

OAPCE Toronto

2018 Parent Survey

CEC Delegations Presentation

April 19, 2018



Exec Summary

Background

- Serves as a Key Parent Engagement Tool
- Allows for simple feedback loop
- Promotes Advocacy and Engagement

Methodology

- 18 Questions regarding Parent Advocacy Awareness, Communications & Engagement Barriers.
- Survey administered via email to CSPC members and Parents within all wards in Toronto.
- Promoted via OAPCE Newsletter, Facebook and OAPCE Toronto Websites
- Findings were based on 210 respondents across all wards.

Key Findings

- Strengths include email communications, principals serve as source of engagement & OAPCE awareness.
- Opportunities include special needs representation, communications, awareness of safeschools, OAPCE and CPIC mandates.

Key Findings - Strengths & Opportunities'

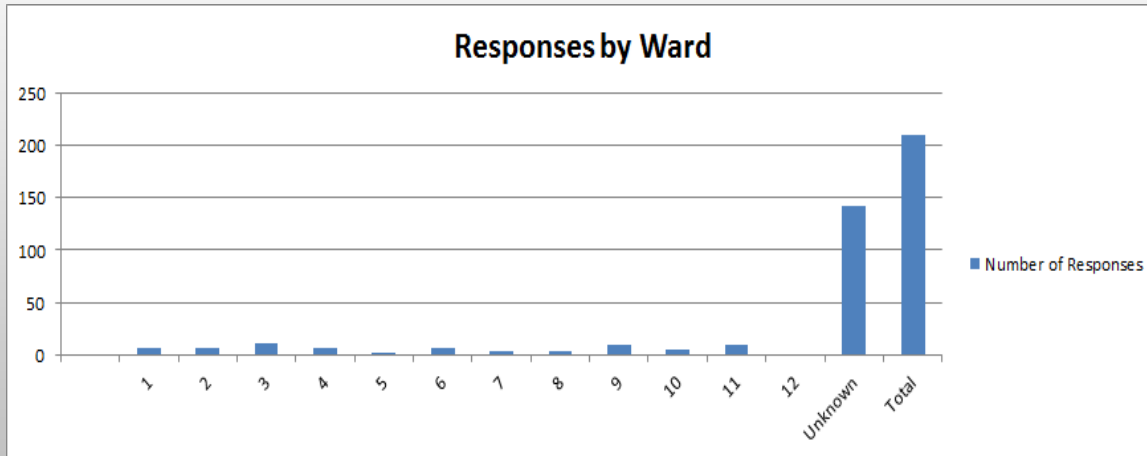
Strengths

- 67% of respondents advised that their schools leverage emails.
- Good awareness of OAPCE Rep Roles
- Principals are the main source of Parent Engagement.

Opportunities

- 15% of CSPC's have a member that represents the voice of special needs students and their parents.
- 55% of respondents either don't know or feel that their CSPC don't share information from the Board
- 71% of respondents don't know what the Safe School Action team is.
- 17% of respondents say they don't have a Safe School Action team.
- 54% and 32% of respondents have a minimal understanding of CPIC and OPACE mandates respectively.
- The top barriers to parent engagement include a lack of time, poor communication, infighting among CSPC's & CSPC Cliques
- Understanding the role of CSPC and use of by-laws are the most popular topic that respondents felt would be most useful in understanding CSPC

Survey Demographics by Wards



Points for discussion

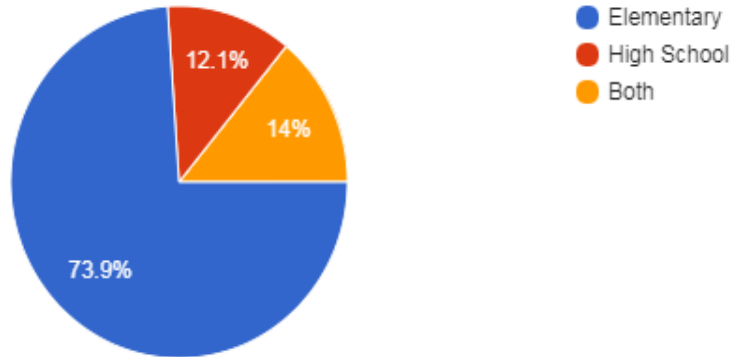
- All wards covered.
- Many don't know which ward they belong to.



