



ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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MINUTES

CATHOLIC FAITH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, October 18, 2010 – 5:00 pm

Main Boardroom – Catholic Education Centre

Chair: Deb Crawford

Present: Ross Daly Cindy Waddick Margaret Palmer-McCann
 Kerry Matthyssen Liz Bujaki Betty Ann Pickett

Regrets: Laura Callaghan Richard Whitney Anna Giuliani

Faith Ambassadors:

Joan Martell
Kathy Foise
Kim Gaiswinkler
Deb Bogaert

Recording Secretary: Josselyne Clark

1. Opening Prayer - All

Deb Crawford, chair of the meeting, welcomed and thanked those in attendance and called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by consensus as presented.

3. Videos

Deb presented two videos that were viewed by the committee. The first video was Catholicscomehome.org; the second was the FACE video as created by the St. Clair Catholic District School Board.

4. *Faith Ambassadors Day & Faith Kits*

Faith kits were created and distributed to all elementary schools. The kits are a bin consisting of items such as books and CD's for the teachers to use in the classroom and are for all grade levels. Cindy was thanked for her hard work on the Faith Kits, and also the Board was acknowledged for the funding.

It was commented the retreat day was wonderful and very encouraging.

5. *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*

Changes will be happening around Advent 2011. It was commented this will be a great opportunity to look at the history and music of the Church. This would be a great lesson opportunity for teachers; a chance to look deeper into our faith and gain a better understanding of the history.

There will be an abundance of resources available as these changes are implemented, everyone will have lots of support from the Diocese. There are no changes in the Children's Liturgy. There will be 3 mass settings created. They should be available by September, giving at least 3 months to review before implementation.

6. *Auditing Catholic Schools*

Handouts were distributed from the book, "Auditing Our Catholic Schools". Reasons why to audit were discussed. There was discussion around teachers having the flexibility to pick virtues to fit their curriculum plans.

Discussion took place about Secondary Schools and virtue education. Examples from secondary are the art classes have created banners. Each grade chose a virtue they felt represented their grade and these will stay with them until graduation. The grades also have prayers based on their virtue.

Catholic Culture survey initiated comments such as when visiting schools, it is great to see the children's artwork depicting virtues. Adult Faith Formation and Catholic Culture discussion took place with ideas regarding Adult Faith Formation being brought forward.

7. *Other Business*

Deb commented on the upcoming King's College Religious Life Lecture Series. Deb announced that the Faith Awards will be on the January meeting agenda.

8. *Meeting Date*

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 10, 2011.

9. *Adjournment and Closing Prayer*

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm and all said the closing prayer.