

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

OAPCE Representatives in Dufferin-Peel

Regional Council Meeting minutes Wednesday June 20th 2018

- Meeting started at 7:00 pm
- M. Zoric lead the group in opening prayer
- Secretary report; JM reported on behalf of M.L. Mailbox info items to share
 - People for Education (P4E) recent newsletter sent in for sharing, <https://peopleforeducation.ca/>
 - Question if no Twitter or Facebook how can you participate on June 25th?
 - There is a link on their website to contact them on ways to participate.
 - Free on-line internet security training available for DPCDSB for parents friends and family – link is on the school board website <https://www3.dpcdsb.org/news/news-archives/free-online-internet-security-training-for-dpcdsb-parents,-friends-and-family>
 - Q&A about food trucks for back to school BBQ. Discussion ensued regarding current process of handling Q&A via the drapce@hotmail.com account. Proposal to set up Closed Private Facebook group to allow for discussion on such items amongst the growing list of parents for event invites, Consensus to proceed with project over the summer, Committee will discuss rules and guidelines over the summer. Plan to launch in September 2018
 - Chuck Farmer will set up the closed group & draft up guidelines for administration of the Facebook group. We will need a volunteer to help with admin of the group postings. Contact drapce@hotmail.com if you wish to help in this capacity.

- On line feedback form summary presented to the parents at the meeting to include input for the parents that were not able to attend tonight.
 - E-mail remains the preferred method of communication
 - Meeting dates -see below
 - Presentations – top four and other suggestions reviewed; discussion ensued to host all at a mini ½ day parent conference. See below for details
- OAPCE rebate received 50% of normal amount because year-end for OAPCE changed, balance expected in Dec 2018. Treasurer has and will deposit. Current balance reviewed and allocation for next years DRAPCE operational items approved.
- Year- end expense account reviewed and filed, regional council required to submit year end to OAPCE
 - Chuck Farmer confirmed they renewed website (due yearly first part of June) will submit receipts by fall
 - Constant Contact (used for event management, email and event promotion and surveys and now to house files) will also be due in September. Consensus to renew contract utilizing one year pay in full as then Non-profit 30% discount applies.
 - OAPCE – funding of participants for conference and/or mileage has been done in the past. Item not discussed table for the fall committee depending on needs of parents and available funds.
- DRAPCE by-laws review, Marianne Zoric put forth additional discussion (from fall meetings) regarding request to incorporate an Alumina role & re-defining the Vice-Chair role for succession planning. Discussion ensued. Marianne will draft proposed wording and send out to parents for input. Item to be put forth for vote in the next school year allowing new members in the fall time to become familiar with OAPCE/DRAPCE, thus allowing them more input

OAPCE Director's report from Chuck Farmer

Chuck reviewed highlights from the June 2018 OAPCE Parent partner newsletter. (copies provided and electronic copy has been sent out to our distribution list and it is available on the website.

- Discussion ensued regarding the Pastoral Letter from ICE (Institute for Catholic Education). OAPCE BOD attended symposium in November 2017 to participate and provide input for the document. The Bishops have provided a positive message and it is recommended that we share and distribute this Pastoral Letter to help share this message of Renewing the Promise in Catholic Education.
<http://iceont.ca/news-and-updates/renewingthepromise/>
- Discussion ensued on topic of Newly Elected Ontario government and impact /changes to curriculum
 - Consensus that parents wish to be consulted and stay abreast of proposed changes to curriculum
- Discussion ensued regarding Fully Alive programme, some parents familiar with the programme and on- line resources <http://acbo.on.ca/fully-alive/>
- Discussion ensued if we should book a presentation on the Fully Alive family resources as it covers all themes by grade. Some parents have found it very helpful to review material at home and help with study prep for tests. Also the family prayers are a nice resource to have.
- OAPCE conferences – save the dates (see newsletter)
- At this time no fee confirmed, October 27th is a full day conference – details to follow in September

Action items from parent survey for event and meeting planning

Permits and locations for next year (assigned to ML/JM)

Discussion ensued at the June 20, 2018 meeting. Consensus to apply for permit to have the meetings at John Cabot SS & St. Valentines CES generally on the last Wed of each month. Dates to apply for as follows. Have a few meetings at JC and some at St Valentine and then compare.

These are tentative until the permit is confirmed by the school board.

- Sept 26
- Oct 17 (as last is Halloween and Oct 24 is the week of the conference for OAPCE)
- Nov 28th
- Dec – no meeting
- Jan 30
- Feb 27
- March 27
- April 24
- May 29
- June 19

Some comments in survey regarding set up and take down. We will try Secondary School location with lecture hall vs. elementary gym to see if that will help and appreciate the time and effort volunteer parents take to come early for assistance.

Some comments on staying on topic on agenda. Discussion ensued on importance to allow voice to all parents and balance this with needs of everyone. This regional council's mission is "information sharing". Consensus to continue to monitor and work on. A few surveys also asked for more parent share time. Perhaps gather items up to one week before meeting for the agenda to be established and consider block of time at the end of the meeting for new business for any new items that come up that night.

Preferred presentations

Discussion ensued regarding the most popular preferred presentations. Proposal from chair to group presentations together and host a Sat morning conference in the spring 2019. Discussion ensued on pros/cons to host earlier vs. later in school year and other events by CCCSC and OAPCE. Consensus to proceed with application for November 17 or Nov 24th – ½ day conference JM/ML to apply for permit.

- Keynote + 2 workshops (MZ, JM, ML – to contact presenters)
- Permit Book max 2 rooms Cafeteria and lecture hall -JM/ML
- Investigate logistics to arrange childminding activities via MTC life (Miguel) – SG
- Allocate \$1000 from the regional OAPCE rebate towards conference – consensus to allocate
- Recommendation to apply for PRO grant for this specific event however due now MS to follow up with MZ