Survey Demographics - School Type

Are your children in

207 responses



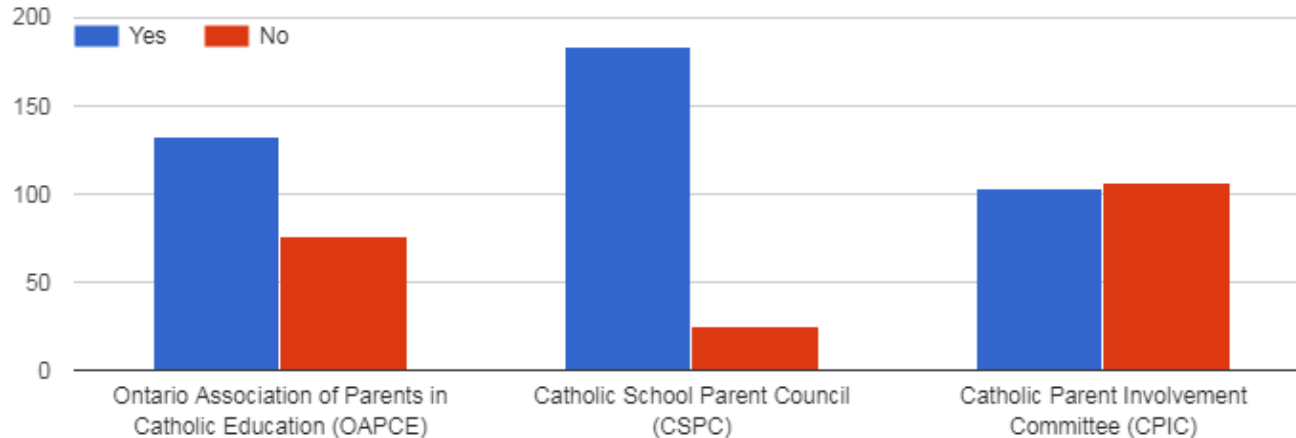
Points for discussion

- 74% of respondents are in elementary schools
- Engagement may decrease as children age as evidenced by high elementary school parent participation.



Advocacy Awareness

Are you aware that the following Parent Advocacy Groups exist within the Catholic Education System?



Points for discussion

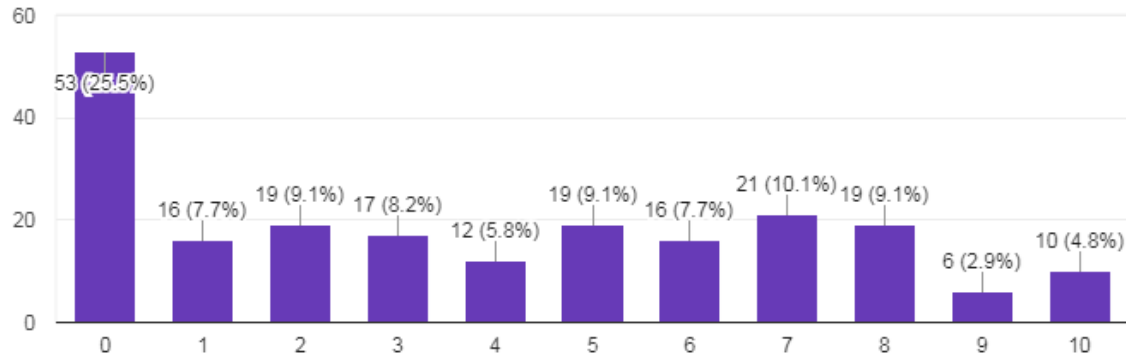
- High level of Parent are unaware of support OAPCE and CPIC advocacy.
- 76 Unaware of OAPCE
- 106 Unaware of CPIC



OAPCE Awareness & Understanding

How would you rank your understanding of the Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE)?

