



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

## **MINUTES**

### **CATHOLIC FAITH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Monday, April 23, 2012 – 5:00 pm**

**Main Boardroom – Catholic Education Centre**

Chair: Dr. Frank Leddy, Superintendent of Education

Trustee: Carol Bryden

Present: Daniela Azzolina – Chaplain, St. Christopher Catholic Secondary School  
Liz Bujaki – Consultant, Catholic Curriculum, Elementary  
Brendan Deery – Principal, St. Christopher Catholic Secondary School  
Adrien Gagnier – Vice Principal, St. Anne Catholic School, Blenheim  
Kim Gaiswinkler – Teacher & Faith Ambassador, St. Ursula Catholic School  
Christine Lambert – Vice Principal, Holy Trinity Catholic School  
Joan Martell – Teacher & Faith Ambassador, St. John Fisher Catholic School  
Kerry Matthyssen – Principal, St. Ursula Catholic School  
Lorri Moynihan – Educational Assistant, Christ the King Catholic School  
Margaret Palmer-McCann – Chaplain, Ursuline College  
Cindy Waddick – Elementary Chaplaincy Leader  
Richard Whitney – Chaplain, St. Patrick's Catholic High School

Regrets: Hollie Sparling – Teacher, St. Vincent Catholic School

Recording Secretary: Josselyne Segeren

#### *1. Welcome and Introductions*

Dr. Frank Leddy, chair of the meeting, welcomed and thanked those in attendance and called the meeting to order. New members of the committee were introduced.

#### *2. Opening Prayer - All*

#### *3. Approval of Minutes*

**Motion: (Brendan Deery, Kerry Matthyssen) That the Minutes for the Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, January 23, 2012 be approved as presented. Carried.**

4. *Approval of Agenda*

The agenda was approved as presented.

5. *Review of CFAC's Role in the 4 Key Goals*

The committee reviewed their combined responses from the first meeting with regards to the role of the Catholic Faith Advisory Committee. Main ideas that were noted from the brainstorming activity were:

- Having a role in helping and advising for the Faith Day
- Faith Ambassadors
- Shaping faith formation for students and staff
- Advisory committee – who do we advise?
- Curriculum
- Ties to the pastoral and diocesan plans?

6. *System Belief Statements*

The system belief statements were distributed to each member to review.

7. *What is the Purpose of CFAC?*

Working in groups, the committee formed recommendations for the future direction of CFAC. The following were recommendations to address the role and purpose, membership and how often the committee should meet.

Role/Purpose

- To promote – combine points from Policy 6.4: point 1.1, point 2.1, triad from point 1.2 and add “community”
  - Faith formation of staff
- Specific tasks
  - Lighting Our Way Award
  - Faith Day
  - Board Theme
  - Advise board on visioning statements
- Monitor and promote the distinct Catholic culture and nature of our schools and system; authentic Catholic curriculum
- Affirm already existing practices that promote our Catholic faith
- Initiate ideas to further enhance our Catholic faith/promote our Catholic schools

Membership

- Parent
- Deanery/Clergy/Pastoral Worker
- Student?

#### Meetings

- At least 4 meetings per year

#### 8. *Revision of CFAC Policy 6.4*

The current policy was revised in 2008, and is now outdated. Dr. Leddy is going to review the recommendations made above and report back to the committee before the end of the school year. He will provide a draft working document for next year and members will be able to provide feedback.

#### 9. *Goal Setting for Next Year*

The CFAC members determined main areas that they wish to focus on next year. They included creating a framework for auditing, the virtues projects in our schools, sharing and promoting resources. The committee would also like to view the DVD that accompanies the new Catholic Graduate Expectations.

#### 10. *Information/Sharing*

Liz Bujaki discussed new and revised resources available from the Catholic Curriculum Corporation to support our teachers.

When Faith Meeting Pedagogy conference is scheduled for October 26, 2012.

The secondary Chaplains are preparing for Muskoka Woods coming up the beginning of May 2012.

Daniela Azzolina commented on the success of Cyclone Aid, with more than 300 volunteers collecting over 23,000 pounds of food and over \$400. Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> will be the completion of the Kingdom Assignment at St. Christopher. They have also completed their retreats. Daniela asked the grade 12 students to assist with the grade 9 retreats, and reported that it went very well. The grade 12 students really enjoyed having a role in leading the retreat.

Shannon Thunderbird presented at both St. Patrick's and St. Christopher.

Joan Martell reported from St. John Fisher that their students involved in the Kingdom Assignment project raised over \$1,500. Students are also enjoying the trailer *The One Called Jesus* at their school this week.

#### 11. *Feedback*

Members agreed that the meeting time from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. is good. Discussion took place regarding other aspects of the meeting such as the set-up, meal time, and the new direction of the committee.

*12. Closing Prayer – All*

*13. Adjournment*

The Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, April 23, 2012 adjourned at 7:19 p.m.