

NEC: Personal Biography of Granda L. Kopytko

Hello I would like to apply to a position of the National Executive Director of the Association. I have been a Steward with Cape since June, 2015. I have been an EC at Statistics Canada since 2011. I have been very active in my volunteer positions extending over several years. Within the past year I was a volunteer Parent Representative for the Ottawa Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) Area Review Commission (ARC). I represented the interests of the parents of JH Putman School. This was a very intense volunteer commitment during which I did the following:

- **Coordinated, planned and ran** local meetings as OCDSB Area Review Commission (ARC) Parent Representative. Collected concerns which I later presented at formal ARC meetings.
- **Initiated, organized and supported** other parents (especially those who were non-native English speakers) to write and present delegations at formal OCDSB Meetings of the Whole
- **Created an opinion survey** on Oct 10, 2017 after identifying a need to quickly identify parent concerns over a proposed OCDSB school closing. Finding and contacting affected families was a difficulty which I solved by distributing it via school parent councils. On Oct 27, 2017 I presented the results at the Western Area Review OCDSB meeting which were also featured on the CBC news. Mobilised parents lobbied quite vigorously to save their school as a direct consequence of the survey.
- **Co-wrote** news article as Ottawa Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) Area Review Commission (ARC) Parent Representative published in Ottawa Citizen, Jan 25 2017¹
- **Interviewed** numerous times as ARC representative by CBC, CTV and other media groups. CBC news Jan, 2017 "Parents threaten to change boards over public school closures"
- **Wrote and presented** delegations at formal "OCDSB "Meetings of the Whole"²

I also have been and still am, an active volunteer with the Ottawa Humane Society (2010 – present), the Lakeside Players Community Association (2003-present) and a translator for Terre Des Hommes (2013-present). I have volunteered with numerous other organizations such as YMCA, Scouts Canada, Royals Soccer club to name a few. I am very community minded and follow through with my commitments.

I feel that a union should be uniting and everyone should do their part to help. I am ready to help now.

Sincerely,

Granda

PUBLICATIONS

1. Ottawa Citizen, Jan 25, 2017 "Miller and Kopytko: It's folly to consider closing J.H. Putman school and here's why" <http://ottawacitizen.com/opinion/columnists/miller-and-kopytko-its-folly-to-consider-closing-j-h-putman-school-and-heres-why>

2. OCDSB Committee of the Whole, Jan 20, 2017 Delegation <http://www.ocdsb.ca/calendar/AGENDA%20DOCS/2017%20DOCS/January%202017/COW%2024%20January%202017/05c%20Delegation%20-%20Granda%20Kopytko%20re%20Western%20Area%20Accommodation%20Review.pdf>

3. JM Clarke, D Leisle and GL Kopytko, "Inheritance of cadmium concentration in five durum wheat crosses," CROP SCIENCE, 37(6) pp 1722-1726 (1997).