208 responses



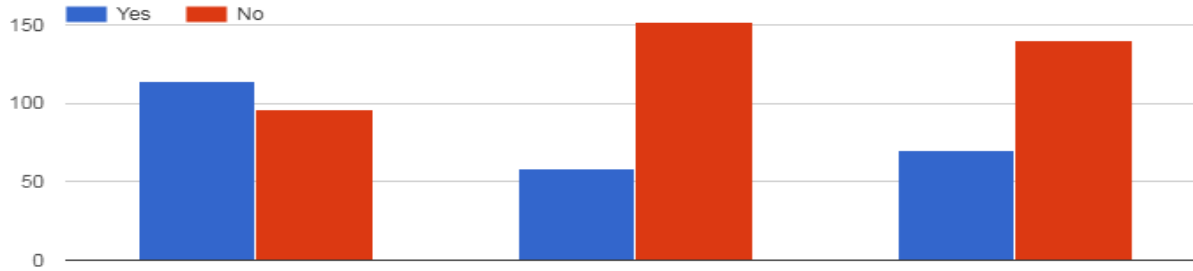
Points for discussion

- 42% (1, 2, 3) have a low understanding OAPCE
- 17% (8,9,10) have a high understanding of OAPCE.



OAPCE Awareness & Understanding

The following questions relate to your understanding of OAPCE.



Are you aware that OAPCE Toronto holds regular meetings and provides many presentations and workshops for parents; including an annual PRO-Grant workshop

Have you attended an OAPCE meetings/workshops

Are you aware that OAPCE has a yearly Commissioning Ceremony and Awards Ceremony?

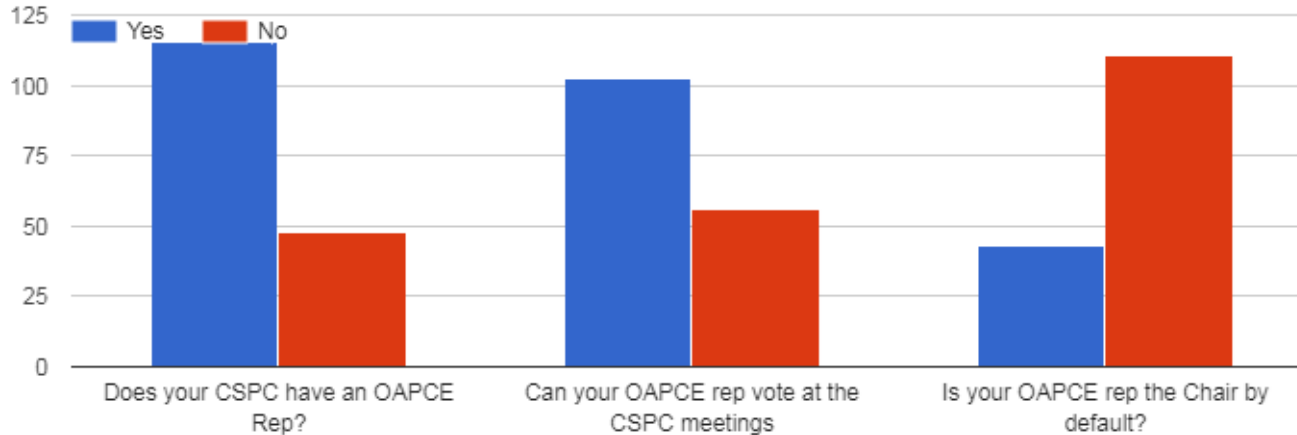
Points for discussion

- Lack of awareness
- Is this driven by communication
- Are OAPCE reps aware of their role.
- What can be done to improve this?



OAPCE Awareness & Understanding

Your CSPC is a key Parent Advocate group in the Catholic Education System. When thinking about your CSPC, please answer the following:



