



## **Dufferin Peel Regional Report May and June 2024**

### **D. Carlesimo, OAPCE Dufferin Peel**

#### **CCCSC Meeting (Central Committee for Catholic School Councils)**

- On May 9th Director Carlesimo attended the CCCSC meeting at the DPCDSB offices and presented the April regional report which can be found on our webpage under Regional reports: <https://oapce.org/dufferin-peel/>
- Director Carlesimo attended the final CCCSC meeting for the year on June 20 where we honored all the nominated volunteers and the winner of the 2023/2024 Volunteer of the year recipient Ms. Kyla Lepore.

#### **Regional Directors visit to Queens Park**

- In May OAPCE Directors from across the province, had the opportunity to observe, from the gallery, the legislative assembly in session. We then had a discussion with the former Minister of Education, Mr. S. Lecce, and the Premier of Ontario, Mr. D. Ford about the importance of Catholic education and parent advocacy. OAPCE also presented Premier Ford with an appreciation plaque of his support of the organization in alignment of our 85th anniversary.

#### **Dufferin Peel Regional Meeting**

- On May 29th we held our Regional meeting for our OAPCE Representatives at the DPCDSB offices
- We had a great amount of reps in attendance and we enjoyed a great round table talk as well as a presentation by one of our Executive Director's Joe "Superparents: Unlocking the Powers of Advocacy" - Advocate for your child's education like a Superhero"

- We also discussed the introduction of the new Ministry of Education, Resource Tab on the OAPCE Website <https://oapce.org/ministry-resources/>
- Meeting highlights can be found on our website under Reports/Highlights: <https://oapce.org/wp-content/uploads/OAPCE-JUNE-Meeting-Highlights.pdf>

### **CSC and Community events**

- In June Director Carlesimo was invited to attend and present at CSC meetings in two elementary schools where Director Carlesimo was able to meet amazing parents and administrators and advocate for OAPCE.
- Director Carlesimo was also invited to attend an amazing presentation by Paul Davis about online safety for our children and attended the yearly St. Timothy's Spring Market where we were able to connect with parents and witness some great goodies from local vendors.
- Call out to all OAPCE Reps - if you would like Director Carlesimo to attend your CSC meetings to discuss OAPCE and keep us informed on events happening in your schools we would love to attend !!
- Effective in September will be the updated agenda for every CSC meeting which includes a time slot for your schools OAPCE rep to provide an update to the council and parents. Please feel free to reach out to Director Carlesimo with any questions or help with what to discuss and reference this page for some tips  
<https://oapce.org/wp-content/uploads/5-TIPS-FOR-REPS-2-Sided.pdf>
- We also recommend to share/ print the following at your first meeting of the year (they are all available on our website under About > Brochures and Reports  
<https://oapce.org/wp-content/uploads/WHO-WE-ARE-1-Pager.pdf>  
<https://oapce.org/wp-content/uploads/BROCHURE-2-Sided.pdf>

### **OAPCE Year End report**

- We are excited and honored to share with you our 2023/24 OAPCE Year End Report which highlights key initiatives and items that we have participated in throughout the past year!

[https://oapce.org/wp-content/uploads/OAPCE-Year-End-Report-2\\_compressed.pdf](https://oapce.org/wp-content/uploads/OAPCE-Year-End-Report-2_compressed.pdf)

### **OAPCE Position Paper**

- In April OAPCE released an important Position Paper titled “Empowering Parents and Preserving Catholic Education: Ensuring Student Success and Well-Being in Ontario” Please share with your school communities and families. <https://oapce.org/wp-content/uploads/Position-Paper2024.pdf>

### **Social Media**

- Our new Instagram account is now live! Follow us @OAPCE85 and don't forget to follow us on X @OAPCEONTARIO

### **June edition of our Parent 2 Parent Press**

- Available now <https://oapce.org/parents-4-parents/>
- Ensure to subscribe to receive these newsletters and other communication from OAPCE <https://oapce.org/contact/>
- Share our Parents 4 Parents press with your school admin to send out to the school community.

### **Statements released**

- OAPCE Issued a statement of support for the new Cell Phone and Vaping policy PPM 128 that can be found here: <https://oapce.org/oapce-statement/> OAPCE Co-Executive Director is also on the Task Force with the Ministry of Education and other educational partners to discuss how the implementation will take place in the Fall.

**And finally, we wish you and your families a safe and relaxing summer. Please feel free to reach out to Director Carlesimo at any time with any questions! God Bless!**