



June Regional Report Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board, D.Pawlowski June 2026

Regional Director Pawlowski continued to support parent engagement initiatives throughout the Nipissing-Parry Sound region and participated in provincial OAPCE activities during the month of June.

OAPCE Annual General Meeting and Regional Virtual Meeting – June 1, 2026

Regional Director Pawlowski attended the OAPCE Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Regional Virtual Meeting held virtually on June 1, 2026.

End of Year Reflection – Bishop Yvan Mathieu

Bishop Yvan Mathieu reflected on Pentecost and the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Drawing on the experience of the Apostles following Christ's Resurrection, he reminded participants that although they had encountered the Risen Christ, they still struggled with uncertainty and fear. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, they found the courage to move forward in faith.

Bishop Mathieu encouraged participants to recognize the gentle "nudges" of the Holy Spirit in their own lives and to trust God's guidance in their families, schools, and communities. His reflection served as a reminder that faith often calls us to move forward even when we cannot yet see the entire path ahead.

Link Shared:

- Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, ICE Resource
<https://iceont.ca/novena-to-sacred-heart/>

Presentation by WonderTree

Dr. Stephanie Lavoie and Dr. Michelle Fardella from WonderTree shared practical strategies to support the emotional well-being of children and families through emotion coaching and relationship-centred approaches.



The presentation emphasized the importance of helping children identify, understand, and regulate emotions through connection, validation, and support. Participants learned that children are better able to learn, problem-solve, and communicate when they first feel safe, calm, and understood. The presenters highlighted the importance of being present, validating feelings, and supporting emotional regulation before moving to problem-solving. These strategies were presented as valuable tools for both parents and educators.

Links Shared:

- WonderTree Resources for Parents and Caregivers <https://www.wondertreepractice.ca/>

Parent Voice Survey

Regional Director Pawlowski compiled and presented a summary of the 2026 OAPCE Parent Voice Survey during the June 1 AGM and Regional Virtual Meeting.

Activities completed:

- Compiled survey response data into charts and visual summaries.
- Annotated and summarized key findings from the survey results.
- Prepared the Parent Voice Survey Summary Report.
- Prepared a presentation slideshow highlighting key survey findings.
- Presented the survey summary during the June 1 OAPCE Annual General Meeting and Regional Virtual Meeting.

The survey received 190 responses from parents and guardians across Ontario and identified several recurring themes, including Catholic identity, student well-being, supports for diverse learners, school-home-parish partnerships, and parent engagement.

Links Shared:

- Parent Voice Survey Summary Report
<https://oapce.org/the-parent-voice-survey-2026-results-are-here/>

OAPCE Board of Directors Meeting – June 11, 2026

Regional Director Pawlowski attended the OAPCE Board of Directors Meeting virtually on June 11, 2026. Directors received updates regarding advocacy initiatives, parent engagement



activities, conference follow-up, organizational priorities, and planning for the upcoming school year.

Links Shared:

- OAPCE Conference Highlights Report
https://oapce.org/wp-content/uploads/OAPCE_Conference_Highlight_2026.pdf

Summer Message to Parents

As another school year comes to a close, I would like to thank parents, Catholic School Council members, educators, clergy, trustees, and fellow OAPCE volunteers for their continued support of Catholic education.

Throughout the year, families have contributed to the success of our Catholic school communities through volunteerism, parent engagement, fundraising efforts, faith formation, and community-building activities. Your partnership plays an important role in supporting student success and strengthening Catholic education.

As we enter the summer months, I encourage families to take time to rest, reconnect, and enjoy meaningful moments together. Summer provides opportunities to strengthen family relationships, continue learning through reading and exploration, and deepen our faith through prayer and reflection.

May God bless you and your families with a safe, joyful, and restful summer. Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education.

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