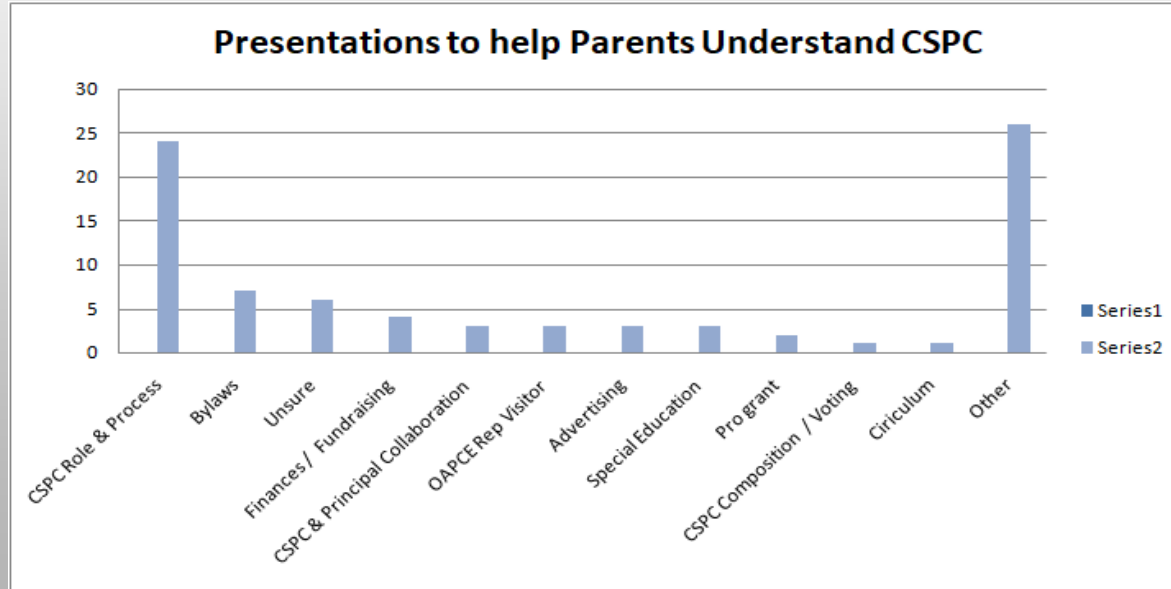
Points for discussion

- Strong results here
- Work to do, but the role of the OAPCE rep seems to be reasonably understood.



OAPCE - Opportunities

What presentations and or workshops would you like to have for parents so that they better understand their roles in the CSPC and school?



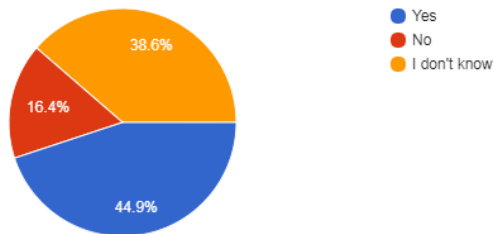
- Understanding the role of CSPC and use of by-laws are the most popular topic that respondents felt would be most useful in understanding CSPC.



Communication

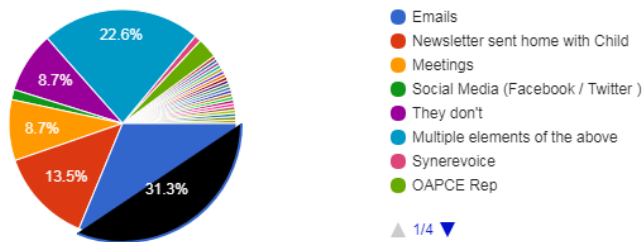
Does your CSPC share communication from the board with you?

207 responses



How does your CSPC/school communicate important news to you?

