

## OAPCE UPDATE – February 2009

### “Journey to the 70<sup>th</sup>”

To: Directors of Education, Regional/Board School Council Chairs, School Council Chairs,  
OAPCE Liaison Representatives

What's happening at OAPCE?

- *Governance Review – Preparing a submission to the Ministry of Education Governance Review Committee – February 2009. Regional input from our Catholic School Board members is welcomed. Submit your input by emailing [oapce@oapce.on.ca](mailto:oapce@oapce.on.ca) by February 26th. Please refer to our website to download a copy of the Consultation paper.*
- *Curriculum Review of French as a second language (FSL) – Preparing a submission to the Ministry of Education Curriculum and Assessment Policy Branch. Regional input from our Catholic School Board members is welcomed. Submit your input by emailing [oapce@oapce.on.ca](mailto:oapce@oapce.on.ca) by March 9th. Please refer to our website for further details.*
- *Two successful Regional Forums to launch the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of OAPCE happened in Kingston on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and most recently in Brampton on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009. See our website for information and pictures of both events.*
- *The final Regional Forum leading to the May Conference and 70<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting is being held in Thunder Bay, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009. See the website for further information. [www.oapce.on.ca](http://www.oapce.on.ca)*
- *Parents in Catholic Education were represented recently at the Second EQAO Conference – November 2008. Refer to the website for information on videos parents can download from the EQAO website.*
- *Representation to the National Conference on Catholic Education – Faith Meets Pedagogy – People for Education – L.A. Religious Education Conference just to name a few. Information on these can be obtained by emailing [oapce@oapce.on.ca](mailto:oapce@oapce.on.ca)*

- *Catholic Education Sunday – Proposal to the Ontario Catholic Conference of Bishops was drafted and submitted to our Liaison Bishop Fred Colli. Information on this proposal can be obtained by emailing the office at [oapce@oapce.on.ca](mailto:oapce@oapce.on.ca)*
- *Communication Committee is revamping the traditional newsletter preparing to go Green...with eblasts or electronic newsletters almost monthly. All school council chairs and members of all Catholic school boards are encouraged to log on to the website and provide their email address. Or contact our office at [oapce@oapce.on.ca](mailto:oapce@oapce.on.ca)*
- *Strategic Plan – The OAPCE Board of Directors updated the strategic plan presented at the 69<sup>th</sup> AGM in preparation for the 70<sup>th</sup> AGM. A copy of the Strategic Plan will be on the members' only intranet site to be launched March 2009.*
- *Dr Ash section on the OAPCE website will provide parents with resources on a variety of educational topics. Watch for updates through OAPCE eblasts.*
- *Bishop Fred Colli – Liaison Bishop for the OCCB joined the Board of Directors at their January meeting to dialogue and learn more of the workings of OAPCE and brings back a full report to the Ontario Conference of Catholic Bishops.*
- *EQAO – Participation as facilitator at the 2009 EQAO Symposium for School Board Communications Contacts – Outreach. Details to follow.*
- *70<sup>th</sup> AGM and Conference – May 23, 24, 25 in Toronto – see the website for exciting updates on the Conference and Registration information. Or email [oapce@oapce.on.ca](mailto:oapce@oapce.on.ca)*
- *Listen to the Anniversary Song – as commissioned by the Board of Directors in celebration of OAPCE 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – “One Family” – click on to our website [www.oapce.on.ca](http://www.oapce.on.ca) to hear and view the song.*

*This is just the first of many OAPCE Updates to be issued by the Office of the President for OAPCE in conjunction with the OAPCE Communications Committee. Your feedback is important and welcomed by contacting the President at [oapcepresident@gmail.com](mailto:oapcepresident@gmail.com).*