

President's Message

September 17, 2018

Calling All Bloggers!

Do you like to blog? Would you like to contribute to the [OPC blog – Lead Learners](#)? If so, send us a 500-600 word blog post for consideration. The post should be related to education, school leaders, ongoing professional learning or other areas that would be of interest or assistance to P/VPs. Help us make this blog a professional learning tool for our Members. Please send your submission to psweeney@principals.ca. Include your full name, school, board and any social media accounts you would like added to your bio.

Introducing our Podcast

We are pleased to introduce the OPC podcast – ***The Principal Voice***. Our first episode features new President Larry O'Malley. You can listen [here](#). Let us know if you have ideas for our future podcasts.

OCT Seeking P/VPS for College Committees

The Ontario College of Teachers is seeking practising or recently retired principals and vice-principals to develop a roster from whom panelists may be chosen to sit on the Investigation and Discipline committees. These people will sit on screening panels or preside over hearings of alleged misconduct or incompetence of College members with experienced Committee members. It is a three-year term. Successful applicants will receive appropriate training.

If you are interested, please contact outreach@oct.ca for more details, or call 416-961-8800, ext 685. Applications are due by **September 30, 2018**.

Peer review is extremely important in self-governing bodies. It is something we fought hard to achieve. We hope that as practising or recently retired school leaders you will consider applying to serve your colleagues in this very important role.

Joanne Robinson to Receive Award

Congratulations to our Director of Professional Learning, Joanne Robison, who will be the recipient of the 2018 Outstanding Educator Award from the Phi Delta Kappa University of Toronto chapter. Joanne is being honoured for her work in school leadership in Ontario and around the world.

Media

One view - [A blanket ban on cell phones in schools would not be smart](#)

And another - [For smarter kids, keep cellphones out of the classroom](#)

[University students lead charge against sexual violence on campus](#)

[Post-secondary tuition in B.C. waived for former kids in care](#)

[Teen social media use is skyrocketing – but new research says don't panic](#)

[Positive parent-teacher partnerships contribute to student success](#)

[Kick starting the year with passion](#)

[Bilingual brain – what happens when you flip between languages](#)

[Playing computer games may help improve math scores for boys](#)

[Report calls for math courses for all student teachers](#)

Queen's Park

There were questions in the House last week about [discovery math](#), [backlog repairs in schools](#) and [the interim HPE Curriculum](#).