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## OAPCE Report to Toronto CPIC

At our last OAPCE-Toronto meeting held Tuesday February 15, our guest presenter was Greg Frankson, a Toronto-based poet, author and educator with a focus on leadership, effective communication and diversity and inclusion issues. A two-time TEDx speaker, Greg appeared on CBC TV's Canada's Smartest Person and is the former resident poet on the CBC Radio One program Here and Now Toronto. He offered an examination of the power of words to shape relationships, foster sociocultural understanding, and impact our mental health in both positive and negative ways. Greg examined ways that parents can model for their children how to reclaim and assert their agency through anti-racist language. These presentations provided parents with a different perspective and tools to help them foster meaningful discussions as well.

OAPCE Ontario also shared a link to the Ministry of Education Ontario's – "Learning Recovery Action Plan for Students" and a survey related to the modernization of the high school curriculum. This survey was posted on the OAPCE Provincial website as well emailed to our distribution list of 3500 OAPCE parents across the province, to which 290 written responses were received.

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