



OAPCE Regional Report

Region: York

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Date: February 2024

1. On February 6, 2024 a Virtual Meeting was held for all parents in York Region and attendance was high. A presentation from Anthony Perrotta, Principal and educational leader, spoke about moving into the Chat GPT and AI age and what that meant for schools, teachers, students and parents alike.
2. February 10, 2024 was the Board Of Directors Meeting, where we received reports and presentations from our partners in OCSTA, ICE and the ACBO. A number of topics were discussed including the 85th Anniversary Conference and Gala. Both York Directors were present at this meeting.
3. At the request of the YCDSB Chair of Trustees, a formal letter was sent to the school board in regards to OAPCE's mission, vision and what it does as an organization. This was a very detailed report outlining our mandate, the work that OAPCE does and the wealth of knowledge and resources it provides to parents. It also outlined the

advocacy efforts that OAPCE does for publicly funded Catholic Education across the province.

4. On February 29, 2024 both Directors were invited and attended the Open House for new and potential students at St Michael's Academy, where we were very impressed with performances from students of all ages.
5. OAPCE York representatives were invited to attend the 85th All Day Conference on April 13, 2024 for free - many have registered and we look forward to connecting with them!
6. OAPCE is looking for parents to send in pictures of their school's events to be showcased in our new section called 'Cool Schools' so please feel free to send pictures of events to be highlighted on our webpage.

Regional Updates/Key Points to bring back to your parent councils:

- Share the next issue of the [Parents4Parents](#).
- Check out the meeting highlights on [ChatGPT and AI Technology](#)..
- Share the [Parent Survey](#).
- Encourage parents to visit the [OAPCE website](#).
- Register and encourage parents to attend [OAPCE 85th Conference](#) on April 13, 2024.

Next Meeting Dates:

Stay tuned for our last meeting of the year in June! Please contact us anytime at york@oapce.org for any questions.

Michael Brancatella and Jenny Padula, OAPCE York Directors.