



**ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

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MINUTES

CATHOLIC FAITH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, November 19, 2012 – 5:00 p.m.

Main Boardroom – Catholic Education Centre

Chair: Dr. Frank Leddy, Superintendent of Education

Trustee: Carol Bryden

Present: Lauri Butzer – French Immersion Parent, St. Anne Catholic School, Blenheim
Brenda Corchis – 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
Gloria Knoll – Teacher, Holy Rosary Catholic School
Christine Lambert – Vice Principal, Holy Trinity Catholic School
Joan Martell – Teacher & Faith Ambassador, St. John Fisher Catholic School
Margaret Palmer-McCann – Chaplain, Ursuline College Chatham
Daniela Oana – Chaplain, St. Christopher Catholic Secondary School
Marcia Vermey – French Immersion Parent, St. Anne Catholic School, Blenheim
Cindy Waddick – Elementary Chaplaincy Leader
Richard Whitney – Chaplain, St. Patrick's Catholic High School

Regrets: Fr. Jim Higgins – Episcopal Vicar, Sarnia Deanery
Kerry Matthyssen – Principal, St. Ursula Catholic School
Lorri Moynihan – Educational Assistant, Christ the King 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.

2. *Opening Prayer – All; led by Richard Whitney*

3. *Approval of Minutes*

Motion: (Brendan Deery, Joan Martell) That the Minutes for the Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, October 1, 2012 be approved as presented. Carried.

4. *Approval of Agenda*

Motion: (Christine Lambert, Joan Martell) That the Agenda for the Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, November 19, 2012 be approved as presented. Carried.

5. *CFAC Policy Revision and Terms of Reference*

The committee reviewed the provided revised CFAC Policy and the Terms of Reference. Changes and revisions that included input from the committee were highlighted.

6. *Subcommittee Report*

Brenda Corchis, Christine Lambert, Cindy Waddick and Richard Whitney worked as a subcommittee and formed possible ideas for the CFAC Committee to consider in assisting bringing the Board Theme to life.

Brenda and Cindy shared the list of ideas and activities. The committee selected ideas they believed would fit well with the direction of the committee. Subcommittees were created to further discuss:

- an evaluation tool/survey (Frank Leddy, Joan Martell, Margaret Palmer-McCann)
- creative ways to use the Graduate Expectations (Kim Gaiswinkler, Christine Lambert, Cindy Waddick)
- creation of school families (Gloria Knoll, Christine Lambert)
- staff retreats (Brendan Deery, Daniela Oana, Richard Whitney)
- creation of prayer spaces in the school/classroom (Brenda Corchis, Cindy Waddick)

7. *Twilight Retreat Report*

A Twilight Retreat was held at the Catholic Education Centre on the evening of November 1st, “For everything there is a season”, with Michelle O’Rourke as guest speaker. Cindy Waddick reported that it was a relaxing evening filled with prayer and hope.

8. *Action Items for Next Meeting*

Each subcommittee, as formed earlier in the evening, will be meeting at least once before

the next meeting. They will bring back a report to the next meeting in February.

9. Reports

Daniela Oana, Chaplain at St. Christopher, shared information about their anti-bullying pink campaign. They have finished the retreats for this semester, and the grade 8 days are wrapped up as well. Confessions and the school Mass will be taking place soon.

Richard Whitney, Chaplain at St. Patrick's, talked about their anti-bullying pink week. The Irish Miracle assembly was taking place the following day. He discussed how St. Christopher is helping out with the Irish Miracle also. Their next school Mass is December 12th.

Margaret Palmer-McCann, Chaplain at Ursuline College, discussed Halloween for Hunger. She talked about their Remembrance Day prayer service. December 6th is the school Mass. UCC will be sponsoring a number of families for Christmas.

Christine Lambert shared that Holy Trinity held a penny drive to help raise money for a new roof at St. Joseph Church.

Adrien Gagner talked about the Halloween candy drive at St. Anne Catholic School in Blenheim. The school is participating in a "Rebuilding Our Church" campaign, brick by brick. They are selling bricks for a toonie each.

Carol Bryden shared information from the recent Trustees Retreat. She also discussed the campaign to highlight the importance of Catholic Education. A hand out "Faith In Our Future" was shared with the committee.

10. Closing Prayer

11. Adjournment

The Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, November 19, 2012 adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, February 25th at 5:00 p.m.