



## OAPCE Regional Report

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**Region: Simcoe Muskoka**

**Director: Ashley Madonna**

**Date: March/April 2024**

1. A. Madonna attended a conference meeting via Zoom on Thursday, April 4, 2024. All last minute planning and instructions for the conference were discussed.
2. A. Madonna assisted with setting up for the conference at Monsignor Percy Johnson on April 12, 2024.
3. A. Madonna attended the OAPCE 2024 Conference and Gala. Conference included presentations by Karl Subban, Dr. Anne Jamieson, Joe Perri, Chris Bray and a surprise visit from Education Minister Stephen Lecce! A. Madonna greeted Minister Lecce upon his arrival at the conference. The conference was followed by mass at St. Benedict's Parish and was led by His Grace Archbishop Francis Leo as well as Liaison Bishop Mathieu and included the commissioning of OAPCE Directors and reps from across the province. The Gala & Awards dinner was well attended with His Grace Archbishop Francis Leo as a keynote speaker. Awards were presented to recognize individuals who have supported OAPCE in their initiatives. A. Madonna received an award of appreciation for her work with OAPCE. A full recap of the conference highlights can be found here: [https://oapce.org/wp-content/uploads/OAPCE-2024-CONFERENCE-HIGHLIGHTS\\_.pdf](https://oapce.org/wp-content/uploads/OAPCE-2024-CONFERENCE-HIGHLIGHTS_.pdf)

4. A. Madonna attended a Board of Directors meeting via Zoom on April 30, 2024. Discussions and debrief from the conference as well as planning for future initiatives were discussed.
5. 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/>
6. A. Madonna responded to Simcoe Muskoka OAPCE representative and liaison emails and inquiries.

### **UPCOMING:**

OAPCE Directors will be going to Queen's Park to meet with Minister of Education Stephen Lecce and Premier Ford to highlight OAPCE's 85th Anniversary.

OAPCE AGM is on Monday June 10, all Reps are invited to attend virtually.

### **Items to bring back to your CSCC:**

- ★ Share March [Parents4Parents Newsletter](#)
- ★ Share the [OAPCE Conference Highlights](#)
- ★ Encourage parents to sign up for the OAPCE Distribution List
- ★ Encourage parents to visit [OAPCE website](#)

***\*\*Please let me know if you would like me to attend your CSCC meeting to help facilitate discussion, share information, or answer any questions that your council members and/or administrator may have. Alternatively, I am happy to answer any questions that you may have via email or phone call, if that is helpful for you. Remember that I am here to assist you in your role as liaison! If you are unsure about something, please send me an email so that we can work together.\*\****

If you have any questions, please reach out!

Thank you,

**Ashley Madonna**

OAPCE Regional Director - Simcoe Muskoka