



OAPCE: The Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education

"We shall preserve and enhance the highest quality publicly funded, English Catholic education in Ontario, enabling all of our children to become contributing members of the Church, School, Home and Society in accordance with God's will."



**Meeting Minutes of Regional Meeting
DRAPCE (Dufferin-Peel Regional Association of Parents in Catholic Education)**

Date: February 22, 2017
Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Held at: St. Valentine' CES 5610 Heatherleigh Ave GYM
Mississauga

- Meeting started at 7:05
- There were twenty-five members in attendance.
- Alison Clarke approved agenda, Mary Licata seconded
- January 25, 2017 minutes were unavailable and will be distributed at a later date.
- The Treasurer's Report was presented. We have a balance of \$5402.23. The report does not need to be approved.

Chair's Report – Marianne Z.

- Volunteer week is April 23-28. We will have a potluck dinner at our April 26 meeting. We will also have a potluck in June.
- There is an invitation to join the Canadian Education Advocacy Network, a network of Catholic school supporters who are contacted from time to time to share news stories, promote opportunities to vote in online polls and engage in other forms of advocacy on issues related to Catholic education. To become part of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic Education Advisory Network:
- e-mail Bruce Campbell – see detailed information on page 2 Feb 2017 agenda
- Marianne mentioned the DPCDSB survey, item 3 on page 2 of agenda, due March 6th and the CCCSC Marketplace coming up April 1st
- The Growing in Faith/Growing in Christ group would like to meet with DRAPCE again for more focus group activity.
- There is thought going into making our DRAPCE executive bigger by adding a new Vice Chair role. We would have to change the bylaws. Members are also encouraged to help set/dismantle tables and chairs each meeting. Thank you to all who already help out.
- DRAPCE will host a May event, either May 6 or 21 at St. Joseph's, with a speaker and a workshop. Michael Reist is unavailable. We will need help with this event. OAPCE will fund this event. The other OAPCE event in York region will be announced.

Secretary's Report

- We are getting lots of parents sending in parent engagement events. Generally, an event can get posted online within 24 hours of be submitted. We may need volunteers to help archive information on the website.

Parent Share:

- There was further discussion about councils having school email addresses stemming from last month's meeting with Sue Steer, Superintendent, Well-Being, Experiential Learning and Learning Services. It was mentioned that councils could only have outgoing email so that they are not bombarded with possibly negative incoming email. Based on the ensuing discussion, there are different levels of communication amongst schools with no common standard or practice. Some schools send out weekly e-blasts, some send out monthly e-bulletins, while others only send out monthly paper bulletins. Some schools use Twitter daily, other schools do not. Robo calls are done at the high school level but not at the elementary level. We need standardization across the Board.
- Marianne Zoric, Chair, suggested that we pick a topic each year to work on, say communication and we could bring it to the Board and Superintendent Steer. Marianna Kutin Morais will check with Sue on the communication issue and report back to DRAPCE.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.