



REGIONAL REPORT

Region: York

Directors: M. Brancatella and J. Padula

Date: May and June 2024

1. OAPCE York Directors attended the St Joan Of Arc Family of Schools event in May 2024.

2. Queen's Park Visit:

In May OAPCE Directors from across the province, had the opportunity to observe, from the gallery, the legislative assembly in session. Then we had a short discussion with the Minister of Education, Mr. S. Lecce, and the Premier of Ontario, Mr. D. Ford about the importance of Catholic education and parent advocacy.



3. Last Regional Meeting for OAPCE York:

J. Perri presented “SuperParents: Unlocking the Powers of Advocacy”. Advocate for your child’s education like a Superhero! Advocacy plays a crucial role in ensuring that our children receive the best education possible and that our Catholic values are preserved.

Great round table discussion about what is happening at the school level.
Introduced the new [Ministry of Education, Resource Tab](#) on the OAPCE page.

4. Annual General Meeting (AGM) and OAPCE Board of Directors Meeting (BOD):

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

On the same evening Director J Padula was present at the YCPIC meeting and presented the Year End Report. Currently we do not have a seat on the YCPIC as we should, but will further advocate for this in the Fall.

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

5. 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.

6. 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

7. 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>

8. Social Media

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

9. 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](#).

10. Regional Updates/Key Points to bring back to your Catholic School Council:

*Share OAPCE End of Year Report: <https://oapce.org/>

*Share [June Newsletter](#)

*Share [June Meeting Discussion notes](#)

*Continue to share monthly [Parents4Parents](#)

*Encourage parents to sign up for OAPCE distribution list

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

Our next OAPCE York meetings are:

First meeting of the school year will be in person at the YCDSB Offices at 7pm (320 Bloomington Rd, Aurora ON). At this time a date has not been set, but will be posted on the OAPCE York Regional website as soon as it has been scheduled.

**Wishing all our OAPCE school reps
a relaxing summer vacation with their families!**



Hope to see

you all in the fall.