208 responses



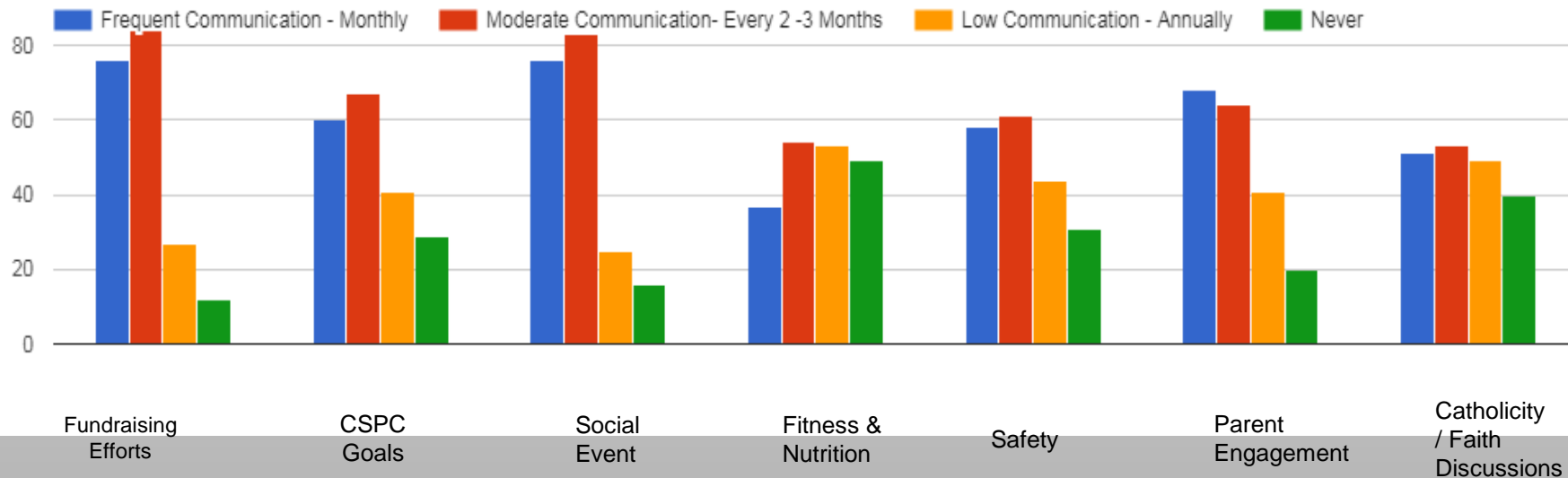
Points for discussion

- 55% of repondants either don't know or feel that their CSPC don't share information from the Board
- Email 23%, Newsletter 14% and 9% feel they don't communicate. ,
- What communication protocols need to improved?
- What strategies can be brought forward to address this GAP?
- Standard communication templates and formats for all schools.
- Common online Teacher / Parent Forum, Newsletters, email lists etc.



Communication Content

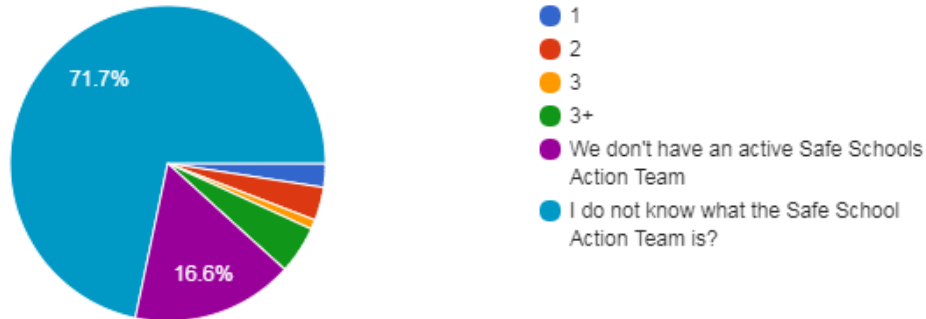
Regarding CSPC / School Communication how often would the following types of information be shared?



School Safety

If your School has a Safe School Action Team, how often does this group meet per year?

205 responses



Points for discussion

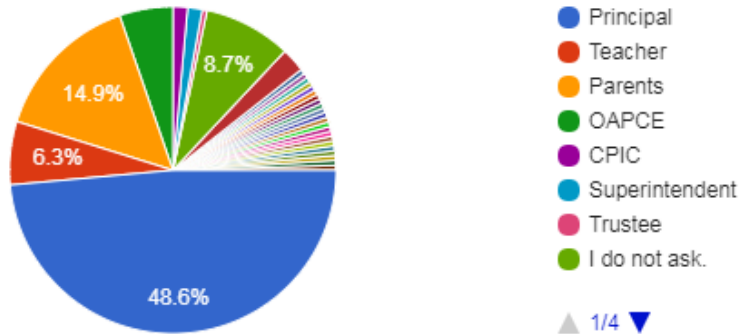
- 71% of respondents don't know what the Safe School Action team.
- 17% of respondents say they don't have a Safe School Action team.
- This may be due to lack of communication discussed earlier or lack of safety committee established in each school.
- How can this be improved? Discuss strategies to address.



CSPC - Parent Engagement-

If you had a question pertaining to your CSPC, parent engagement or any other issues concerning board policies, who would you ask?

208 responses



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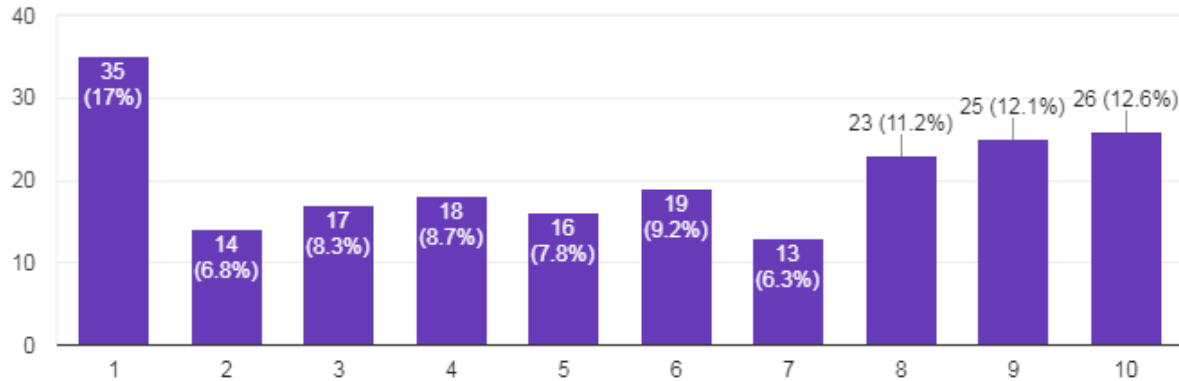
- Principal, teacher and parents are the key contacts.
- 9% of respondents do not ask?



