

OCASC Annual Co-Chairs Report for 2016–17

We are pleased to provide the Annual Chair's Report, which provides a snap-shot of activities and progress made during the 2016-17 year. Activities are listed under OCASC's three areas of focus.

Sharing Information

- **Annual OCDSB School Council Training Day.** OCASC provided some representation at this event primarily to advertise the presence of OCASC. OCASC was approached to run some of the sessions but the proposed topic, fund raising, conflicted with OCASC's vision.
- **People for Education Conference.** A small team from the OCASC Executive and the General Assembly represented OCASC at this activity in Toronto. It was not possible to provide comprehensive updates to the Assembly following the conference due to a number of scheduling conflicts. One key success was the inclusion of representation from the General Assembly, which should be continued in future years.
- **Chalk It Up.** This member information exchange remains one of the key sharing vehicles of OCASC. It was included in all General Assembly meetings in 2016-17.

Facilitating Communication

- Special Guest and Topics at Assembly Meetings. Through requests for support and offers from the Assembly membership, a number of relevant presentations were incorporated into General Assembly and joint Assembly/SSC meetings:
 - Alternative School Program was briefed by Christine Boothby;
 - Scientists in the Schools was briefed by Carol Mothersill;
 - Leslie Park Treasurer briefed the recent history of their school's finances; and
 - Complaint Resolution Policy was briefed by Susan Baker and Trustee Lynn Scott.
- OCASC representatives to a variety of committees provided regular updates to the Assembly (e.g. Calendar Committee, Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC), Committee of the Whole (COW), Parent Involvement Committee (PIC), etc.).
- Discussions were held about particular topics such as the Gifted Program Review, Eastern Secondary Review and Elementary School Framework.

Representing our Membership

- OCASC provided representation to a number of School Board committees in order to represent the membership.
- In particular, OCASC providing a standing member of the Committee of the Whole. While non-voting, OCASC was positioned to offer advice and feedback on the matters being discussed in that forum.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent the Assembly as Co-Chairs

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