

Post-Conference Report

## Forum Franco Fierte 2.0

May 16, 2018

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### Introduction

After the snow-day at the first CEPEO/CECCE conference on February 23, 2018 the Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario asked the Canadian Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity to host another Forum Franco Fierte for the students who unfortunately missed the previous forum due to a freezing rain warning.

The CCGSD was happy to accommodate, and on March 8, 2018 we went to l'École secondaire publique Gisèle-Lalonde to provide the students with the skills and resources to make their schools more accessible and welcoming to LGBTQ2S+ students and faculty. The students traveled in from as far as Cornwall to enjoy the day with their peers and learn from community organizations in Ottawa.

Students and faculty were thrilled to have participated in the Forum Franco Fierte and all joined together to raise the Pride Flag with the Canadian Flag in front of the school. Tears of joy were shed as everyone watched the flag raising ceremony. The students were assured by the ceremony that they were welcomed, they were as important as every Canadian, and that they had a community who supported them.

## Schedule

**8:00 - 9:00am** - Arrival/Registration

**9:00 - 9:15am** - Opening, Welcome from CCGSD

**9:15 - 10:25am** - LGBT 101

**10:35 - 11:40am** - La racisse e la communité LGBT

**11:40 - 12:40pm** - Lunch

**12:40 - 2:05pm** - Les jeunes pour l'égalité de les genre: discussion ouverture

**2:15 - 3:00pm** - L'élevée du drapeau de fierte

## Workshops

**LGBT 101 and Les jeunes pour l'égalité de les genre: discussion ouverture** by Sabrina

Kayed; [ccgsd-ccdgs.org](http://ccgsd-ccdgs.org)

Sabrina spoke to the basics of LGBTQ2S+ identities and what students need to know about the gender spectrum. Students learned how gender and sexuality are on a spectrum and how they can be more inclusive to LGBTQ2S+ identified students.

Later, Sabrina facilitated an open discussion with the students about what they see as concerns and needs in their communities. The students were able to speak to one another to identify the challenges that they may face and the victories that they've seen.

**La racisse et la communité LGBT** by Rosalyne Douge-Charles

Students in this workshops learned about racism in the LGBT community and the intersectionality of being a person of colour and LGBT-identified. Rosalyne gave the students skills on combating systemic oppression and what they can do to be allies to BIPOC/queer-identified folks in their schools.

## Quotes of the Day (\*Will find pictures for this later\*)

*"C'est merveilleux d'avoir les deux commissions scolaires ici."*

*"Nous aurons toujours vos meilleurs intérêts au coeur."*

*"Je me sens très ému aujourd'hui. Je suis heureux."*

*"Je ne veux pas qu'aujourd'hui soit fini."*



*"Je souhaite que des choses comme ça existaient quand j'avais ton âge."*

*"Je vous aime tous."*