



OAPCE Regional Report

Region: Halton

Director: Denice Garell-Teti

Date: March/April 2024

1. In March/April, D. Garell-Teti attended various meetings with the OAPCE Executive team as chairperson and worked on correspondence/development of material for OAPCE, particularly for the upcoming conference.
2. D. Garell-Teti attended the Halton CPIC meeting on April 15, 2024, and presented an OAPCE update as a standing item on the agenda.
3. D. Garell-Teti attended the OAPCE 85th conference on April 13, 2024, and helped to facilitate speaker presentations/events.
4. D. Garell-Teti attended the BOD meeting on April 30, 2024.

Provincial Updates to Bring Back to Your Parent Councils:

1. **OAPCE Conference:** Parents from across the province gathered on April 13, 2024, at Monsignor Percy Johnson Secondary School in Toronto and were treated to a day of insightful presentations and discussions that reflected the theme of a celebration of change, commitment, and Catholic education. Please see the highlights in the link:

https://oapce.org/wp-content/uploads/OAPCE-2024-CONFERENCE-HIGHLIGHTS_.pdf

2. OAPCE Position Paper: [“Empowering Parents and Preserving Catholic Education: Ensuring Student Success and Well-Being in Ontario”](#) is a position paper that emphasizes the critical importance of publicly funded Catholic education in Ontario to ensure the success and well-being of students, highlighting the crucial role of parents as primary educators and advocates for their rights within the educational system.

3. OAPCE Statement on MOE’s Restrictions on Cell Phones and Vape Devices in Schools: OAPCE is in support of Minister Lecce’s call to restrict cell phone use during critical classroom learning hours. Read more about it here: <https://oapce.org/oapce-statement/>

Upcoming Dates:

- D. Garell-Teti will attend the CPIC meeting on May 13, 2024.
- D. Garell-Teti will attend the Council of Chairs meeting on May 22, 2024, to present the OAPCE Year-End Report.
- D. Garell-Teti will attend a visit to Queen’s Park (revised date) on May 28th, 2024.
- **OAPCE AGM (virtual) is on June 10, 2024.**