



OAPCE Regional Report

Region: Halton

Director: Marlo Znidarec

Date: November 2025

*M. Znidarec was appointed new Halton OAPCE Director taken over from retired Denise Garell- Teti.

*Director Znidarec responded to Halton OAPCE representative emails and inquiries.

*Director Znidarec attended HCDSB CIPC meeting on November 3

*Director Znidarec hosted the first in person OAPCE Halton meeting on November 10th at St. Ignatius of Loyola High School in Oakville

*Director Znidarec contributed to the November edition of the OAPCE newsletter "Carlo Acutus" check it out!

*Director Znidarec Missed the Diocese of Hamilton Bishops Dinner due to bereavement (was going to attend with my school community).

Board of Directors Meeting

OAPCE Directors from across the province met virtually on Tuesday, November 11th to discuss the new academic year and plan for upcoming objectives, meetings and events, and Strategic Plan. It was great to meet with other Directors from across Ontario and I look forward to working with them

Regional Meeting:

OAPCE Halton Liaison Representatives met in person on Monday, November 10th at St. Ignatius of Loyola High School in Oakville to start off the new academic 2025-26 school year. The new location seems to be a central location

for Halton reps coming in from neighbouring Milton, Georgetown, Burlington and Halton Hills . Attendee turnout was wonderful, with over 30 Halton reps being present. There were many new parents new to the role or with young children just starting off their educational journey. The agenda included introductions of new and returning reps, as well as a presentation by Lucy Colangelo titled “The Total Digital Reset” about the dangers of screentime on younger students and how to “reset” their habits and routines which was well received and parents inquired on how to have L. Colangelo speak at their schools
The meeting also included Provincial and Regional Reports and ended with a brief Round Table discussion.

HCDSB CPIC Meeting:

Director Znidarec was able to present a slide presentation to CPIC at her first meeting on November 3, 2025. It was a great refresher and introduction to some who don't know what OAPCE's role is. The presentation was clear and concise and did not take up too much time. A visual aid at CPIC meetings is a must as it really helps with our message, branding and consistency. Director Klein was very interested and appreciative of OAPCE

OAPCE Resources:

We offer so many resources for parents and families from the Ministry of Education, from our Faith Partners and our Parents4Parents newsletters. So much to be found on the OAPCE Resource section of our [website](#).

Social Media:

Push Social media as it's a great way to stay informed and connected !

- Instagram: @OAPCE85 and Facebook: OAPCE85!
- Follow us on X @OAPCEONTARIO
- Subscribe to our YouTube channel [\(5961\) OAPCE - YouTube](#)

Things to discuss and share at your next meeting:

1. Ensure that OAPCE is a standing item on your Catholic School Parent Council agenda. Make sure there is a rep or it should default to the Church Parish Representative. These Parents Council seats need to be filled as this information is transparent and can be looked at by the Ministry

of Education. Should a seat not be filled by parent council members it will automatically default to the Chair.

2. Share [Parents4Parents newsletter](#) with your school admin to send out to the school community.
3. Check out our [OAPCE Blog topics](#) and share them with your council
4. Share updates about [OAPCE in Action](#)
5. Ask parents to subscribe to our distribution list by visiting our website or [Subscribe here](#)
6. Build excitement about our annual OAPCE conference where all are invited details TBA.

Next Meeting Dates:

All OAPCE reps are invited to the Virtual Advent Retreat on **Monday December 8th, 2025 at 7:00 pm.** led by Bishop Yvan Mathieu. This is open to everyone and join us in our Faith Formation in this holy Season! The registration will be sent soon!

HCDSB Council of Chairs Meetings:

Director Znidarec will attend the Council of Chairs

On Wednesday February 11th, 2026 at Holy Trinity CSS in Oakville

And on Wednesday May 20th, 2026 at St. Kateri CSS Milton.

Please watch for our November Newsletter, which will share additional updates and highlight upcoming opportunities to participate in OAPCE initiatives throughout the region.

As we enter the Christmas season, I extend my heartfelt wishes to all families, school staff, and OAPCE representatives for a joyful, peaceful, and blessed Christmas. Thank you for your ongoing dedication to strengthening Catholic parent engagement across our board.

