



REGIONAL REPORT

Region: Nipissing Parry Sound

Director: Dianne Pawlowski

Date: June 2024

1. Communication

Director for NPS-OAPCE checked and replied to email messages, shared updates and reminders for regional meetings and newsletters to OAPCE School Reps in NPSC Schools.

2. Queen's Park Visit:

In May Directors of OAPCE from across the province observed the legislative assembly in session from the gallery. Following this, they engaged in a brief discussion with the former Minister of Education, Mr. S. Lecce, and Ontario's Premier, Mr. D. Ford, emphasizing the significance of Catholic education and the importance of parental advocacy work carried out by OAPCE. Premier Ford graciously invited OAPCE Directors to occupy the official Premier's desk chair as a gesture of hospitality. OAPCE also presented Premier Ford with an appreciation plaque of his support of the organization in alignment of our 85th anniversary.

Subsequently, NPS Director had the honor of meeting M.P. Vic Fedeli from Nipissing, who proudly acknowledged his local constituent serving as a Regional Director with OAPCE. More information can be found on the OAPCE website under the "OAPCE IN ACTION" tab.

<https://oapce.org/oapce-in-action/>



OAPCE Directors meeting with Premier D.Ford; Min.S.Lecce and M.P. Michael Ford.



NPS Director, Dianne Pawlowski, sitting with Primerier D.Ford



OAPCE Directors meeting with M.P. for Nipissing, Vic Fedeli.

3. Last Regional Meeting for OAPCE Northern Boards:

Members from across Northern Ontario joined to listen as J. Perri presented “[SuperParents: Unlocking the Powers of Advocacy](#)”. His message, advocating for your child’s education like a Superhero, captured the attention of parents. We were reminded that advocacy plays a crucial role in ensuring that our children receive the best education possible and that our Catholic values are preserved. There was a subsequent round table discussion about what is happening at the school level at various schools.

It was also shared that the new [Ministry of Education, Resource Tab](#) is now active on the OAPCE page.

4. Annual General Meeting (AGM):

Following the Regional Meeting, Directors and school reps from across the province met virtually for AGM. Co-Executive Directors presented the End of Year Report, outlining all that OAPCE has done through the year. All documents, including the Position Paper were discussed in the AGM can be found on the OAPCE website.

6. Board of Directors Meeting (BOD):

Directors from across the province met virtually to discuss our OAPCE Strategic Plan for the upcoming year.

7. Presentations at NPSC School Board

- a) Director for NPS and Holy Cross School OAPCE Rep A.Robichaud, will be sharing feedback about the OAPCE Conference to the NPSC P.I.C (Parent Involvement Committee) at their year end meeting on Monday June 24th.
- b) Director for NPS will be presenting the OAPCE Year End Report at the NPSC Final Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 25th. OAPCE extends much gratitude and appreciation to Director Mann and Trustee Chair Shawn Fitzsimmons, for their continued support for OAPCE and local Director participation in key events.

8. OAPCE SCHOOL REPS - Points to reshare to CSAC and Parents

OAPCE Resources:

Many resources available, 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](#).

9. 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.

10. 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

11. 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>

12. Social Media

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

Regional Updates/Key Points to bring back to your CSAC:

*Share [June Newsletter](#)

*Share [June Meeting Discussion notes](#)

*Encourage parents at CSAC to sign up for OAPCE distribution list

*Encourage parents to visit OAPCE [website](#)

**From the shores of Lake Nipissing, NPS Director
wishes all our OAPCE school reps
a relaxing summer vacation with their families!**

