



OTTAWA-CARLETON
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Advisory Committee on Equity (ACE)

Mandate

The Advisory Committee on Equity (ACE) is mandated to advise the Board of Trustees on the review, development, implementation, and monitoring of all policies which support the members of the school community and encourage student achievement and well-being. In addition, ACE liaises with community stakeholders by actively engaging parents and community partners to help create and sustain a safe and inclusive learning environment.

Who we are

We are a committed group of volunteers from various communities and agencies with a cross-section of expertise and interests in the areas of equity, diversity, and inclusive education.

ACE meets once a month during the school year, with the exception of December and June, and is open to everyone in the community.

What we do

ACE works with OCDSB representatives such as Superintendents, the Principal of Inclusive, Safe and Caring Programs, Instructional Coaches and the Diversity and Equity Coordinator to:

- provide advice on policies through the lens of equity, diversity and inclusive education;
- provide advice on issues related to children and youth at risk;
- make recommendations on the development, implementation and monitoring of the Board's equity strategy;

- make recommendations on effective practices relating to equity, diversity and inclusive education;
- respond to queries from staff and the community on equity related matters; and,
- receive information and reports from various stakeholders, e.g., Board, community organizations, individuals representing affected groups.

How you can get involved

ACE's success depends on the diversity of ideas, perspectives and experiences that represent the voice of our students, parents and communities in which OCDSB schools are located. With your participation, we can help to provide an *Equity, Diversity and Inclusive Education* lens on both the opportunities and challenges that may impact student achievement and success. This includes, but is not limited to, exploring gender and gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnic and faith diversity, socio-economic dynamics and social inclusion.

How we can help you

If you wish to address an issue or make a presentation about equity, diversity and inclusive education within our schools, please visit us at www.ocdsbace.wordpress.com or contact the Diversity and Equity Coordinator at inclusivetimes@ocdsb.ca.



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