CSPC Awareness

How would you rank your understanding of the mandate of your Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC)

206 responses



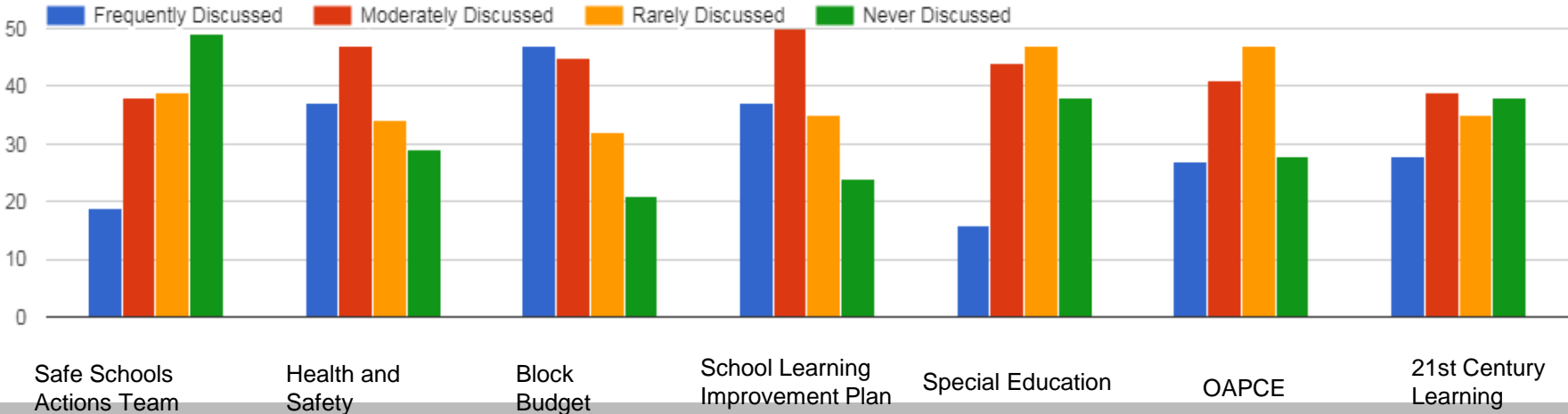
Points for discussion

- 32% of respondents have a low understanding of the CSPC.
- 35.9% of respondents have a good understanding of the CSPC mandate.



CSPC - Meeting Content

During your CSPC Meetings, how often are the following discussed?

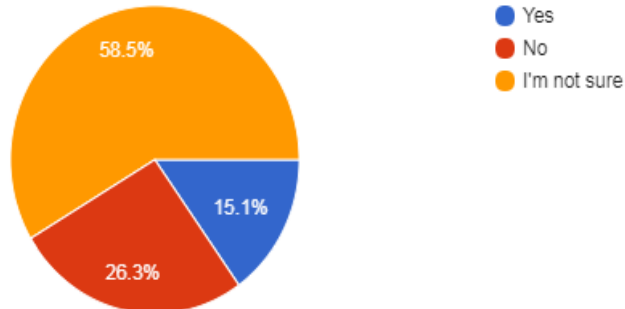


CSPC - Parent Engagement - Special Needs

According to regulation 12 of the TCDSB policy S.10 (Catholic School Parent Councils); membership shall include "where possible, a person who has a special interest in Special Education". Does your CSPC include a member that represents the voice of your special needs students and their parents?

