

OASPHE Executive Meeting Minutes  
September 23, 2011 - Ophea

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<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
<p><b>John Byl</b> <b>CIRA</b></p>	<p><b>John presented information about CIRA</b> The Annual Conference continues to be held in April. Held at Geneva park</p> <p>The association is encouraging new members by giving a 2 for 1 conference deal. You bring someone who has never been at the conference and they only pay the membership fees and get full attendance at the conference.</p> <p>The newsletter is now on –line CIRA offers workshops to boards. The Association asks for \$150 honorarium plus the cost of supply if required. CIRA will pick up the cost if the cost is an issue to the board.</p> <p>CIRA produced a DVD for schools. Coming out shortly. Goal is to have a DVD in each school in Ontario DVDs are free 2 new resources are available for fun, active participation: “ Out of the Box: A Collection of Trivia Challenges” TAG, TAG and More TAG Replay: Using garage and recycling to create games Revised Rock Paper Scissors</p> <p>CIRA has received a grant from Min. of Health to produce a Student Leadership Program (K-Post Secondary). The plan is currently in the works and to be developed for the fall. The resource is meant to train leaders to work with others.</p> <p>Lifetime member for CIRA is \$200</p>	<p>John will send a message to Lara regarding the conference and the DVD and Lara will send it out to the ListServe</p> <p>Lara will contact John regarding viewing DVD before promoting it on the ListServe.</p> <p>Please see the attachment from CIRA for further details</p>
<p><b>Executive</b> <b>10-11</b></p>	<p><b>Update of Executive List:</b> Dan Koenig will be moved to represent Toronto since he is located in the Toronto region, which leaves a vacancy in the Greater Toronto area.</p>	<p>Nancy Schad will approach York Region to determine if there is someone in that region who is interested in filling that role.</p>



<p><b>Discussion Items</b></p>	<p><b>Meeting with the Ministers Office &amp; Follow Up</b></p> <p>Joanne Walsh, Lara Patterson and Sue McMahon met with the Minister of Education’s assistant, Chris Green to discuss Oasphe’s concern regarding the withdrawal of the Human Growth and Sexual Health strand in the revised Elementary Health and Physical Education curriculum. Points of concern that were raised included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This strand of the curriculum is the most vital learning for students to promote inclusion, build self-esteem, address anti-bullying behaviours and help children keep advocate for themselves and others.</li> <li>- The strand needs to be reinstated as it currently is to meet the needs of all Ontario’s children.</li> <li>- This strand supported all government policies that schools are expected to implement, bill 212, bill 157 etc.</li> <li>- Extensive consultation was already completed</li> <li>- This documents is a world class curriculum benchmarked against other international countries</li> <li>- This strand responded to recommendations from Ontario’s Safe Schools Action Team</li> <li>- There was irresponsible media coverage so the media needs to be better briefed with next consultations</li> <li>- Further consultations must included the Education Officers who are the curriculum leads</li> <li>- Further consultations must be structured to reach all parents and not just small groups who might repeatedly attend sessions to launch a similar protest as last fall.</li> <li>- Directors of Education and CODE need to be educated about the curriculum to become allies with parents.</li> <li>- Parent Councils from schools need to be invited and sessions need to be formed so as to provide the background research about what children need to learn to educate the parent community.</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Green expressed interest in Oasphe being part of these consultation sessions to support the government. Oasphe responded favourably providing assurance that the government had the association’s support. A follow up letter was sent to the Mr. Green in early September restating the association’s position.</p>	
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<b>Action Plan</b>	<p><b>Priorities for this year:</b> The executive reviewed the 09 -10 action plan and updated it based on current focus.</p>	<p>Joanne will complete the action plan steps and bring it to the next executive meeting for vetting.</p>
<b>Reports/ up-dates</b>	<p><b>Ophea</b> <b>Ophea Safety Update</b> <b>CAC:</b> No report due to cancellation of first meeting <b>OTF and EDU:</b> Oct 15/16. Lara Paterson will be representing the association at these meetings <b>Propel:</b> Lara Paterson and Joanne Walsh are part of this joint project <b>Healthy Schools:</b> No report</p>	<p>See attached electronic reports</p>
<b>OASPHE member attending / reporting for meetings.</b>	<p>Ophea representation: Brenda Whittaker See Action Plan report for other committee representations.</p>	