



**Dufferin Peel Regional OAPCE Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 23, 2022**



*Zoom waiting room opened at 6:55pm. Meeting commenced at 7:09pm.*

**Attendance:**

**Regional Directors:** Mariana Kutin-Morais,

**Regional Council of OAPCE team in Dufferin-Peel:** Karen Dancy (Treasurer), Mary Licata (Correspondence Secretary), Leslie Aziz (Meeting Secretary), Jane Rouhinen (Support Team)

**Regrets:** Jennifer Millson (Regional Director), Anna Farmer (Vice Chair), Chuck Farmer (Advisory Director)

29 OAPCE representatives parents for meeting.

*Quorum confirmed*

**Welcome**

M. Kutin-Morais welcomed parents.

**Land Acknowledgement**

Acknowledgement shared by K. Dancy

**Opening Prayer**

M. Licata lead prayer.

**Agenda**

[February 23, 2022 agenda and meeting handouts](#)

Motioned for approval by M. Licata. Seconded by A. Guiang.

**Approval of Minutes**

[Jan 2022 unapproved minutes](#)

Motioned for approval by N. Andrade. Seconded by R. Stsiatskevich.

*Approved minutes will be added to next regional council newsletter and posted to website.*

**Introductions**

Regional council executive team introduced themselves to parents.

**Regional Council Updates and In-the-Mailbox Items**

M. Kutin Morais shared.

[Distinguished Alumni Nominations](#) are currently being accepted

Please ensure you are designated as an English Separate (Catholic) School Supporter on your municipal property tax designation. <https://www3.dpcdsb.org/schools/direction-of-school-support>. New "[Are You Ticked? Direction of School Support](#)" video . As this year is an election year, it's also important to ensure you are able to vote for Catholic school trustees.

New OAPCE Dufferin Peel website was launched Jan 31st <https://dufferinpeel.oapce.org/> . Explore!  
Please send feedback with recommended resources (eg. upcoming events/invites from OAPCE, DPCDSB, CCCSC, etc.)



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CCCSC presentation Feb 24<sup>th</sup> – Tiyahna Ridley-Padmores “Anti-Racist Approaches: Discussion on racial bias & recommendations for anti-racist learning environments”

Special Education Advisory Committee event tomorrow night. [TVO's free Digital Outreach Math Programs](#) registration is closed, but email [Isabel.ferreira@dpcdsb.org](mailto:Isabel.ferreira@dpcdsb.org) if you are interested in attending.

Please share any ideas to reach parents on school councils not represented at these meetings.

Invitation to parents to take on additional volunteer opportunities, start committees if interested in starting new projects etc.

### Parent Share

OAPCE AGM inquiry

- Board is currently in discussions for themes, speakers & dates. Uncertain if it will move forward in-person or online.

Recommendation to listen to the DPCDSB meetings.

- Current discussions highlighted COVID restrictions may potentially be more stringent than provincial requirements making in-person events logistically difficult and potentially not inclusive.

*Requested last year for a celebration playbook to help manage in-equity between school celebrations.*

- One elementary school is booking a high school and utilizing the hospitality program to have a more controlled booking and consistent understanding of regulations.
- Noted increased costs this year.

Black History Month

- Author/speaker came into school
- Instagram posts
- Students at school were encouraged to dress-up as famous black people (Diana Ross, Venus Williams)

\*note Twitter account not required to view school tweets

HPV Vaccinations (Gr 7/8 were missed during COVID)

- In school vaccinations will resume in March through Peel Public Health
- there is a cost of vaccination if received at doctor's office

Inquiry about OAPCE event.

- A principal & Trustee were suggesting inquiring with Superintendent about OAPCE event

*Mariana will inquire*

Inquiry about the Pope coming to Canada.

- Unfortunately, no update since first noted in December.

In the News – Ontario government faces legal challenge for funding Catholic schools

- Hamilton teacher filed application in the Supreme Court (funding through One Public Education Now)
  - This is not a new concern. Continue to share the Good News and do good works



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Brampton West – Sarah Westbook speaking engagement

- Will share link as available to Brampton West Family of Schools
  - Will inquire with Sarah if it's ok to open the event up to all schools
  - Will share through CCSC if possible

\*recommended for schools to utilize allocated funding to demonstrate usefulness and ensure  
\*opportunities to share

**Closing Prayer**

M. Licata led the closing prayer

**Meeting adjournment**

A. Guiang motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by P. Mofunanya & N. Andrade.

*Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.*

**Next meeting Wednesday March 30, 2022**

Meetings will continue tentatively the last Wednesday of each month. (April 27, May 25)