentation made the conference. He has left me reflecting on how I can integrate his ideas, as the reality is technology is not going anywhere, and we need to prepare our students.

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Totally engaging and thought-provoking presentation!

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Struck by his comment about the need to help students develop their skills in asking questions. Very true. Asking questions is also a very important skill that teachers need to develop.

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Interesting. Much food for thought.

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Very original presentation. I felt that I still have to teach the basic with small kids. They already have a lot of electronic other places.

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I found the Q & A to be more useful than the actual presentation.

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Glad to hear from someone who also works in school improvement/strategic planning.

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Very inspiring. I loved his sense of humor and practical ideas.

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Makes you really think about where .we are going and how to get there, very interesting and thought provoking

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I thought the different concepts were interesting (function over form, teaching with the future in mind), but felt like more concrete examples of what that could like in the classroom could have been discussed.

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By far this was the best part of the conference for me. Mr. Matthews was not only informative and thought provoking, but inspirational. I wish all my teaching colleagues could have experienced this as well.

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Very well done

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Down to earth speaker! Thanks!!

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Amazing!

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A hopeful and informative look at the future - brought context and perspective to the great unknown

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This workshop was really thought provoking and brought to light the pros and cons for technology use and incorporation into everyday life and school life. It was nice to be reminded that we cannot block technology out of teaching because we see it as negative. Instead, we need to embrace it, and learn to teach the students how to use it positively and develop their critical thinking skills. I especially enjoyed the reminder that while technology has its benefits, there must be a balance. In other words, we must decide what we want to achieve with the use of technology. It is extremely important to set boundaries and times in the day that are technology free to ensure a proper online and offline balance.

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Too many bells and whistles, not enough application. Interesting though.

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Another one that I will listen to again. Very rich content.

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What a wonderful speaker and message! I would love to see more of his work and to share with my colleagues.

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Excellent and provocative presentation. Mr. Matthews' dynamic approach to using technology in education and society is very clever. However, his unconditional support of the subordination of education to the modern industry's needs is questionable

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Clever, impactful and full of take-away's. I'm looking up many of the ideas and suggestions from his presentation. A must-see speaker, again!

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Very thought provoking!

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Had me think about what and how we do things in class.

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Very informative and insightful!

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An absolutely amazing presentation! It brought to light how we can embrace technology as a learning tool that will engage questioning and curiosity. I thoroughly enjoyed the entire presentation!

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Great and engaging presentation style (mix of stories, photos, quotes) and important messages to ponder with our colleagues. How will we move forward knowing we can't keep doing the status quo? It is sessions like these that ignite everyone with passion to make a difference- which is amazing. I just hope we go back to our collective workplaces and push for this forward thinking drive for change with ACTION!

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Challenging and awesome.

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His expertise is valuable, but the talk positioned education at the service of industry. I appreciated the moderator's critical questions more than the speaker's interventions.

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This gentleman is a star who inspires

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This workshop made me think of myself in 10 years. It made me realize the importance of technology and reflect on my teaching technics. It is special the way kids are learning today and we need to adapt quickly and every day.

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Interesting and motivational

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Mr. Matthews gave me a different perspective on technology in the classroom and at home. It is not to be feared or restricted but can be a wonderful tool if used wisely.

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A great way to start day two! I loved his perspective. It gave me a lot to think about. Made me see what I am doing that is good, and how I can think about moving forward.

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Very informative and makes you think of all the positive of technology, but it must also be handled responsibly because it is developing so quickly and there is much that can go wrong, but so much that will help expand and develop the lives of our students.

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Thought provoking...

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excellent presentation that makes us think about our responsibility as leaders, in preparing our students as digital critical thinkers.

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This was a great presentation, but the audio often broke out and was choppy at best,

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This was inspiring and gave me a lot to consider moving forward when teaching my students.


