



Dufferin-Peel Regional
Association of Parents
in Catholic Education

OAPCE: The Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education

“We shall preserve and enhance the highest quality publicly funded, English Catholic education in Ontario, enabling all of our children to become contributing members of the Church, School, Home and Society in accordance with God’s will.”



September 12, 2018

Dear Principal and School Council members,

Every Council Needs an OAPCE Representative!

School council elections are around the corner. So, it’s time for a reminder that in Ontario, Regulation 612/00 of the *Education Act* **requires each Catholic school council to include an OAPCE representative.** If no OAPCE Representative is elected, then the school council chair acts as the Rep.

OAPCE is the **Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education.** We are parents just like you committed to the preservation and improvement of Catholic Education for all children in our publicly-funded English Catholic schools. In Dufferin-Peel, our regional council is called DRAPCE, the **Dufferin-Peel Regional Association of Parents in Catholic Education.**

The OAPCE Rep Role

The OAPCE Representative is the information-sharing link between OAPCE and each school community.

- Come to our meetings and get updates from OAPCE’s Directors on education topics.
- Also learn from other parents about what’s happening in their schools and share success stories.
- Bring back that great info to your own council. Be the information link.
- Try to attend the OAPCE Conference or a Symposium for lots more interesting info.
- Some past meeting topics? How to apply to post-secondary, homework help, My Blueprint. Learn a lot!

Can’t always come to the meetings? You can **share the Rep role with another parent from your school.** You can still serve an important role as the information link for your school council.

First meeting – Wednesday, October 17, 2018 @ 7pm at John Cabot C.S.S.

Our 1st meeting: Wednesday, **October 17, 2018** at 7-8:30pm at John Cabot Catholic Secondary School 635 Willowbank Trail, Mississauga (Rathburn / Cawthra). Our 2nd meeting: Wednesday, **November 28,** 7pm also John Cabot. DPCDSB parents/guardians welcome. **E-mail for agenda and registration link.**

Who’s the Rep? Let us know at drapce@hotmail.com

Principals, Council Chairs, or OAPCE rep: e-mail us at drapce@hotmail.com to let us know who the OAPCE Rep is for your school. Provide name and email contact information and we’ll send updates.

And check out our website: www.drapce.com for more info about upcoming meetings and events, past agendas and minutes, and other resources. Remember: an engaged, motivated, and connected parent community is a great asset for the future of excellent Catholic education!

Sincerely

Marianne Zoric

Chair, DRAPCE and the DRAPCE Team