



Dufferin-Peel Regional
Association of Parents
in Catholic Education

Meeting Minutes of Regional Meeting-Approved

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

Wednesday October 25, 2017

- Meeting started at :705 p.m.
- 55 parents attended the meeting. **Reminder to RSVP to help volunteers with planning.** Marianne Zoric, chair, lead the meeting in opening prayer, copy on back of agenda.
- Agenda – correct typo 2013- to 2017 accepted and approved. Karen Dancy and Anna Farmer
- June Minutes accepted and approved with no changes. Chuck Farmer and Alison Clarke.
- Marianne shared information about OAPCE/DRAPCE for the benefit of new DRAPCE members in attendance.
- **Administration Reports and Chair Reports**
 - October 2017 DRAPCE Reports – refer to October 2017 meeting reports handouts for details
 - Monthly meeting dates reviewed. January is to be confirmed pending update from the school board on the Family of school events.
 - Reminder to register for CCCSC new to role training event
 - DRAPCE expenditure report was circulated. These expenses incurred in the prior school year. Query – Projector was purchased, intent is to reduce printing and paper going forward (note this was purchased via council approval 2016) Motion to accept financials and second by Tony Bayley and Theresa Robitaille.
 - NOTE: (2017-2018 Projected finances were not able to be reviewed – projector and information tabled for November annual year end meeting)
 - By-Law revision will be tabled next month for addition of alumni members- details next month
 - Proposed meeting to invite Superintendent of Parent Engagement to address various parents queries – consensus, Marianne Zoric will pursue to book for the new year. Questions will be collected and collated prior to the meeting.
 - Proposed meeting to invite speaker recommended by parents that had attended the Fall 2017 OAPCE conference. Recommended that we bring speaker to a DRAPCE meeting.
 - M Skinner, topic, Student Wellness and Faith: Neurology, Faith and Inclusion. Consensus to proceed. Marianne Zoric or Mariana Kutin-Morais will follow up on booking speaker for an upcoming meeting.
- **OAPCE DIRECTOR REPORTS –C. Farmer**
 - Details in the October 2017 meeting handout were reviewed
 - Budget talks from the Ministry of Ontario are open, this is not OAPCE specific but as a parent engagement information sharing council, parents are encouraged to participate as there are some projects, questions about education
 - ICE symposium --- OAPCE BOD is attending they will update us at the November meeting
- **OAPCE director report – M. Kutin-Morais** reviewed Q&A that was reviewed with the DPCDSB.

- 1) Is the school board taking a more robust role in We-Day?
 - a. The communications department and Program department indicate the We-Day participation is still initiated by the school and is not a board-wide initiative.
 - 2) Parent concern regarding reduction in librarian resource to .3 allocation based on number of enrolled students decreasing, when EQAO scores indicate that a concern with reading proficiency.
 - a. We staff schools according to Ministry Guidelines and the collective agreements of the unions. If a parent has a concern regarding the EQAO results he/she is encouraged to check with the school principal to confirm what supports are offered to his/her staff. The board continually monitors, review and responds to results and ensures schools are supported where possible. Many school boards have eliminated the library position. DPCDSB continues to value the role of the teacher librarian and as such has ensured that teachers provide this program as the funding will allow. Discussion on library vs. other supports like RAZ kids, kids snuggle up , other ... explore to bring to future meeting
 - 3) Other
 - a. Discussion about school funding. It is per student not size (sq ft) of school. Topic tabled to pursue contacts from the board if people are interested Marianne Zoric to refer to the board for additional information.
 - b. New information as an FYI and please refer to your principal and school council chair and treasurer. Change in how PRO-grant funds will be released this year. Mariana KM will follow up with Superintendent Sue Steer for additional information, put forward onto November meeting reports
- **Parent Share – OAPCE conference feedback**
 - Tabled for next meeting perhaps collect via survey to share with parents information on workshops and vendor mall
 - **Parent Share – fundraiser ideas some were discussed tonight parent to parent**
 - Some schools do a letter writing campaign, note \$25 or more is eligible for a tax receipt. Marianna KM will share a sample letter if parents interest email drapce@hotmail.com
 - Some schools do an annual Dance-a-thon one participates in Fresh from the Farm.
 - Discussion and questions on fundraising. Parents looking for healthier treat options and fundraising options that offer healthy alternatives and/or are more effective and less time consuming. Some ideas shared tonight, however due to time limits at the meeting it was suggested an on line form (survey) be utilized to capture details for the purpose of creating an information share document. Assigned to J. Millson/R. Cooper
 - Query on tax donation. Can there be an option vs. having to buy chocolates? Tax donations can be made to the school in lieu of participating in the purchase of a product. Some parents do have this option incorporated into their school council campaigns and launch a donation letter at the beginning of the year. A tax receipt is available if over \$25 is donated. Defer to next meeting for details.

- **Parent Queries** to be referred to the school board. Better understanding on the bully policy vs. the no child left behind activity and clarification on the type of support avail for parents to deal with it when there is a lack of support for the children being hurt as well as to provide support and guidance for the bully.

Parent Share Report: Backpack Give Back - Sharon Kwok, OAPCE Rep for Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Presentation on give back to the St John's Bosco Orphanage in Guyana and the Long Creek Primary school in Guyana.

Sharon and her family have become a voice for the less fortunate in her place of birth in Guyana. For the last 20 years they have been taking items need to the local community. In recent years they gratefully received support from her daughter's school. St. Edith Stein to collect gently used back packs and other items, Sharon and her family personally delivered these to the orphanage and school in Guyana.

This year Sharon and her family wish to commemorate her Dad's 80th birthday, as he was once an Orphan along with his brother from the age of 3 to 15 years old in that very orphanage. She could not ask for a better father who went on to be one of the best mechanics Guyana has ever had. Owing and Operating his own shop hiring over 15 locals and training them. You will see him in the images helping my Daughter to give the boys their meal at the orphanage.

This year Sharon is hoping that OAPCE representatives will participate on a personal level will bring items on the WISH list to a future DRAPCE meeting for collection. This will be arranged and notifications sent out prior to the meeting.

If this is something you think your school community might wish to participate in, discuss first with your school council principal and chair(s).

Wish List - JK to Grade 6 about 30 students board games; bingo, snake and Ladders, scrabble , Monopoly, Math related games, science games , Language games.

- Gently used back packs, lunch bags, soccer balls (deflated)
- Children Books for their libraries
- rulers, erasers, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, books, paint brushes and paints for art, Colouring Books, Modeling Clay, Geometry sets, umbrellas mini fold up type.
- Soap, wipes, towels, face cloths, socks, shoes, radios, utensils for the school kitchen and dish sponges

Once again thank you all and if you need to contact me send me an e-mail to skwok@rogers.com

- 8.30 closing prayer lead by Marianne Zoric, Chair, copy of the prayer on back of the October 2017 agenda