

Wednesday Nov 29 2017

Meeting Minutes of Regional Council for OAPCE in Dufferin-Peel
DRAPCE (Dufferin-Peel Regional Association of Parents in Catholic Education)

- Marianne Zoric, DRAPCE chair presided at the meeting, also in attendance OAPCE directors Mariana Kutin-Morias and Chuck Farmer, Vice Chair Alina Danglay, Treasurer – Jervi Capituuan, Acting Secretary J. Millson
- 41 parents attended the meeting and 5 sent their regrets, please RSVP on line for each meeting
- M. Zoric, chair, lead the meeting in the Opening prayer
- November Agenda accepted and approved with no changes. October 2017 minutes approved.
- November 2017 meeting report reviewed
 - a. Old business: October 2017 recap and additional information
 - i. Tax receipts from the school
 - ii. Status of information share document – fundraising ideas and experiences
 - iii. Additional information about funding for parent inclusion
 - iv. Update on PRO grant information for current year
 - b. Summary of DRAPCE regional council activity Nov 2017
 - i. Website changes – provide input please – this website is for you!
 - ii. New to Role training November 2017, slide deck available for you to use and share
 - iii. News feed (via Twitter) on the home page of www.drapce.com look there for recent news. Access prior on-line newsletters through those link.

Links to meeting documents

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November Prayers including advent resources • October 2017 approved minutes • November 2017 meeting reports 	http://myemail.constantcontact.com/November-2017-Meeting-highlights-.html?soid=1112755941898&aid=BfPwr4IXSjw
OAPCE Nov 2017 new to role training presentation (powerpoint)	Email drapce@hotmail.com
Call to Action – speak up for Catholic Education	http://myemail.constantcontact.com/Call-to-action---Speak-up-for-Catholic-Education-.html?soid=1112755941898&aid=iqUpfTZg76c
175 Years of Success brochure	Email drapce@hotmail.com

Chair report

1. Follow up from October meeting request, YTD expenses have been summarized by category Marianne noted that some additional incurred expenses have yet to be cleared this will be reflected in next months' statement. Marianne outlined the fees (from boards to OAPCE) and the Regional Council (DRAPCE) rebate, refer to item #1 under the OAPCE directors report Projected Regional council expenses for 2017-2018 school year were reviewed. Motion to approve Maria Scupham and seconded by Ewelina Kostuch.
2. Reminder to those that attended conference to send in reports about the presentations that they attended.
3. Reporting on upcoming or past events – reminder to include why your council chose that presentation, what was the draw and something about the content – that is more important than the number of people that attended.
4. Upcoming presentations/speakers – consensus to bring out Sue Steer Superintendent Well-Being, Experiential Learning and Learning Services Dufferin-Peel CDSB, as soon as available to speak to various parent queries. Discussion and final decision to invite her for February meeting. Marianne Zoric will proceed with inviting her for Feb 2018 meeting and DRAPCE will arrange registration for event to capture questions. Once date is confirmed registration and an on line form to capture questions will be e-mailed out to parents on our subscription list.
5. Proposed speaker for the topics of beyond highschool information about grants, scholarships etc. Marianne invited people to advise of potential speakers, perhaps a guidance counsellor. Consensus from parents that this is a topic of interest, Marianne Zoric will pursue for an upcoming meeting. Please send in recommendations for possible presenters.

By law review and Nominations for regional council

- **Chair, M.Zoric completed annual by-law review**
- Existing by laws reviewed as required for the annual general meeting before the election, including items on voice, voting and roles
- **Table for June 2018** discussion on amendment to by-laws for role of alumni member within regional council to help maintain experience from past members **Table for June 2018** – if one person is rep on two schools do they get two votes – item to be clarified in next by-law review.

Elections for Regional Council

- Notification was given as required in the by-laws and all completed nomination forms received and filed electronically
- Voting is not required this evening as we do not have more than one person per position.
- Vacant positions for Secretary and Vice -Chair, review in future meeting by special election if people are interested please contact drapce@hotmail.com for a nomination form.
- Marianne Zoric thanked Jervi C and Alina D for many hours and years of volunteering as the Treasurer and Vice Chair.

Results DRAPCE team 2017-2018

- Chair –Marianne Zoric
- Treasurer –Karen Dancy
- Advisory Director -Karen Magdangal
- **Conclusion:** DRAPCE team can forward that recommendation, however parents as advocates can log in and participate and vote (Thumbs up or Thumbs down) on the various topics. OAPCE director (2 year term 2017-2019) Chuck Farmer
- Vice-Chair – nominations for two separate people, both have declined – position will remain vacant
- Secretary – nominations for three separate people, all have declined- position will remain vacant.
- Mariana Kutin-Morais (elected in 2016 for 2 year term) OAPCE director

