



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

## MINUTES

### CATHOLIC FAITH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

**Monday, April 29, 2019 – 5:00 p.m.**  
**Catholic Education Centre**

Chair: Laura Callaghan, Superintendent of Education

Trustee: Jennifer McCann

Present: Adrien Gagnier – Principal, St. Joseph Catholic School, Chatham  
Christine Lambert, Principal, St. Peter Canisius Catholic School  
Dan Solinas, OECTA Representative & Teacher, Sacred Heart, Sarnia  
Joan Martell – SEA Technology Support Coordinator  
Kim Gaiswinkler – Teacher & Faith Ambassador, St. Ursula Catholic School  
Marcia Vermey – French Immersion Parent, Ursuline College Chatham  
Margaret Palmer – System Chaplaincy Leader  
Michelle MacLean – French Immersion Parent, St. Anne Catholic School, Blenheim  
Raymond Girard – Teacher, Ursuline College Chatham

Regrets: Ann Clarke – Chaplaincy Leader, St. Patrick's Catholic High School  
Fr. Ray Lawhead – Episcopal Vicar, Sarnia Deanery  
Luana Sfalcin – Principal, St. John Fisher Catholic School  
Thomas Dula – Chaplain, Ursuline College Chatham

Recording Secretary: Kim Fitzmorris

*1. Welcome*

Laura Callaghan, chair of the meeting, called the regular CFAC meeting to order.

*2. Opening Prayer - All*

*3. Approval of Minutes*

**Motion: (Joan Martell) That the Minutes for the Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, February 4, 2019 be approved. Carried.**

4. *Approval of Agenda*

**Motion: (Christine Lambert) That the Agenda for the Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, April 29, 2019 be approved as presented. Carried.**

5. *Muskoka Woods Update*

- What can we do before and after Muskoka woods so that this experience is not a one off- why do we go to Muskoka woods?
- All grade 7/8 teachers have a common goal when they attend Muskoka woods
- Website where teachers can go for activities before and after Muskoka woods
- 7 themes-
  1. Who Am I?
  2. Living Our Faith
  3. Effective Communication
  4. Teamwork and Collaboration
  5. Mindset
  6. Embracing Challenge
  7. Leadership
- What is the vision for Muskoka woods- How can Muskoka woods experience help students prepare, experience, and reflect on opportunities to embrace growth?
- How can the Muskoka Woods experience call students to influence and serve their community?
- Students learn through EXPERIENCE- participate, reflect and apply
- Activities are linked to the curriculum, learning skills and global competencies
- These activities if done before can help our students prepare for the Muskoka experience
- Tried to create activities that teachers could use with all their students- more oral activities to engage all learners

6. *Catholic School Graduate Expectations Ice-Breaker*

CFAC members engaged in the Catholic Graduate Expectations activities. They agreed with the idea of adapting it for family use during meet the teacher nights etc.

7. *Updates*

**Catholic Education Week**

Wonderfully Made Student Self-Portraits – Margaret is creating a slideshow with all of the school's self-portraits.

**Growing in Faith**

Kim is meeting with all teachers (grades 1-6) again for a half day session to show them more about the program and the digital platform – a big focus for the session - cross-curricular opportunities. An opportunity for students and teachers to enter into conversations of faith throughout the school day.

### **Faith Day 2020**

Have secured our speaker for Faith day- Brother Guy Consolomagno, Astronomer, Director of Vatican Observatory. He believes that a true study of Science will lead us to God. He will be here April 22-24 and give two presentations at each High School WED and THURS and then two presentations to staff on our Faith Day.

### **Deanery Luncheons**

2 deanery meetings with Pastoral teams, parents and principals went well.

(Had to reschedule the Feb. 20th one to April 3rd)

Joe Bezzina linked the Road to Emmaus to various documents and concepts connected to Catholic Education

#### *8. Final Topic of Renewing the Promise*

Breaking of the Bread

CFAC members broke into groups and read the final topic of Renewing the Promise – Breaking the Bread – and shared the message with each other.

#### *9. TASK: Reflecting Back and Looking Forward*

Members were invited to look at our strategic priority – Living Our Faith. They looked at each goal and responded on the charts. What does this goal look like? Sound like? Feel like? And moving forward, what are your thoughts?

Laura will take these thoughts back.

#### *10. Closing Prayer: All; led by Margaret.*

#### *11. Adjournment*

The Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, February 4, 2019 adjourned at 6:25 p.m.