



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

MINUTES

CATHOLIC FAITH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, September 26, 2016 – 5:00 p.m.

Catholic Education Centre

Chair: Laura Callaghan, Superintendent of Education

Trustee: Brenda Rumble

Present: Rob Cicchelli – Principal, St. Patrick Secondary School
Marcia Vermey – French Immersion Parent, St. Anne Catholic School, Blenheim
Kim Gaiswinkler – Teacher & Faith Ambassador, St. Ursula Catholic School
Raymond Girard – Teacher, Ursuline College Chatham
Terri Sinasac – Vice Principal, St. Anne Catholic School, Blenheim
Michelle MacLean – French Immersion Parent, St. Anne Catholic School, Blenheim
Margaret Palmer – System Chaplaincy Leader
Thomas Dula – Chaplain, Ursuline College Chatham
Mary Jo Cocarell – OECTA representative & Teacher, Sacred Heart, Sarnia
Joseph Palko – Chaplain, St. Patrick's Catholic High School

Regrets: Dino Petrucci – Teacher, St. Patrick's Catholic High School
Joan Martell – SEA Technology Support Coordinator
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.

2. Opening Prayer – All; led by Margaret Palmer

Margaret will share a daily prayer resource with faith ambassadors on Thursday.

3. *Approval of Minutes*

Motion: (Brenda & Mary Jo) That the Minutes for the Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, April 25, 2016 be approved. *Carried.*

4. *Approval of Agenda*

Motion: (Mary Jo & Brenda) That the Agenda for the Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, September 26, 2016 be approved as presented with addition of item 4a – Review/Update of Minutes, to the agenda. *Carried.*

4a) Review/Update of Minutes

- Canadian food for children- appreciated the generosity of the students - Mary Jo would like a message about this to come out earlier this year.
- Pilgrimage to the door of Mercy on July 14th- successful but low attendance- August 17th - 2 members of our committee attended
- Committee members were pleased with the gathering
- Provocations and reflection questions have been posted on the website
- Postcards/ posters created for the Fruits of the Spirit
- Noticing the Fruits of the Spirit in the schools already
- Monthly Fruits of the Holy Spirit Resources- Margaret has posted in google drive
- Using the postcards to build a sense of community at the CEC as well.
- Call to Create- art was very successful and will be posted around CEC this year. There will be another call to create.
- Climate survey will be used for the wellbeing goal for schools improvement planning. Data will be looked at by staff when results are available to principals. (Laura will talk to Christine Preece about participation numbers for the survey)
- September System Mass - pilgrimage to Merlin - was a beautiful mass, a joyous celebration

5. *Discernment of CFAC Role*

Possible Tasks:

- Faith Day 2017 Planning
- Catholic Education Week
- Living Our Faith – Website/Newsletter
- Discipleship at Muskoka Woods
- Streamlining the sacraments
- Parish/school/family connections-
- More engagement of families in the sacraments
- Sharing ideas that you see in other schools for sacraments
- Ways to get our students to want to go to church
- Making catholicity physically evident when they walk in the doors
- Fostering all vocations- need to add the pathway

- Plan for bringing Eucharist to the students – Eucharistic adoration- there will be representation at the October 28th PD day
- Inviting and providing opportunity for teachers to grow in their faith
- Discerning and advising so that things such as wellness are supported through our Catholic lens- always look to the council of Bishops and our Catholic teachings
- Vocation- highlighted in our primary resources that are in all our elementary schools

Laura will discuss with Mr. Parr the possibility of having student voice on this committee
Possibly student trustee from each high school
Students would be invited to meetings where the discussion would benefit from their input

Chairs of Subcommittees

Living our Faith Website/Newsletter- Kim G, Kim F

Parish/School/Family Connections- Michelle, Marcia, Brenda, **Raymond (need your consent)**

Making Catholicity evident in schools - Terri & Michelle

Catholic Education Week- Brenda, Mary Jo

Faith day 2017- Joseph, Mary Jo

Muskoka Woods Discipleship- Rob, Marcia, **Thomas (need your consent)**

Making Catholicity Physically Evident Inside and Outside of Every School –Michelle, Terri

6. Board Mission vs. Board Theme
Called to Serve- is a few years old- not going to replace it but instead focus on the board mission - Everyone needs to own it
We still use Called to Serve
Director's vision is to promote our mission statement in our schools
Living our Faith Staff prayer presentation
Prayer for principals to use with their staff is prayer reflecting on our mission - in a folder that will be shared with all SCCDSB staff
7. *Closing Prayer: All; led by Margaret Palmer*
8. *Adjournment*

The Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, September 26, 2016 adjourned at 6:57p.m.