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### **Closing Plenary Day 2 The Gifts of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission with Kevin Lamoureux**

**Score: 4.7/5**

Score	5 (High)	4	3	2	1 (Low)
Percentage	37% (68)	44% (82)	15% (27)	3% (6)	1% (2)
<b>Comments List</b>					
Mr. Lamoureux is a very eloquent, interesting and provocative speaker. He conveyed his message with clarity. I was very emotional during his presentation (thankful for the virtual format). I would love to hear from him again!					
Loved this as the closing to the conference! Lots of valuable information that I was not aware.					
One of the most powerful speakers that I have ever heard. An incredibly powerful message. I would have loved to hear more and have the opportunity to ask questions.					
Thank you for your insight & leaving us with important lessons to help educators better understand truth & reconciliation. As a Canadian History teacher, incorporating truth & reconciliation has become an important part of my course for the past 5-6 years. I simply want to share that I have been lucky enough to meet some young indigenous students in my career who have helped me shed light to others about the culture (both the beauties & difficulties experienced) and I will work to keep educating others about the hidden truths & about embracing the beauty of your culture.					
What a powerful presentation! Thank you for this opportunity.					
I really enjoyed how Kevin made us reflect on such a challenging, but important topic. His 2 questions for us to think about as we read each call to action were simple, but extremely effective. His takeaway message about us needing to think about what we are going to do with this knowledge and learn what we can change/do moving forward was also significant.					
Thank you for being you!! With all my respect always!					
Wonderful presentation. Reconciliation is long overdue, and I hope society gives more to it than simply lip service.					

It always made me sad but I never felt guilty about it. I didn't understand why others said they felt guilt. Thank you for making me feel normal. I feel welcomed to join for the creation of solutions.
Very rich and heartbreaking. Trying to hold back tears. This is when I will share with friends and colleagues.
This was one of the best sessions that I have attended at any conference. It is a very importance subject, and the presenter was excellent. I appreciate the helpful guidance on how to approach truth and reconciliation. Thank you.
Amazing
Powerful and inspiring
This was a great way to end! Thank you for inspiring all educators! Thank you for sharing your story!
Such an articulate speaker with a vital message. An evocative, gentle, non-judgmental, but powerful invitation to each do our part to make Canada a better place.
It was very deep!
Mesmerizing encounter that reminded me of the important role schools play in nurturing the reconciliation movement in our country. I will inquire more about M. Lamoureux's work.
Great closing words
Such an important topic.
Mr Lamoureux expressed so much compassion, wisdom, and positivity! His presentation was not only very moving but calling to action from each and every one of us who believes that our communities/nations would benefit from the fulfillment of all the Calls for Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.
This was the best presentation of the conference. It would have been nice to have had him in-person in order to have a Q&A. I believe regardless of conference theme there should be Keynote on Truth and Reconciliation even conference.
Important, but focused on just one approach to being "part of the solution", which was disappointing. What is a person to think if unable to agree that EVERY recommendation of the Truth & Reconciliation report needs to be implemented as specified in that particular document? Surely, some measure of flexibility regarding such a "solution" does not obviate wanting to be "part of" it. All a person needs to do is disagree with a single recommendation, altered in the slightest, to feel regarded as NOT "part of the solution". The issues are simply not so... simple.
Having grown up next to the Kahnawake Mohawk Reserve I found this to be an emotionally charged topic. So much to reflect on and to investigate how to do better...times are changing and I think that thanks to the Truth and Reconciliation commission more people are aware of the injustices that Indigenous people face...Goose bumps at the thought that my three children could have been sent to Residential School if I wasn't Caucasian.
SO SO inspiring and touching. This was an amazing way to end the conference. Thank you!!
Absolutely amazing!
A thought-provoking presentation. We can learn so much from other peoples and grow from that.
Mr. Lamoureux has made it clear that if we do not do our part in reconciliation, we are not true Canadians. His message that we are not responsible for the past, but we are for the future, hit home.
Such an important message. This was the right message to leave us with at the end of the conference.
Soooooo touching!

