



## REGIONAL REPORT

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Region: Toronto

Directors: Lucy Goncalves and Luisa Polidoro

Date: Nov/Dec 2023

1. Co-Executive Director J. Perri attended the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) meeting on November 14th and is now the OAPCE Community Representative on the committee.
2. Director L. Polidoro attended the Nurturing our Catholic Community (NCC) meeting on November 15th. Areas of discussion were:

**Sharelife**

- : they have achieved 85% of their fundraising goal to date
- : school donations are up across all schools by 8%
- : Sharelife Poster Campaign is open

**Angel Foundation for Learning**

- : the AFL budget is \$7,200,000, which includes a \$300,000 top from the Government
- : 50/50 draw tickets are also for sale as well as Christmas cards
- : announced the new AFL Student Bursary for Filipino/A/X Youth Proudly Pinoy Student Education Bursary

**Archdiocese of Toronto**

- : April 20, 2024 their conference will be held with details to follow
- : 3rd year of Pastoral Plan with a focus on how to engage youth and evangelization
- : their digital survey resulted in 100+ responses resulting in 3 pillars Mental Health and Wellbeing Student Support and Involvement Equity and Inclusion

3. L. Goncalves, L. Polidoro, J. DelGrande, A. Crudo-Perri and J. Perri hosted the OAPCE Toronto Regional meeting virtually on December 4th.

**Guest Speaker:** Teresa Hartnett

Advent is a season of joy as it leads to Christmas. Let's not forget to prepare for the real season for the season when preparing for Christmas entertaining and gift giving.

**Provincial Updates:**

85th year celebration this year. Revamping the website with a new logo and new platform features. Visited with Archbishop Francis Leo in November. Join us at the Conference on April 12 & 13 2024.

**Regional Updates:**

Packages sent to reps who were not in attendance at the October meeting. Encouraged reps to send personal email or check CSPC email for OAPCE communication. November and December Parents4Parents now available.

Encouraged to share the Parent Survey with their CSPCs and all parents to gather information on how OAPCE can promote parent voice:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfg9IpanxPu9v2xRg6gYahg5nkKBIT9iC5zMZD-ILGHrXWIHw/viewform>

**Roundtable Discussion:**

-Question from Parent re: Teachers not having budget for paper/supplies (should not come out of CSPC budget).

-How can we get students help for Math and Literacy after school (per school availability contact principal, private companies like Kumon/Mathnasium; highschools have after school tutoring classes)

-Question from Parent: why isn't it mandatory that all teachers post work on Google Classroom (mandatory only during COVID, teacher's union negotiation issue)

-Questions: what kinds of things can we use Pro and Pic grants for (examples given)

-Question: how can we encourage more parents to join CSPC (examples given)

OAPCE Directors will reach out to Superintendent Peterson to join in the next meeting.

**Key Points to bring back to your CSPC:**

\*Share November and December [Parents4Parents](#)

\*Share [Parent Survey](#)

\*Encourage parents at CSPC to sign up for OAPCE distribution list

\*Encourage parents to visit OAPCE website

\*Encourage parents to attend OAPCE 85th Conference on April 12 & 13 2024

4. L. Goncalves, and L. Polidoro attended the OAPCE Board of Directors Meeting virtually on December 14th, hosted by A. Crudo-Perri and J. Perri.
5. OAPCE Toronto email account checked on a weekly basis
6. Our next OAPCE Toronto meetings are (tentative):
  - Monday, January 29, 2024 (virtual)
  - Monday, February 26, 2024
  - Monday, June 3, 2024