



Dufferin Peel Regional OAPCE Council

Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2022



Zoom waiting room opened at 6:52pm. Meeting commenced at 7:01pm.

Attendance

Regional Directors: Jennifer Millson

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

Regrets: Mariana Kutin-Morais (Regional Director), Anna Farmer (Vice Chair), Chuck Farmer (Advisory Director), Karen Dancy (Treasurer), Renee Crone (Support Team)

35 parents for meeting. *Quorum confirmed*

Welcome

J. Millson welcomed parents.

Introductions

J. Millson introduced OAPCE Dufferin Peel executive team members.

Land Acknowledgement

Acknowledgement shared by J. Millson. (page 3 of agenda package)

Opening Prayer

M. Licata lead prayer.(page 4 of agenda package)

Agenda

[April 6, 2022 Draft Agenda package and Report Handout](#)

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

Approval of Minutes

[February 24, 2022 Draft Minutes](#)

Motioned for approval by A. Guiang. Seconded by P. Mofunanya.

Updates from OAPCE provincial

J. Millson shared.

Page 5 of agenda package -resource links recapped (as we have so many new parents joining us the past few months)

- ✓ New to Role Training handouts <https://dufferinpeel.oapce.org/resources/>
- ✓ New To Role workshop webinar recording is available now, if you want a copy email us by April 30 at dufferinpeel@oapce.org
- ✓ FAQ's <https://dufferinpeel.oapce.org/contact/>

OAPCE Provincial – Upcoming events

Spring 2022 conference – more information coming soon – hybrid and likely last Sat in May

Acknowledged request from parents to bring back vendor market.

<https://www.oapce.org/education-partners-and-stakeholders-in-catholic-education/>



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OAPCE reps Stay connected

The “Parent4Parent Press”, OAPCE provincial newsletters, are a great way to get information

- includes links and information from various Catholic Education partners and stakeholders
- The most recent copy [March 2022 Newsletter](#)
- Past archived newsletters <https://www.oapce.org/parents4parents-press/>
- Recorded parent engagement webinars
 - Workshops about Parenting Positively during a Pandemic <https://www.oapce.org/webinar-seriesnovember-2020>
 - Handout: Connecting Hollywood Movies to the Catholic Graduate Expectations <https://marchbreakmovieguide.oapce.org/>
 - Rebuilding our Resiliency as Parents, includes a message from Bishop Dabrowski who provides spiritual leadership to the OAPCE provincial board of directors. <https://www.oapce.org/webinar-seriesnovember-2021>
 - EMPOWERING PARENTS Provincial Virtual Spring 2021 conference <https://www.oapce.org/conference2021/>
 - Kevin Frankish – “This moment” Kevin believes better mental health can be achieved through good information, practical advice and, most of all, positivity.
 - Dr. Josephine Lombardi – “Empowering Parents to Be Experts in Humanity”.
 - Wayne Jones – “Victorious Living! Victorious Parenting” In “Victorious Living! Victorious Parenting”, we will discover these four very different personalities and what makes them “tick”. You will learn more about yourself and your children and the keys to putting the pieces together
 - Teresa Hartnett – “Engaging and Empowering Parents: Working Together for Our Children” This workshop will look at ways to engage and empower parents by reaching out, educating, creating opportunities for leadership and by having parents see themselves as partners in your school’s achievements
 - Why Digital Portfolio Matters
 - scroll down to bottom of the [OAPCE home page](#) home page for links to the webinars
 - Create Curate Connect
 - Brightspace by D2L
 - Google Extensions



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Highlighting some items shared from Bishop Joseph Dabrowski to the OAPCE provincial BOD March 26, 2022

Pope Francis has launched the Synod on Synodality, an ambitious two-year global process of listening to the faithful of Catholic Church. Your participation is incredibly important for the success of the Synod on Synodality, so we kindly ask you to learn more about the Synod on Synodality and share your thoughts at <https://www.archtoronto.org/synodality>
[Synod on Synodality explainer video with Cardinal Thomas Collins](#)



<https://www.ocsta.on.ca/project/rebuild-restore-renew-together-rebatir-retablir-renouveler-ensemble/>

Catholic Education Week

May 1 – 6

#CEW2022

The Ontario Catholic School Trustee’s Association presented to the OAPCE Board of Directors about : PPM 167 Online Learning Graduation Requirement released Feb 1, 2022

- Reviewed current status
- Provided an overview of key areas where the partner advocacy was successful
- Talked about the Catholic Virtual Ontario (CVO) and its role
- Next steps being outlined
- At this time the school’s boards will NOT have to transfer funding back to the Ministry of Education for each course students enrolled in through on-line, however this is an item that OCSTA is monitoring
- Slide deck is not available for sharing at this time as a work in progress however we have asked for a summary or copy of slide deck when available. In the meantime you can link to the direct PPM 167 on the MofE website.

Reminder/introduction to OAPCE provincial and the role of our regional council.

We are all parent volunteers *and thank you for your time and everything you do!*

An example of what the organization does: the Ministry of Education contacted OAPCE for parent input, OAPCE issued a survey that our region was asked to distribute to parents. We shared out and members and some shared out to their school councils and parent communities. All feedback was then provided back to the Ministry. Often there is a quick turn around in the requests.