Very touching... and sad!
Powerful delivery-no we are not responsible, but we do have the power to push and help move forward!
He was such a powerful speaker and I learned so much from him in the short 45 minutes that he spoke. Thank you for allowing him to share his message with us.
A very quiet, dignified way to close the conference. I felt as if he was in my living room. Important message to hear that we can all be part of the solution.
OMG. What a beautiful man. The truth must be shared, and he succeeds in delivering it with such gentleness and without blame. Let's all be part of the solution.
Presentation was so choppy that I couldn't understand what was being said. Other than Dwayne Matthews was also choppy, but at least understandable. None of the other presentations were choppy.
Inspiring message.
I had to remove myself because I was triggered by the sadness, tragedy and political focus that the session had. I was too exhausted to take it in. Strange way to end a conference .
Enjoyed Mr. Lamoureux as a speaker but left the presentation feeling very sad and depressed...
A good closing to the conference.
Moving, inspiring, powerful and a call to action. A charismatic, vulnerable and kind presenter who worked hard to invite participation without using guilt or shame.
provocative in the positive sense, food for thought going forward
I learned many things that I did not know, in particular "Jordan's Principle." I intend on incorporating "Truth and Reconciliation" in my teaching, so that I will be part of the solution and part of the healing process. Thank you Kevin Lamoureux, for the enlightening webinar.
I have no words... truly inspirational and heart felt and so heart breaking and sad but hopeful because we know that we are the ones who can never let this happen again. My question to him would have been "What do we as the Canadian people need to do the end the Indian Act of 1876 so that all Canadians especially the indigenous are treated as one?"
So powerful and engaging. So emotional. Everyone should see this presentation.
Mr Lamoureux gave an incredibly inspiring and sobering message. I wish all my friends, colleagues, and ALL Canadians could hear his message. His call to ask ourselves two questions about each of the TRC's calls to action is simple, though not easy by any stretch--yet if we all do it, Canada will indeed begin a real process of healing. I hope to hear Mr Lamoureux speak again, and again, and again!

Such a dignified and graceful gentleman!! We need to listen carefully!!
it was a great perspective on the commission, our indigenous and Inuit students as well as other students coming from different cultures and how our government has set up the school system.
Kevin was a great speaker. It was a reflective talk that we all needed. Such a great way to end the afternoon.
Beautiful! Peaceful and personal presentation. Powerful words!
Such an important message with key details that many Canadians are not aware of about the process. Appreciate the simple message of "asking why" something is a call to action in order to help guide learning beyond this session.

Thank you for the Important knowledge , personal experience and information that you brought to us.
Amazing presentation!
Powerful speaker
Absolutely inspiring, thought provoking and loved listening to Kevin talk. What an amazing way to end the conference.
It was just amazing to hear him speak.
A strong, authentic, powerful and empathetic voice which shows a way forward and begins to define the role teachers may have. Thank you. Would love to see a follow up next year.
Excellent way to end the conference.
Kevin was a very eloquent and captivating speaker. I thoroughly enjoyed listening to him.
Impactful and inspirational.
Thanks for an important, optimistic keynote.
I would love to learn more or to hear him speak more. I'd love to learn how to be part of a solution.
I was deeply moved by Kevin Lamoureux's speech on the Gifts of Truth and Reconciliation Commission. He finds light in the darkest shadow ever cast on Canada. Being someone who benefits from the system that continues to disenfranchise and put down indigenous people, I felt that guilt and disbelief is my first instinct. He went to great lengths to explain how we cannot be punished for what we inherit from the past but can and will be held accountable for choosing the future for our country and community.
C'était un honneur d'entendre quelqu'un qui parlait du coeur d'un enjeu si important.
Such an amazing and inspirational speaker!
That is the reality that we have to work on and not forget in our practice and lives.
Eye opening and allowed me to better understand from a different point of view.
While I am sure many school administrations/teachers work to bring First Peoples' stories in, I believe there needs to be more done. Many (most?) of our students do not know or understand any of the history - this just allows prejudice and misconceptions to persist unchallenged. Yes, we need to do more.
Truly inspiring!
Very inspiring.
We all need to be part of a solution
This topic is very upsetting and hard to listen to, especially when hearing someone like Kevin speak from the heart. I am awed by his frankness and eloquence - what a powerful speaker. His call to action makes each of us more accountable and hopefully, schools will become places of healing.
There really are no words. I can't... I was moved beyond... What an incredible orator Kevin Lamoureux is. Compelling. A provocative ending keynote. WOW!!!
Very important subject to be revisited in order to become aware of the acts that were brought forth and how we as a society have to move forward to build a better future
Compelling, provocative, touching, inspiring. He brings the calls to action to life in an important way. Thank you for bringing him to our province.
The Indigenous people need to be a part of our Canadian future. We need to remember that we through our government representatives have 94 points to resolve. Hopefully next time, there will be a progress report that shows that we can move forward through that list.

