



Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC)

Speakers' List to Support Local Parent Engagement Initiatives

Name	Contact	Focus of Work
Sr. Helena Burns	Email: srhelenaburns@gmail.com	Social media literacy and theology of the body for adults
Fr. Peter Turrone	Email: office@holyroary.ca	Meaning of love and sexuality
Fr. Prakash Anthony Lohale, OP	archtoronto.org	Office for Interreligious Dialogue
Michael Penafiel	https://sharelife.org	ShareLife
Dr. Josephine Lombardi	Email: josephine.lombardi@utoronto.ca Website: https://josephinelombardi.com/	Religious education and spirituality
Diane Montreuil	Email: dianemontreuil13@yahoo.ca	Indigenous education
Elder Ester Wesley	Email: ewesley918@gmail.com	Indigenous education and cultural studies
Virginia Barter	Email: vbarter@rogers.com	Métis Storyteller
John Hupfield (Ojibway)	Email: johnhupfield@gmail.com	Historical and contemporary Indigenous representations: A dialogue on stereotypes, the media, cultural appropriation, and Indigenous voice
Harmony Movement	Website: https://harmony.ca	Building inclusive schools and communities
Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Centre for Holocaust Studies	Email: education@fswc.ca Website: Education & Diversity Programs (friendsofsimonwiesenthalcenter.com)	Equity, diversity, addressing intolerance & antisemitism
The Canadian Multicultural Inventors Museum (CMIM)	Website:	Educational, interactive African- centered presentations featuring African Canadian, African American, African Caribbean and African Women innovators and inventors

	https://multiculturalmuseums.org/whatwe-do	
Trey Anthony	Website: https://treyanthony.com/about	Empowering black women
Andrew B. Campbell, PhD.	Website: https://drabc.ca/workshops	Equity, diversity, and inclusion
Barbara Coloroso	Email: info.kidsareworthit@gmail.com	Parenting, bullying, positive school climate and restorative justice
Alyson Schafer	Website: https://alysonschafer.com/	Parenting
Kylah Harrington	Website: https://parenteducation.net/	Parenting
Jennifer Kolari	Website: https://connectedparenting.com/	Connected Parenting – Raising Children
Dr. Jean Clinton	Website: https://www.edcan.ca/	Supporting young children’s social emotional development & youth mental health
Dr. Stuart Shanker	Email: info@self-reg.ca Website: https://self-reg.ca/	Self-Regulation
Paul Davis	Website: socialnetworkingsafety.net	Social networking safety
Sarah Westbrook	Website: https://upowerpresentations.com/	Confidence and resilience building
Amen Iseghohi	Website: https://www.meetamen.com/pages/motivational-speaker-toronto	Family wellness, balanced and productive life
School Mental Health Ontario	Website: https://smho-smso.ca/	<p>Process for schools in selecting a speaker as recommended by the TCDSB Psychology Department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councils, in collaboration with the school principal are encouraged to consult with the school’s psychologist guidance counselor and social worker to better ascertain the mental health needs of the school community. • Schools can use The Decision Support Tool, from School Mental Health Ontario (smho-smso.ca), to assist with making informed

		decisions when selecting a mental health speaker for the school community. The document has a series of self-reflective questions to help the local team (page 12) and a series of interview questions to choose an appropriate speaker (page 11).
Strong Minds, Strong Kids	Email: pamela.sariyannis@strongmindsstrongkids.org Website: https://www.strongmindsstrongkids.org	A non-profit organization organization that can provide a list of speakers/workshops.

Important Notes:

- This is not an exhaustive list, nor a recommended list. It is a compilation of speakers to support local parent engagement initiatives
- The process of selecting a speaker for a local school event is overseen, vetted, and approved by the school principal in collaboration with the school's Catholic School Advisory Council (CSPC)
- Once selected, it is recommended that the school principal and the CSPC chair review the content of the presentation to ensure that it meets the needs of the Catholic school community