OAPCE director report – Chuck Farmer and Mariana Kutin-Morais

1. Questions to the mailbox
 - a. OAPCE membership fees and DRAPCE rebate – does a school pay or how does this work?
 - i. The school board pays the OAPCE membership fee. The membership fee is based on the number of schools in a particular board. The fee is paid annually directly from the board to the OAPCE head office. OAPCE provides annual rebates to their regional council (in this case DRAPCE). On-going reporting by the regional council is required, we have to send in our minutes and finance reports.
 - b. What opportunities are available to school councils for engaging and communicating with their respective parent communities?
 - i. Referred to the board.
2. The OAPCE board of directors attended the Institute for Catholic Education (ICE) symposium together with other Catholic Education partners. The symposium provided a provincial conversation on Catholic education, focusing on the theme “Renewing the Promise: Exploring the Critical Role of Catholic Education in Contemporary Society”. They along with around 700 other people were part of working groups that looked at the vision and mission that was written in the 60's and looked at ways to bring it forward to make it more relevant for today. Learn more about this on their website <http://iceont.ca/>.
3. On behalf of the School Board and CCCSC, reminder to parents that volunteer or might want to volunteer in the future. A CRC criminal reference check is required. Currently no cost. After Dec 31, 2018 it will no longer be free.
4. Query regarding the flow of funds for the Pro Grants, it was confirmed that the school, not the school council will pay up front for the activities for approved pro grant projects and after the report back is completed the board will pay the school back.
5. Mariana Kutin-Morais helped facilitate the *Experienced chair workshop* (Nov 4, 2017 CCCSC training event). Some resource documents came out of this. Parents indicated interest, conclusion that documents will be sent into drapce@hotmail.com for sharing and/or at the January meeting.

OAPCE director report : Call to Action -speak up for Catholic Education

CALL to action item reviewed and discussed.

Background: Some parents are part of the Catholic Advocacy Network

Discussion: Board contact from the Catholic Advocacy Network has confirmed we can directly forward email to our contact list to share this information.

Consensus: In addition to forwarding to the regional council mailing list we will pass along the parents recommended that the Call to Action be sent out from the school board to all principals to be shared with as many parents in the school community as possible.

Conclusion: DRAPCE team can forward that recommendation, however parents as advocates can log in and participate and vote (Thumbs up or Thumbs down) on the various topics. Please encourage people to go on the website and login, create a profile and go vote on the topics that reflect our catholic community. It is not necessary for new comment's to be posted as there are enough. It is also discouraged to get into an online public debate, as this can turn ugly and does not fit align with our Catholic Values. You can also advise anyone else that would be interested in participating.

Below are some of the items discussed at the meeting providing parents with various ways to speak up for Catholic Education.

- <https://commonground.ideascale.com/Speak up for Catholic Education – Liberal party platform>
- ID account is required, Algamated School system is a hot topic.
- Simple Thumbs up or Thumbs down to Vote - # of votes is measured on various topics
- Parents are encouraged to stay positive when speaking up for Catholic Education and discouraged to get into debates. Handout provided to parents – OCSTA 175 Years of success. Please advise if you want more copies.
- Other resources to speak up for Catholic Education were discussed
 - Designating your taxes – DRAPCE will put in a request to order more “ARE you ticked brochures” .
 - You can add yourself to the Catholic Advocacy network .
 - FACE (Friends and Advocates for Catholic Education) recommended in a recent presentation that you have the MPP come to your school community meetings – so they hear your voice, make an effort to reach out to the MPP's
 - WWW.togetherinfaith.ca – Campaign on Social Media
 - Tool to assist with letter to your MPP www.togetherinfaith.ca/takeaction
- *A parent volunteer confirmed that their letters opposing publicly funded Catholic Education are flooding into MPP's. Discussion and conclusion amongst the parents that we should aim to be as committed in Speaking up for publicly funded Catholic Education in Ontario.*

Parent Share and Queries

- Parent shared details on Fundraiser Read-a-thon – will send in templates and information
- ML, collecting milk bags to be used for mat making for volunteers at her church. They need to be DRY and CLEAN. Contact her directly or email drapce@hotmail.com to arrange drop off of supplies. www.milkbagsunlimited.ca will give you background information on how milk bags are used to make mats. (Mary showed everyone a sample mat)
- Question –Discussion on what is the criteria for clarity in fundraising uses and who decides and level of council input and what reporting is required who is accountable and what council follow up is required. Fundraising questions deferred to the board (MK to follow up).
- In discussing dates for DRAPCE events there was discussion of a series of all council meetings (board wide) Dec 7, Jan 24 and April – confusion as to what is on the agenda and how to participate for each of these board webcasts. After much discussion and input from a variety of parents, Chuck Farmer (OAPCE director) was able to confirm details and link on the school board website for the December 7th event. Conclusion, OAPCE directors will share with the board that some parents have detailed information, others none and not all councils are hosting additional meetings. Is additional information about these webcasts forthcoming to allow as many parents to participate as possible?
 - Dec 7th webcast, Topic is Catholic Board Improvement Learning Cycle (CBILC). Register to attend a public webcast for 1 pm or 7 pm. <http://www3.dpcdsb.org/about-us/publications>
 - January 24th – all school council meeting or only for some schools? Directors will defer to the school board for additional information. Share by email asap. Conclusion – these are family of school events. Posters for most with details are outlined on the school board website. Some have speakers and others are a liturgy followed by a sample council parent meeting with Trustees addressing parents.
 - April meeting – webcast on the school board budget – what is date and details? Directors will defer to the school board and share at next meeting for DRAPCE.
- New item: Recommendation from R. Cooper to develop a resource FAQ for items that come up every year -consensus to proceed with this project in the new year.
- As requested from last month, Mariana MK brought in a sample letter about fundraising donation. Parents were provided with an opportunity to take a copy. If you require a copy email drapce@hotmail.com

8:35 pm closing prayer lead by Marianne Zoric, Chair