



**ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

Lighting the Way ~ Rejoicing in Our Journey

**ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT
BOARD ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Strategic Priority: Living Our Faith

NOTES

Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

**Location: Boardroom, Catholic Education Centre
420 Creek Street, Wallaceburg**

Board Advisory Council Members Present:

Randi Hull – Christ the King Catholic School
 Lisa Clarke – Georges P Vanier
 Nicole White – Gregory A. Hogan Catholic School
 Christine Thompson – Holy Family Catholic School
 Alison Mills – Our Lady of Fatima
 Phil Kraayenbrink – Sacred Heart, Port Lambton
 Sabrina Treftlin – Sacred Heart Catholic School, Sarnia
 Chris Treftlin – Sacred Heart Catholic School, Sarnia
 Anita Hudson – St. Agnes Catholic School
 Sharon MacKenzie – St. John Fisher Catholic School
 Tressa Brown – St. Joseph Catholic School, Corunna
 Phil Kraayenbrink – St. Patrick’s Catholic High School
 Brandon Johnston – St. Ursula Catholic School
 Jennifer Vanderveen – Ursuline College Chatham Catholic School

Absent:

Good Shepherd Catholic School
 Holy Rosary Catholic School
 Holy Trinity Catholic School
 Monsignor Uyen Catholic School
 St. Anne Catholic School, Blenheim
 St. Anne Catholic School, Sarnia
 St. Elizabeth Catholic School
 St. Joseph Catholic School, Chatham
 St. Joseph Catholic School, Tilbury
 St. Matthew Catholic School
 St. Michael Catholic School, Bright’s Grove
 St. Michael Catholic School, Ridgetown
 St. Michael Catholic School, Ridgetown
 St. Peter Canisius Catholic School
 St. Philip Catholic School
 St. Vincent Catholic School

Trustees, Administration and Staff Present:

Laura Callaghan	Frank Torti	Kim Fitzmorris
Scott Johnson	Ed Freeburn	Phil Bedard
Lisa Demers	Luana Sfalcin	Tracy Verstraeten
Mat Roop		

Chair: Laura Callaghan
Recorder: Josselyne Segeren

Laura Callaghan opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

1. Opening Prayer

Frank Torti, Vice-Principal

Frank Torti, Vice-Principal of St. Patrick's Catholic School opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Review of Meeting Agenda

Tressa Brown, Chair

Motion: (Sharron Mackenzie, Christine Thompson) That the agenda for the Board Advisory Council meeting of Tuesday, March 6, 2018 be approved. All were in favour. Motion accepted.

3. Approval of Meeting Notes from October 17, 2017

Tressa Brown, Chair

Motion: (Sharron MacKenzie, Phil Krayenbrink) That the Meeting Notes for the Board Advisory Council meeting of Tuesday, October 17, 2017 be approved. All were in favour. Motion accepted.

4. School Year Calendar Proposal 2018-2019

Scott Johnson

- Scott presented the proposed School Year Calendar to parents
- The next steps are the calendar is presented to the board of trustees and then it is submitted to the Ministry for final approval

5. Short Term Target #1: Achieve Increase in Retention

Scott Johnson

- Scott Johnson discussed Retention in our schools and parents brought forward various barriers
- Parents feel there are current barriers that our schools can assist families to overcome
- Future Irish/Future Lancer website is now in place with very parent friendly vocabulary
- Scott discussed various retention strategies that are in place that are contributing to our retention growth
- For the first time this year we had a 80.25% retention rate

6. Short Term Target #2: Implement the Grade 4 Religion Program

Kim Fitzmorris

- Kim presented our new Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ program that we have implemented in grades 1 through 4
- Grade 5 will be available for September 2018.
- Kim explained that each year a new grade will continue to be released up to Grade 8. Grade 5 is coming out this year for September implementation.
- The new digital platform contains songs, prayers, stories, audio texts, etc.
- Families can access this at home, Kim showed parents how they are able to access this and provided the login information for our families. The login is also available through each school.
- Kim showed the Parish login, and shared they have the portal access and copies of the text for each grade

7. Short Term Target #3: Increase Faith Building Experiences

Margaret Palmer

- Margaret Palmer, System Chaplaincy Lead, discussed various experiences across our board that are building our faith
- Stations of the cross, interactive Spiritual stations, retreats for students and staff
- Margaret shared that students are writing morning prayers and the prayer experiences for the new school transitions and builds

- Other experiences include Christian meditation school visits, Living Rosary Experience, prayer resources shared through google slides to use at various occasions
- Faith day for staff every 2 years – one taking place this year – Mass and guest speaker – April 2018
- Margaret shared many of the resources available that are shared with staff and schools
- Parents were invited to contact Margaret to facilitate or offer assistance in a prayer service

8. Short Term Target #: Build Cultural Awareness of the Indigenous Perspective

**Lisa Demers/
Tracy Verstraeten**

- Tracy shared the Ontario First Nation, Metis, and Inuit Policy ministry document
- She explained that we have 4 First Nation Communities across our board
- Tracy shared some of the various elementary and secondary initiatives happening at schools across our board

9. Closing Prayer

Frank Torti

The meeting was closed at 8:28 p.m.