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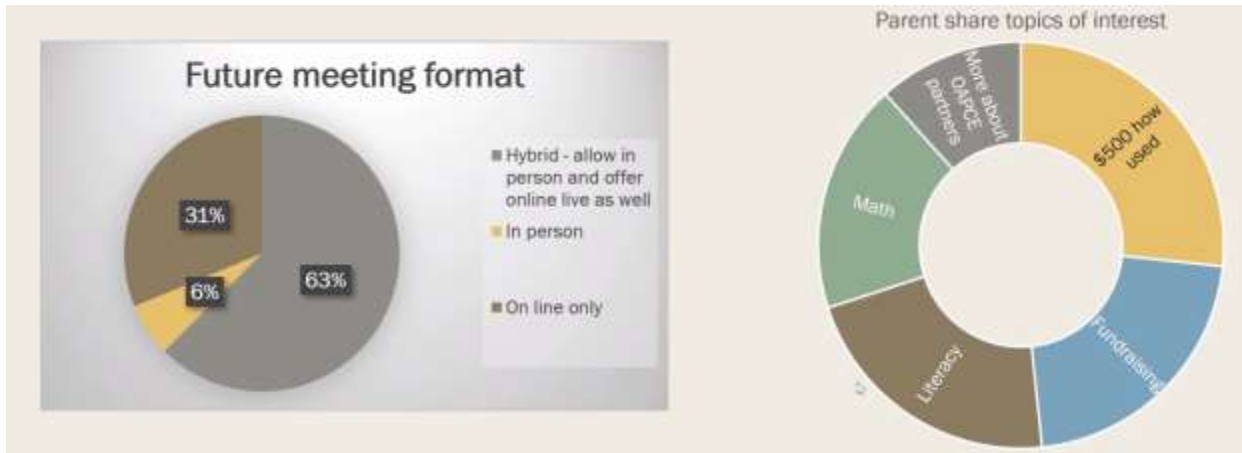
Regional Updates

Parent Engagement and Events within the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board

<https://www.dpcdsb.org/news/board-meetings>

<https://www3.dpcdsb.org/news/events/events>

- a) Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC)
 - i. meeting tomorrow evening is on zoom. Meeting ID: 934 3247 4536. [April Agenda](#)
Presentation – Consultation on Anti-Human Trafficking Protocol Pina Grosso, Chief Social Worker Camila Gonzalez, Senior Child and Youth Care Practitioner
- b) [Special Education Advisory Committee](#)
- c) [Black Community Advisory Council](#)



We welcome any ideas for hybrid meeting success.

Suggestion to investigate options on Facebook Live

- Ensure we're inclusive of all parents, who may not have access
- Will survey OAPCE reps for preferences

Zoom vs MS Teams?

- Most parents supported Zoom

Parent Share

St. Marguerite d'Youville is having Sarah Westbook speak to parents.

(email dufferinpeel@oapce.org if you are interested in attending)

Grad trips

- Full day (8am-8pm) trip
 - Toronto landmarks & Jays game

Grade 11 & Grade 12 Retreats

- Virtual speakers from different world religions
- Assisting at Dr Simone's warehouse (<http://www.canadianfoodforchildren.net/>)



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a. How did your school CSC allocate the \$500 funds?

These funds are allocated to each school from the Ministry of Education.

- i. Wayne Burton had shared could be used for the support of school and students. Will triple check at CCSC tomorrow night to confirm that these funds are different than the PRO grant were had to be allocated to parent engagement. *Reply: Money should be approved/allocated by the voting members of your local CSC. Money should be noted as for parent engagement, approved for such as "funding for play day for mental wellness as approved by the parents" or money for student achievement awards from the parent council as approved by the parent council. Questions can be referred to your Family of Schools chair and/or CCCSC.*
- ii. Speakers
 - i. Miguel Martinez
- iii. Many schools still deciding
 - i. Maybe play day

b. Fundraising ideas for spring?

- i. Domino's Pizza
 - i. Profit margin might not be as big, but very little work required
- ii. Krispy Kreme donuts - <https://krispykreme.ca/fundraising-community/>
 - i. Minimum 50 dozen, \$5/dozen suggest sell for \$10/dozen; must be picked up at store
 - ii. Flyer & SchoolCashOnline
 - iii. End of day students picked up to go home
- iii. Big Box Cards - <https://www.bigboxfundraising.com/>
- iv. Flip Give - <https://www.flipgive.com/home>
- v. Pizza Days (2x a week)
- vi. Terra Cotta Cookies - <https://terracottacookies.com/fundraising/>
- vii. Mabel's Labels - https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/info
- viii. Popcorn & Subway
- ix. Easter Lillies
- x. Chocolate sales
- xi. MacGregors Meats - https://macgregorsfundraising.com/#about_the_program

c. Literacy programmes math/reading

- i. TVO Mathify extended its support to grade 4-11; online 1:1 tutoring (certified Ontario Teachers); M-F 9am-9pm, Sun 3:30-9:00pm
<https://www.tvomathify.com/students>
can select the same tutor if they are available

Meeting adjournment

A. Guiang motioned to adjourn the meeting.

A special welcome to all new parent volunteers!

Closing Prayer

M. Licata led the closing prayer. *Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.*

Fellowship

Some members chose to stay to further connect and engage in discussion.

Next meeting Wednesday April 27, 2022. (may be cancelled if conflicting DPCDSB or OAPCE events)



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Last meeting for this school year May 25, 2022 (year-end wrap up & volunteer celebration liturgy)