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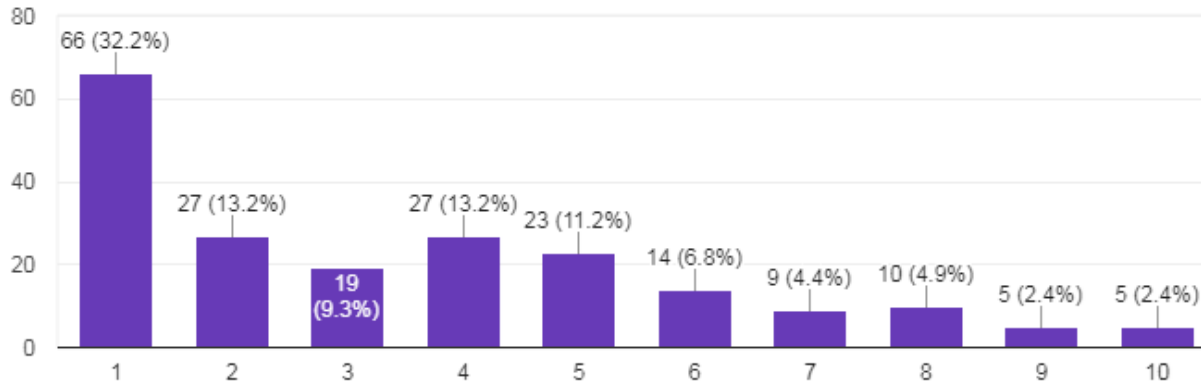
- 15% of CSPC's have a member that represents the voice of special needs students and their parents.
- What can be done to improve this?
- Discuss at SEAC?



CPIC Awareness

How would you rank your understanding of the mandate of the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC)

205 responses



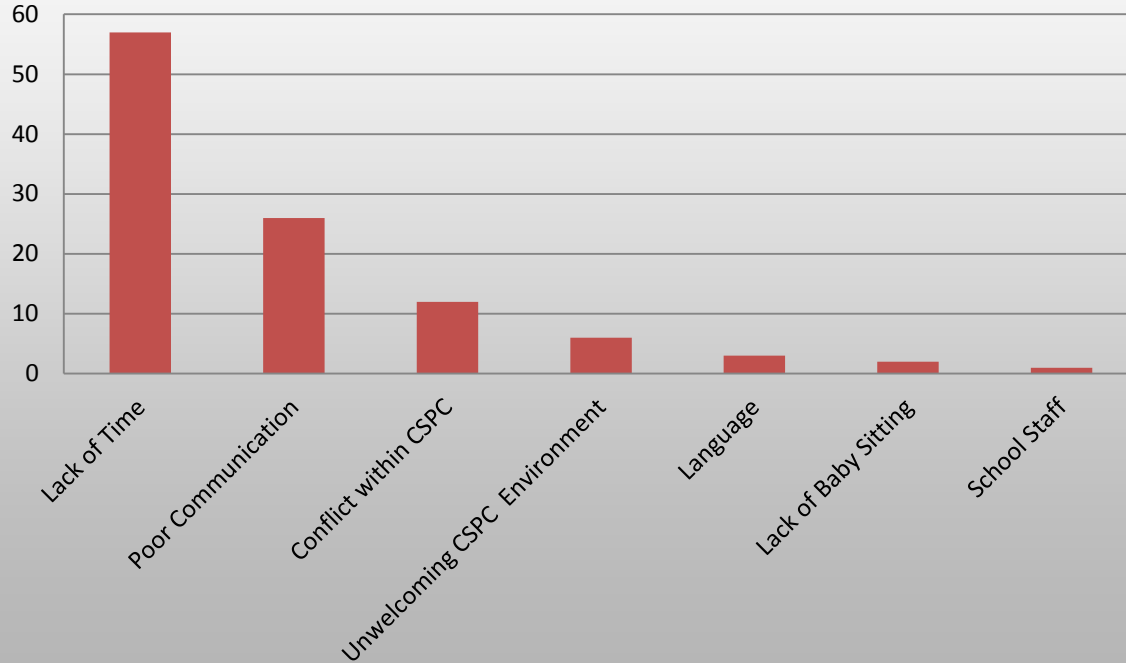
Points for discussion

- 54% of respondents have low understanding of CPIC.



Barriers to Parent Engagement

Top Barriers for Parent Engagement



Key Points for discussion

- Top Barriers include
 - Lack of time,
 - Poor communication
 - Conflict with CSPC
 - Unwelcoming CSPC Environment.

