



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

## **MINUTES**

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

**Monday, February 6, 2017 – 5:00 p.m.**

#### **Catholic Education Centre**

Chair: Laura Callaghan, Superintendent of Education

Trustee: Brenda Rumble

Present: Michelle Parks - Trustee  
Marcia Vermey – French Immersion Parent, St. Anne Catholic School, Blenheim  
Michelle MacLean – French Immersion Parent, St. Anne Catholic School, Blenheim  
Margaret Palmer – System Chaplaincy Leader  
Mary Jo Cocarell – OECTA representative & Teacher, Sacred Heart, Sarnia  
Joseph Palko – Chaplain, St. Patrick’s Catholic High School  
Dino Petrucci – Teacher, St. Patrick’s Catholic High School  
Joan Martell – SEA Technology Support Coordinator  
Rob Cicchelli – Principal, St. Patrick Secondary School

Regrets: Kim Gaiswinkler – Teacher & Faith Ambassador, St. Ursula Catholic School  
Raymond Girard – Teacher, Ursuline College Chatham  
Thomas Dula – Chaplain, Ursuline College Chatham  
Terri Sinasac – Vice Principal, St. Anne Catholic School, Blenheim  
Luana Sfalcin – Principal, St. John Fisher Catholic School  
Fr. Ray Lawhead – Episcopal Vicar, Sarnia Deanery

Recording Secretary: Kim Fitzmorris

#### *1. Welcome and Introductions*

Laura Callaghan, chair of the meeting, welcomed and thanked those in attendance and called the meeting to order 5:16

#### *2. Opening Prayer – All; led by Margaret Palmer*

3. *Approval of Minutes*

**Motion: (Brenda Rumble & Mary Jo Cocarell) That the Minutes for the Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, November 7, 2016 be approved. Carried.**

*Marcia would like to add round table/ sharing discussion to our CFAC meetings.*

4. *Approval of Agenda*

**Motion: (Joan Martell & Mary Jo Cocarell) That the Agenda for the Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, February 6, 2017 be approved as presented. Carried.**

5. *Faith Day 2017-2018*

Looking to move our Faith day from October PD day to the spring/April PD day. Allows for time to plan it properly as well as allowing time for training at the beginning of the school year

Time of renewal, gives us more time to plan it.

This has not gone to final stages for approval yet.

Mary Jo believes it is a good idea. Joan believes it is a good time for reflection and allows time to plan and prepare for the day and give it justice.

Mary Jo- Can we ask people for feedback after to see if they felt it was a good decision to have it in the Spring rather than the Fall?

6. *Subcommittee Reports*

**Faith Day:** Arranging for Anne Jamieson to speak at our April 2018 Faith Day  
Margaret has a Faith day planning template that the subcommittee created together. Margaret will share. If you have anything to add after you have time to look at the document.

**Parish/Home/School:** at the brainstorming phase; will now look at it more closely and pick 2 or 3 to start with

Concern with the lack of parent representation- How can we get more parent representatives from other schools- possibly create an invitation for principals to share at their parent council meetings?? Margaret will work with the committee to get the communication out through the proper channels. Margaret can approach someone from the Deanery group that would be willing to work with her

Discussed the option of bringing a draft survey; this will be brought to CFAC and then to Deanery

Parish representation was at all of our schools for Kinderstart which is one connection to our family

**Living our Faith/Website:**

Will have an update at our next meeting

**Visible Catholic Culture of Our Schools:** have not met as a committee

**Catholic Education Week:** April 30- May 5; Luana and Margaret

**Margaret has a google doc that contains all prayers and planning ideas.**

Have a morning prayer for each day of Catholic Education week

Taken everything from the advanced kit and adapted it so that it can be used now.

All resources are connected to the Trustee information that was released.

Also have a prayer service that covers the 5 themes.

Resource- students write in the footprint how they have walked- through all the themes

Parents and staff will also be encouraged to fill out a footprint as well. This resource is available in French and English.

Laura would like to also have footprints at the CEC as well.

This will be shared with the principals and faith ambassadors.

It would be nice to include the poem "Footprints" as part of this process.

Pope Francis- 5 fingers of prayer-

7. *Lighting Our Way Award-* Think about the timeline; let's engage our schools in this process so that we have nominations  
How do we get the word out- Mention at Catholic Leadership, at staff meetings, Ask the Faith Ambassador to find one person on their staff to nominate someone else- would be nice to have one person from each staff nominated (Margaret will create a nomination form)
8. *Interactive Scriptural Stations-* Margaret is creating a kit that is an interactive Scriptural Stations of the Cross- You can book Margaret to come and walk through this experience  
This will help us pray through the stories of the bible on the way to the Cross  
Every table will have a picture of the station; Bible passage, Response and prayer  
Each school would find a place to set up (gym?) May choose to do this in school families, as part of a club, as a class  
Margaret envisions training the Grade 7/8 students so that they could lead the other students through the stations  
Pamphlet for the students to carry through the stations
9. *Together in Faith- togetherinfaith.ca website*  
Council of Trustees- online campaign for publicly funded Catholic Education  
Social media piece to raise awareness of the importance of Catholic Education- Has a place where you can connect to take a stance in favour of Catholic Education  
Are we able to identify why Catholic Education exists?  
Posters and other resources on the website  
Encourage every school to submit a video- Why Catholic Education is important?  
Margaret will bring this to our deanery meeting. Laura will bring to Todd to ask to put on Website  
Catholic Education is more than a religion class- it is built into everything we do and who we are

Joseph- initiative is good- Can we articulate our faith more concretely? Jesus Christ not mentioned in the website

Will devote more time to this discussion at our next CFAC meeting- take time to look through the [togetherinfaith.ca](http://togetherinfaith.ca) site

Friends and Advocates of Catholic Education (FACE) – connect to the institute of Catholic Education

#### *10. New Business*

**Laudato Si:** Care for the Earth- We will host a speaker on Laudato Si- Sister Sue Wilson will explore Pope Francis' documentation on care for the Earth May 2, 2017 -7 pm St. Pat's High School

#### **Great Family of Our Church Gatherings – Lunch, Prayer, Speaker**

Feb 8- Chatham

Feb, 9- Sarnia

Principals, parish staff, CWL, Knights of Columbus, trustees, parents, some students

**Father John Comiskey- How can the love within the family impact our schools?**

#### *11. Closing Prayer: All; led by Margaret Palmer*

*11a) Question: Why do we not include traditional prayers as part of announcements- Hail Mary, Our Father*

Laura: There are various moments throughout the day where students are learning prayers. Students are engaged with these prayers because students know that students are writing the prayers- students are offered a wide variety of ways to enter into prayer throughout the day. Faith ambassadors- have giant rosaries where schools can gather to pray and class size rosaries for classes to pray together.

Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ resource helps to teach meanings behind prayers

Next meeting is April 24, 2017

#### *12. Adjournment*

The Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, February 6, 2017 adjourned at 7:00.