Quite a piece of reflection! Insightful, meaningful and a journey that needs to be continued. Liked that the speaker focused on two points of the truth and reconciliation to guide his reflection. Well done!
Excellent presentation. Thought-provoking and highlights how we can contribute positively to the reconciliation of Canada and Indigenous communities. Thank you for this presentation.
He is believable and a great presenter.
An outstanding presentation and a truly moving experience!
Eye opening! Very deep and touching speech! Our school get to be part of the solution not the problem anymore!
Loved! Please start teaching the REAL history in schools!!!!!!
will and commitment needs to move to action, and he moved us there.
Powerful and inspiring
Thought provoking and engaging.
Felt like a podcast. Good storytelling and framing of the issues.
Powerful speaker. Initiates a lot of reflection and calls for action as educators
Powerful! Thank you for sharing your story.
I learned a lot through this session. He was right in his opinion that the history is sad, but I hope with more of us gaining the knowledge of this history, we can build a better Canada for the future.
Excellent presentation. Kevin made sure not to make us feel guilty about what we inherited but made us reflect on the fact that as educators we need to be part of the solution... just would have liked more on HOW...Great way to end off the conference!
Such an important message delivered so eloquently. Thank you.
incredible
So profound. Thank you, Kevin, for your grace and compassion. Your two questions as we re-read the 94 calls to action will push us to deeper understanding and a greater sense of urgency to be part of the solution.

## Other Comments

I really enjoyed this conference, and it gave real practical advice and solutions. This meant that it started a thought process of how it relates to my own school. Great conference everyone. Thank you!!

Excellent variety of topics and great speakers.

Thank you!

Thanks for such a wonderful conference!! Hope to attend next year!

Thank you!

Having to find the conference link in my e-mail to sign in again and again (as well as go between my schedule and the evaluation form) was a bit inconvenient. The evaluation form sometimes did not save my comments even after I clicked on SAVE.

Great presenters. Thank you

Wow... listening to Kevin Lamoureux really impacted me. Thank you.

Thank you!

Thank you for all the behind the scenes work that so many people have done to make this a seamless and rich experience. Bravo!

Thank you for your hard work and a great opportunity!

Thank you so much LCEEQ! I have been lucky enough to attend many LCEEQ conferences over the years. I tell every early year's teacher I can that this is the conference you want to go to. Always timely topics; excellent keynotes and sessions. I am moving to Vancouver this summer (will still teach a bit while I decide what the next challenge will be) so this was my last LCEEQ conference. I was thrilled with the topics as my final challenge at NFSB has been to be part of our first Nurture class which has now transitioned into a Nurture Service Center. Thanks again for supporting my professional growth and pushing me to reflect on and change my practice over the years. Cher Farnham

Thank you for the opportunity. It was a very good conference and I hope to attend in the future.

Congratulations to the organizing committee. It was an excellent conference.

Thank you for an amazing 2 days - it was very stimulating! I will be sharing some of my new learning with my colleagues.

Thank you to the LCEEQ 2023 conference organization team.

Thank you so much it was an amazing conference!!!!



I am very pleased to have taken the time to attend the LCEEQ conference and have highly recommended doing so in future to my colleagues at our school.

Thank you so much for this very inspiring conference! Amazing organization. Congratulations!

