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

### **OAPCE Representatives in Dufferin-Peel**

**Regional Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday April 25, 2018**

**Meeting called to order 7:10 pm**

- Marianne Zoric lead the parents in Opening Prayer and intentions for the victims and families of the recent Toronto Van accident
- Agenda approved by T. Escoffrey and A-M Bohorquez
- March 2018 minutes approved by A. Clarke and I. Lodge with no changes
- Thirty-six (36) parents attended the meeting -registration filed
- Marianne Zoric thanked parents for the 100's of hours of their volunteer service
- Parents enjoyed a potluck dinner, thank you to all for your contributions.
- Presentation from Martha Biagi, Academic Consultant Guidance & Career Education, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board. Parent information page of resources are included in this month's minutes page 3-4.
- M. Scupham shared information from the Parish Representative's February meeting (page 5)
- Due to time constraints, the DRAPCE Regional and OAPCE reports (on the back of the April agenda) were not discussed, key points and reminders are outlined on page 2. If you require more information e-mail [drapce@hotmail.com](mailto:drapce@hotmail.com)
- Meeting closed at 8:30 pm

### **DRAPCE – regional council “in the mailbox this month**

- OAPCE provincial March newsletter was received end of March. It was e-mailed out, however if you need copies it is available on their website <http://www.oapce.org/parent-partner-newsletter/>
- We have submitted the yearly reports to OAPCE (Jan 2018) – yearly operational rebate is pending at this time – we will follow up and report in June at the year- end meeting
- Questions regarding Council by-law rules with respect to OAPCE representative role when employed at DPCDSB have been referred to the school board office and will hope this will be finalized and summarized at the May meeting.

### **OAPCE director’s report – written report due to time constraints at April meeting**

- April 14 at the OAPCE Meeting
- Principals Association presented to the OAPCE team
- The intent is to communicate, and collaborate effectively and continue to build and strengthen our relationship’s
  
- OAPCE is working on scheduling an “OAPCE Road Show” and go visit our partners and other stakeholders that support us throughout Ontario
- OAPCE had a meeting with the Minister of Education Hon. Minister Indira Naidoo-Harris.
- Takeaways: Support Oapce and for Catholic Education etc.
- There is also a greeting from the Minister on [www.oapce.org](http://www.oapce.org)
  
- Save the Date
  - Oct 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018: Mini Symposium will be hosted in Durham (All Saints, in Whitby). It will be a 1- day event only
  - April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019: 80<sup>th</sup> Annual OAPCE Conference (big event to celebrate 80 years)
- ICE symposium (public issue of the plan during education week),
- Provincial election (encourage mpp’s to visit our schools),
- Canada summer jobs grant program (no plans to change the attestation, and will continue to monitor



## Career/life Planning with your Child

### Parent Information Page

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## Planning for Post-Secondary Transitions

In order to support your child in post-secondary transitions, please review the following hyperlinks for many resources that will help in the process.

### Suggested Steps:

#### 1. myBlueprint

- Every student in Dufferin-Peel CDSB has access to an electronic personal portfolio to record their learning, set personal or academic goals and explore careers in order to build a deeper understanding of themselves.
- Login information for parents and students is available at [dpcdsb.org](http://dpcdsb.org) – Programs & Services – elementary/secondary. Parent monthly newsletters are also provided for elementary schools for parents to learn ways in which they can support their children in exploring themselves and understanding how they fit into different careers or programs.
- Parents are encouraged to create accounts in order to link to their child’s portfolio for ‘view only’ access
- Use the tool to learn more about your child’s strengths and interests, let them be the guide of their portfolios and its content

#### 2. Post-Secondary Program Exploration

\*\*Please note that program information is available directly in your child’s myBlueprint account. For additional details see below.

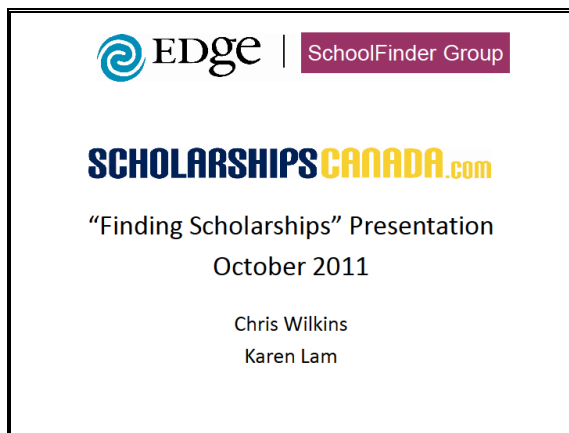
- For Apprenticeship information  
Ministry details [here https://www.ontario.ca/page/apprenticeship-ontario](https://www.ontario.ca/page/apprenticeship-ontario)  
Different types of apprenticeships [here http://www.apprenticesearch.com/](http://www.apprenticesearch.com/)
- For Ontario University Program Information [here http://www.electronicinfo.ca/](http://www.electronicinfo.ca/)
- Ontario College Program Information [here https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/programs](https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/programs)

### 3. Post-Secondary Application Process

- University Application Information [here https://www.ouac.on.ca/](https://www.ouac.on.ca/)
- College Application Information [here https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/apply](https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/apply)

### 4. Scholarship Information

An ideal time to start exploring would be in grade 11 year. Begin your exploration by viewing a brief presentation below, double click on the image



### 5. Financial Assistance

OSAP includes both grants and loans for students.

General OSAP Information [here](#) which also includes an OSAP calculator to provide a general outline of grants and loans that your child may be eligible for.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/osap-ontario-student-assistance-program>

Reporting on Parish Rep meeting for all reps held by Gabriel Ogundele at the school board on February 22nd 2018. Along with about half of our reps in attendance was Sue Steer and a representative from the office of the Archdiocese of the Toronto.

I'd like to share that there were number of concerns that were brought up.

One was whether or not our role of parish rep is necessary because we don't tend to do very much except perhaps the prayers for the council meetings and report on news in the weekly bulletin. As reps we see that when there is a need to communicate with the parish and the school the parish priest will talk directly to the principal or administration and vice versa.

Sue noted that concern and she has suggested that at the meeting with the principal and the priest in June during the family of school meetings they would discuss this concern and the role with the pastors.

Another concern was that there is lack of relationship building between the priest and the students. It is understood that the priests have a tight schedule however if that connection is built with students they will be encouraging a positive reason to go to church and participate in the youth activities and as a result grow our Parish Communities.

A suggestion was many parishes have or are hiring Youth Ministers and if the priests aren't available to attend and create that connection with students then perhaps the Youth Minister can be the one to do that. The engagement of the children in school and out school is critical to passing on the faith to our children.

We feel that this is an avenue to motivate our children to come to church and be engaged by programs that are offered in church as well.

Another item discussed was that the "Rosary Apostolate" is being reduced to twice a year as the new faith curriculum called "Growing in Christ" focuses on what the "Rosary Apostolate" has been teaching and therefore, it is a duplicate of the lessons.

There was concern when that was brought up because many schools have initiated something called the "Circle of the Rosary" and that is having the volunteers come and focus on a decade and say a decade with each class once a month.

Some of our schools call it the "Circle of the Rosary" but others call it the Rosary Apostolate so I hope that there is a clarification made for those schools so that they continue to pray the rosary with the children. The "Rosary Apostolate" that the Archdiocese is referring to needs to be clarified to administration.

I know many of us are "voluntold" for this position however, I strongly encourage fellow Parish Reps to continue to be passionate about their roles because it will bring positive change to our children's lives.