



## OAPCE Regional Report

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**Region: Simcoe Muskoka CDSB**

**Director: Ashley Madonna**

**Date: May/June 2025**

1. **Director Madonna attended the Conference** in Niagara Falls on May 24, 2025. It was well attended by parents from across the province. A couple of parents as well as Board of Trustees Co-Chair Van Amelsvoort and Trustee DaSilva were present. Faith-filled presentations from Theresa Hartnett, Co-Executive Director Joe Perri, and Anthony Perrotta were so inspiring. Theresa Hartnett spoke about faith, family, and hope in parenting, offering a framework for how to grow a child's capacity for hope. Co-Executive Joe Perri delivered a powerful presentation about the power of each parent as one voice for their children and we heard from Directors Elizabeth and Joel about their personal stories of advocating for their children. Finally, we heard from Anthony Perrotta who directed parents about how to navigate their child(ren)'s educational journey using and being aware of Artificial Intelligence.
2. **SMCDSB Special Education Services Review** has been shared by Superintendent Lonnie Bolton and opened up to parent voices until June 27, 2025. Please use [this link](#) to complete the survey for parents/caregivers. This review is for ALL PARENTS/CAREGIVERS, not just those whose children access special education services.

3. **Director Madonna** responded to Simcoe Muskoka OAPCE representative and liaison emails and inquiries.

#### 4. **Social Media**

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- Instagram @OAPCE85
- X @OAPCEONTARIO
- Facebook OAPCE85!

Subscribe to our YouTube channel [\(5961\) OAPCE - YouTube](#)

#### 5. **Board of Directors Meeting (BOD):**

Directors from across the province met virtually on Monday, June 16th to discuss our OAPCE Year End Report, Survey Results and Strategic Plan for the upcoming year.

#### 6. **Annual General Meeting (AGM):**

Directors and school reps from across the province met virtually on Thursday June 19th for regional meetings followed by the AGM. Co-Executive Directors presented the Year End Report outlining all that OAPCE has done through the year. All documents mentioned in the AGM can be found on the OAPCE [website](#).

#### 7. **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](#).

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

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

- ★ Check out our [OAPCE Blog topics](#) and share them with your council
- ★ Share updates about [OAPCE in Action](#)
- ★ Invite Director Madonna, SMCD SB OAPCE Regional Director to speak at your upcoming Parent Council Meeting (CSCC).

If you have any questions, please reach out!  
I hope you have an amazing summer break!

Thank you,

**Ashley Madonna** OAPCE Regional Director - Simcoe Muskoka CDSB