Thank you for another great conference! I look forward to next year!

This conference was one of the best one in a while. Merci beaucoup!

The lunch activity was really fun! Great idea!

I am looking forward to it.

N/A

Thank you!

I appreciate the hard work that goes into organizing the conference every year. This year's theme was right on target. Thank you.

Thank you for holding this conference. It was wonderful to be able to attend, and that the sessions were recorded as well. I also came away with many new things to think about, as well as resources and links. Well done!

Great Conference as usual!

I would have liked to have known during each presentation; how many people were attending. Did not see the numbers as the session was ongoing.

Great quality conference, as usual.

very enjoyable as well as informative

Thanks so much, it was awesome.

Thank you

Thank-you so much for all your hard work! Regardless of whether the conference is virtual or in-person, LCEEQ always does a phenomenal job!

Thank you!

Thank you :)

Thank you - the speakers and topics chosen, speaking to the theme of change being the only constant, was spot on!

Let me know if I can be of any help to the LCEEQ organization. It will be my pleasure to contribute to this essential organization that plays an active part in nurturing high quality of education in Québec. Congratulations to John Ryan, "chef d'orchestre extraordinaire", for orchestrating yet another very important conference for the educators in the English school system.

Great job everyone. So impressed with how smoothly everything went. The quality and relevance of the speakers was exceptional.

Thank you!!!

Thank you for a wonderful conference!

A more detailed/elaborate description of topics being discussed would be useful when selecting which session to attend.

Bravo to the organizers!

Thank you for this platform

Congratulations on an incredibly well-organized conference which featured high quality speakers.

I so appreciate why there was a push to participate during breaks and at lunch, but it is difficult to sit all day staring at a screen. I went to one break session and found it very illuminating to make contacts with other people, but I used the other breaks to stretch, eat and catch up on work.

Great edition. The best!

This was a wonderful conference. Thank you to John and to the committee members who organized the event for us.

Well done to the organizing steering committee !

Thank you - it was wonderful as always.... For my answer in question #4: Format... I wanted to say "strongly agree with reservation"... As far as virtual - this was amazing... but there are many elements of in-person that I miss. That said, both formats are effective and maybe we should consider "alternate years" or hybrid....

Good job but all.

Thank you so much for a wonderful conference. Overall I really enjoyed it and can't wait to be given an opportunity to attend again!

Thank you for putting together such a wonderful conference!

En écrivant le titre des présentations, il serait bon de dire que tout sera en anglais.

Successful job, thank you.

Job well done by the organizing committee and everyone involved. Thanks again for your energy and commitment.

Very well coordinated and planned, easy to connect online and the time formats were the right amount of time. A great variety of topics and speakers. Well done!

Je suis très déçu qu'aucun atelier en français n'ait été offert cette année et un seul atelier bilingue. Il est important d'offrir quelque chose d'intréssant pour celles et ceux qui enseignent "le" et "en" français.

Thank you for another amazing conference! I look forward to attending every year!

Please keep doing this! I love the work of the LCEEQ. It is so vital and rewarding, as an educational professional to have this calibre and quality of PD here in Quebec, for our particular needs.

I don't know anybody so I don't miss the social time. I'm not so good with social time.

Thank you!

I always learn so much from the LCEEQ conference. This is a rich and extremely valuable conference, and I am so grateful to have been able to attend regularly over the past few years. I intent on returning as often as I can! Thank you!

Thank you to everyone involved, I know how much effort and dedication goes into a conference like this and you should be super proud!!

May I suggest that the people chosen to give a few words of thanks after the presentation make their blurb shorter- some went on and on .... summarizing the entire session. Stating a few key points and directing us to reflect on the content in my opinion is more valuable and respectful to the speaker.

Thanks for another great conference!

Thank you for all the work you do.

Interesting conference this year.

Thank you to the organizers and the silent people behind the screens who worked their magic.

With all my appreciation and gratitude!

Thank you so much for this opportunity. It was my first LCEEQ conference and I very much enjoyed it!

Always well-organized and professional.