



ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
Lighting the Way ~ Rejoicing in Our Journey

MINUTES

CATHOLIC FAITH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, September 28, 2015 – 5:00 p.m.

Catholic Education Centre

Chair: Laura Callaghan, Superintendent of Education

Trustee: Brenda Rumble

Present: Heather Carron-Doyle – Behaviour Support Team
Rob Cicchelli – Principal, St. Patrick Secondary School
Marcia Vermey – French Immersion Parent, St. Anne Catholic School, Blenheim
Kim Gaiswinkler – Teacher & Faith Ambassador, St. Ursula Catholic School
Raymond Girard – Teacher, Ursuline College Chatham
Terri Sinasac – Elementary Curriculum Consultant
Christine Lambert – Principal, Sacred Heart, Port Lambton
Joan Martell – SEA Technology Support Coordinator
Kerry Matthyssen – Principal, St. Ursula Catholic School
Michelle McLean – French Immersion Parent, St. Anne Catholic School, Blenheim
Joseph Palko – Chaplain, St. Patrick’s Catholic High School
Margaret Palmer – System Chaplaincy Leader
Thomas Dula – Chaplain, Ursuline College Chatham
Mary Jo Cocarell – OECTA representative & Teacher, Sacred Heart, Sarnia

Regrets: Fr. Ray Lawhead – Episcopal Vicar, Sarnia Deanery
Dino Petrucci – Teacher, St. Patrick’s Catholic High School

Recording Secretary: Terri Sinasac

1. Welcome and Introductions

Laura Callaghan, chair of the meeting, welcomed and thanked those in attendance and called the meeting to order.

2. Opening Prayer – All; led by Margaret Palmer

3. *Approval of Minutes*

Motion: (Brenda Rumble & Kerry Matthyssen) That the Minutes for the Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, April 27, 2015 be approved with the clarification around the “Pick it up and sue” workshop for the next meeting. *Carried.*

4. *Approval of Agenda*

Motion: (Joan Martell & Margaret Palmer) That the Agenda for the Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, September 28, 2015 be approved as presented with the addition of two topics – Year of Mercy and Outreach for Families. *Carried.*

5. *Business Arising*

i. **Selection Process: Living our Faith Award**

Laura Callaghan shared the criteria for the Living our Faith Award focusing on the three tenets of the Board’s Mission Statement.

The committee gathered in 3 groups to read the 8 nominations and to come to a group consensus on a candidate. The group read and highlighted applications for evidence of the three tenets. From the group discussions the 2 candidates for the Living our Faith Award were chosen. Laura will contact all nominees (suggestion to include important quotes from their nominations) and the two chosen candidates:

Andrea DeBruyn (Chatham-Kent) and Dino Petrucci (Sarnia-Lambton)

Next steps to encourage more nominations for this award were discussed including:

- Announcing the nomination timeframes at the Administrators meeting, advertising in the Chaplaincy and Curriculum newsletter, posting the nomination / award criteria on the Living Our Faith webpage, announcing the award nomination at School Council meetings, notifying the union groups of the award / nomination procedures, including a description in school newsletter and a group SCCDSB and / or staff email
- Including a more clear description of the tenants that will be looked at
- Moving nomination timeframe to April to avoid the “June rush”

ii. **Goal Setting for this Year**

The group discussed goals for this committee using 4 questions. Due to time constraints the group was asked to consider these questions for discussion at the next meeting:

1. What have we done?
2. What is worth continuing?
3. What can we do this year as a committee?
4. What is our goal?

Laura will bring back the retention strategies list from last year. Minutes will be sent a minimum of two days prior to the next meeting to allow group members to read them.

6. *School Reports*

Will be shared at the next meeting.

7. *Year of Mercy*

Topic deferred to next meeting.

8. *Outreach for Families*

Topic deferred to next meeting.

9. *Closing Prayer: All; led by Margaret Palmer*

10. *Adjournment*

The Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, September 28, 2015 adjourned at 7:02 p.m.