



**ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**
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MINUTES

CATHOLIC FAITH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, February 8, 2016 – 5:00 p.m.

Catholic Education Centre

- Chair: Laura Callaghan, Superintendent of Education
- Trustee: Brenda Rumble
- Present: Rob Cicchelli – Principal, St. Patrick’s Catholic High School
Thomas Dula – Chaplain, Ursuline College Chatham
Kim Gaiswinkler – Teacher & Faith Ambassador, St. Ursula Catholic School
Raymond Girard – Teacher, Ursuline College Chatham
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
Terri Sinasac – Elementary Curriculum Consultant
Marcia Vermey – French Immersion Parent, St. Anne Catholic School, Blenheim
Mary Jo Cocarell – OECTA representative and Teacher, Sacred Heart, Sarnia
Dino Petrucci – Teacher, St. Patrick’s Catholic High School
- Regrets: Fr. Ray Lawhead – Episcopal Vicar, Kent Deanery

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 Agenda*

Motion: (Joan Martell, Kerry Matthyssen) That the Agenda for the Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, September 28, 2015 be approved as presented. Carried.

4. *Approval of Minutes*

Motion: (Mary Jo Cocarell, Christine Lambert) That the Minutes for the Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, April 27, 2015 be approved. Approved with one correction: *Fr. Ray Lawhead is the Episcopal Vicar of the Kent Deanery not the Sarnia Deanery. The correction will be made on these and future minutes. Carried.*

5. *Year of Mercy*

Poster contest – 2 winners for the Spiritual Works of Mercy
Grade levels

JK-4

5-8

9-12

3 winners for the Corporal Works of Mercy

Chosen by the Faith Ambassadors (1st, 2nd, 3rd) Committee – Dorothy, Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, Margaret Palmer

Pizza parties for the 5 winners. The Knights of Columbus will pay for the pizza parties.

The Catholic Women's League is contributing to the cost of the printing.

Great Family of Our Church Gathering

- Gathered last week in Chatham-Kent and Sarnia-Lambton
- Priests, principals, parish staff, CWL and Knights of Columbus representatives
- It was very well represented and much appreciated by everyone who attended

Works of Mercy

- Corporal Works of Mercy placemat
Margaret invited participants to add a book, clip, video or other idea to the placemat that responds to one of the Corporal Works of Mercy

What will you do in the Year of Mercy?

- September –November

Kim Gaiswinkler indicated that at her school they are focusing on the Works of Mercy during Lent and asking

- Almsgiving (funds from soup and cracker days will fund a Syrian Refugee)
- Prayer Wall (students can take a heart to write a special prayer on the wall or gather to pray at the wall)
- Fasting (soup and cracker days)

Curiosity

- Gifted students were given an artist's canvas and encouraged to think about the year of Mercy and the Holy Doors of Mercy and reflect

Michelle suggested sending cards to those at the hospital suffering with Mental Health and Margaret reminded the group that students should not sign their first and last name

- Incorporate it into morning prayers, invite the principals to ask staff and to pose at Parent Council, incorporate it in the Curriculum and Chaplaincy Newsletter, send out to the Faith Ambassadors

System Wide Mass / Pilgrimage

- Changing system Mass to September 23, 2016 with a possible location in Merlin to have a pilgrimage to one of the Diocesan Doors of Mercy
- Possibly have buses to Merlin
- Joseph Palko expressed his encouragement of this plan and also indicated the need to have information regarding the indulgence shared as well
- Joan Martell thought about a Passport to be used
- Margaret suggested a committee form to help with plans: Joseph, Joan and Margaret volunteered
- Raymond indicated that the Rosarians are also open to Reconciliation at any time
- Margaret suggested that the Rosary and Stations be taken in as well during the time
- Laura agreed that maximizing this visit would be exciting

Retreats and Sacred Supper Reports

- In line with the spirituality of Jesus and sharing a meal with friends
- The retreats have been very well received
- The one for Lent is next Wednesday and will focus on the Corporal Works of Mercy
- Kim Gaiswinkler highly recommended the Sacred Supper indicating that Advent was peaceful

Door Decorating Celebration

- Need to be strategic if we do this because some boards are finding that when it has been mandated through their system they are finding that it takes away from the Sacredness of the Holy Door of Mercy
- Some people indicated that it may take away from the idea of a pilgrimage to a Holy Door of Mercy
- Michelle McLean recommended advertising Merlin Door of Mercy and the group agreed that this could occur in the Curriculum and Chaplaincy Newsletter, Newsletter inserts for the school, notify the principals and Faith Ambassadors (field trip information)
- Raymond indicated that any plans should be shared soon

6. *Subcommittees:*

Colouring Book Project & Book on St. Theresa

- Margaret is going to meet with Sandra VanRaay about using her beautiful artwork in a colouring book and creating a book about St. Theresa
- We would decide as a committee how this may fit with First Communion students and could also be a gift to the Parish to provide after First Communion or a partnership with CWL
- MaryJoCoccarell offered to be on this committee

7. *Catholic Education Week*

How will schools report what they are doing?

Todd Lozon currently collects the information for the media and posts it on the website.

- Margaret suggested that we may want to take this further and have more detailed ideas
- Rob suggested that this be a shared electronic document that could have links to resources etc.
- Laura suggested reminding about the resources that are available through the Faith Kit and on the Catholic Education Website
- Laura suggested a way to connect to the committee and sharing it through the Parish and pointed out that pieces are available on the website to share at the Parish
- Margaret will discuss this with the deanery and Laura will share with the principals
- Dino Petrucci suggested speaking to _____ about a common bulletin message in all Parishes
- Marcia suggested involving the Parish Council in this as well and Kerry agreed

Host school for Bishop Dabrowski – May 4, 2016

- Melissa Fernandes, Thomas Dula, and Raymond Girard at UCC are planning a couple of Praise and Worship concerts on May 4 with the LifeTeen band
 - There will be 2 shows during the day for schools and one in the evening for the public and the Bishop will attend
 - St. Patrick's could have Mass at 9:15

Book resources

- Connected to the website and some principals

8. *Questions Regarding HPE and Family Life Education Curriculum Resources*

Health and Physical Education Document - Human Development and Sexual Health Strand

- “Parent’s Guide to Understanding How Human Development and Sexual Health in the Health and Physical Education Curriculum will be Taught in Catholic Schools” was shared
- Fully Alive and Family Life Curriculum covers most of the Human Development and Sexual Health expectations in the Health and Physical Education Curriculum 2015 (H.P.E.)
- The Institute for Catholic Education is creating documents to integrate those sections that are not included in the Fully Alive and Family Life Curriculum. They are being designed to match the Fully Alive pages and will be numbered to blend into the current Fully Alive Binders eg: 33a insert will be placed to follow p. 33. In the fully alive pages, “Catholic Prompts” will be available for teachers when questions are raised by students. These prompts will replace the other prompts already existing in the H.P.E. Curriculum
- Grade level appropriate pamphlets have been sent home through the schools with each family
- Fully Alive parent letters will go home from the classroom teacher prior to each unit
- Students will be encouraged to bring questions they have that are outside of grade level teaching home
- Teachers will teach the Church teachings without personal bias
- A question and answer period followed within the group

9. *Closing Prayer*

Led by Margaret Palmer

10. *Adjournment*

The Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, September 28, 2015 adjourned at 6:49 p.m.