



Research & Future Trends

The Futures Committee meets regularly to discuss and share latest software, hardware, and techniques as they apply to education. The best of the best are shared at RCAC meetings

Sharing of Best Practice

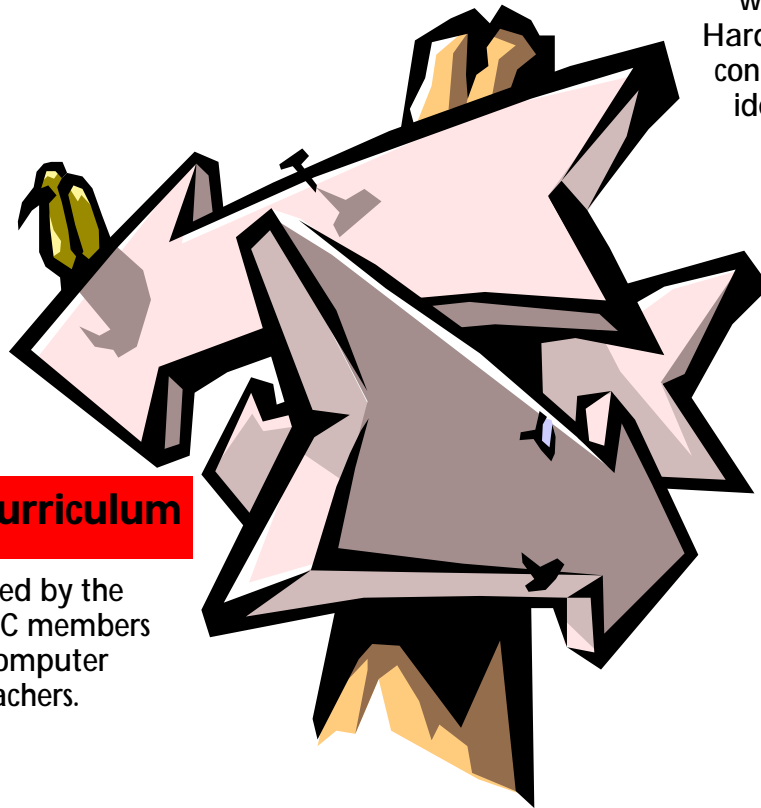
A part of every RCAC meeting is a round table discussion of what is happening in each Board with respect to computers. Hardware, software, Internet connectivity topics, and new ideas are shared and often taken back for implementation in the partner Boards.

Support for New Curriculum

As new curriculum is released by the Ministry of Education, RCAC members discuss the implication of computer technology as an aid to teachers.

Integration of Computers Across Curriculum

RCAC members regularly share workshop ideas, materials, and resources so that we're not constantly reinventing the wheel. Innovative projects like the Social Studies, History and Geography and the Science and Technology CD-ROM resources show a strong sense of inter-District collaboration.



Symposium

Often called the best Professional Development session in the Western Region, over 400 Superintendents, Principals, and Educators attend this annual conference in London in December. Keynote speakers highlight the day. Past keynotes include David Thornburg, Alan November, Rory McGreal, Fred D'Ignasio, and Jamie McKenzie.

In addition, innovative computer related projects from the Western Region are showcased in breakout sessions. Symposium is anxiously anticipated by participants each year.

Liaison with EDU and Other Computer Organizations

A regular member of the RCAC is the Ministry of Education representative from the London Office. Information about Ministry directions is received by this Education Officer. Concerns about Board/District Implementation is shared with this officer.

RCAC sends a representative to the Central Ontario Computer Association (COCA) as well as keeping close contact with the initiatives of the Educational Computing Organization of Ontario. (ECOO)

Professional Development

One of the standing committees of the RCAC deals with our own personal, professional development. We use our colleagues as presenters on a regular basis. Periodically, Ministry "Train the Trainer" sessions are held for important initiatives in software implementation.

The RCAC is...

- *Avon Maitland District School Board*
- *Bluewater District School Board*
- *Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board*
- *Conseil de district du Centre Sud-Ouest*
- *Conseil scolaire de district des écoles catholiques de Sud-Ouest*
- *Fanshawe College*
- *Greater Essex County District School Board*
- *Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board*
- *Lambton Kent District School Board*
- *Lambton College*
- *London District Catholic School Board*
- *Robarts School*
- *St. Clair Catholic District School Board*
- *St. Clair College*
- *Thames Valley District School Board*
- *University of Western Ontario*
- *University of Windsor*
- *Windsor Essex Catholic District School Board*

Link to SWOEO

The Co-Chairs of the RCAC are SWOEO members and share SWOEO concerns with the RCAC. In turn, RCAC directions are shared with SWOEO.

Feedback & Support for OSAPAC

The RCAC currently sends three people to sit on this provincial body of 11. The mandate of OSAPAC is to license software relevant to the Ontario curriculum. Members receive progress updates and send our wishes to the committee through our representatives. Each meeting features a report from the OSAPAC representatives.