

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

Happenings at OAPCE – from the desk of the President...

January – February 2011 Summary Update

- ✚ “Teaching and Learning in a Digital World” – EDU – Jan 13 – Ministry is looking at ways technology is impacting current practices and brainstorming how these can benefit current methods, curriculum and assessment – ongoing discussion
- ✚ Presentation by President to Trustees at their PD conference banquet – Jan.14 – spoke to importance of partnership and support of parent voice in their boards and schools; excellent resource for supporting communication and information sharing; strengthens the triad and lays foundation of trust and respect that will be critical when challenges arise in dealing with complicated issues.
- ✚ OAPCE Board of Directors meeting – Jan.14/15 – focus on director professional development, strategic planning, upcoming AGM/conference and approved budget for 2011
- ✚ Grants for Student Needs (parent associations only meeting with EDU) – Jan.19 – reinforcing the complicated nature of understanding of funding among larger parent community
- ✚ ICE curriculum committee meeting – Jan 17 – focus on e-learning possibilities for students from across province for Catholic courses, curriculum written by Catholic teachers; creation of a DVD on Catholic Graduate Expectations – contract with Salt + Light; grade 8 Fully Alive to be posted on web by June/11 and provincial celebration of the newly completed program in June as well; 75th anniversary of Novalis this year; When Faith Meets Pedagogy conference on Oct.27-29th – “Room for all at the table: Gather, Nourish & Send Forth”.
- ✚ Meetings for 2011 ICE Symposium Planning Committee and “Take Away Package” sub committee – Jan/Feb
- ✚ Enduring Gift review committee and ad hoc – updating and refreshing of the original resource being coordinated by OCSOA – meetings Jan/Feb
- ✚ Student Achievement Division (formerly L-18/Student Success Divisions) EDU working table meeting – Feb 8
- ✚ EQAO – Elementary Symposium – Feb 23-24 - information available on their website (www.eqao.com)