



OAPCE Regional Report

Region: York Region

Director: M Brancatella and J Padula

Date: March/April 2024

1. Both directors attended a conference meeting via Zoom on Thursday, April 4, 2024. All last minute planning and instructions for the conference were discussed.
2. Both M Brancatella and J Padula assisted with setting up for the conference at Monsignor Percy Johnson on April 12, 2024.
3. M Brancatella and J Padula 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! M Brancatella and J Padula 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. M Brancatella and J Padula received awards of appreciation for their 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>

4. M Brancatella and J Padula 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. J Padula responded to York Region 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.

We are tentatively scheduled for June 5, 2024 for our year end regional meeting in person at the Board. Save the date!

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

Items to bring back to your CSC:

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

If you have any questions, please reach out!

Thank you,

Michael Brancatella and Jenny Padula

OAPCE Regional Directors - York Region