



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

MINUTES

CATHOLIC FAITH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, September 24, 2018 – 5:00 p.m.
Catholic Education Centre

Chair: Laura Callaghan, Superintendent of Education

Trustee: Brenda Rumble

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
Joseph Palko – Chaplain, St. Patrick's Catholic High School
Kim Gaiswinkler – Teacher & Faith Ambassador, St. Ursula Catholic School
Luana Sfalcin – Principal, St. John Fisher Catholic School
Margaret Palmer – System Chaplaincy Leader
Melissa Fernandes – Teacher, Ursuline College Chatham
Michelle MacLean – French Immersion Parent, St. Anne Catholic School, Blenheim
Raymond Girard – Teacher, Ursuline College Chatham
Thomas Dula – Chaplain, Ursuline College Chatham

Regrets: Brenda Rumble - Trustee
Fr. Ray Lawhead – Episcopal Vicar, Sarnia Deanery
Marcia Vermey – French Immersion Parent, 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: (n/a) That the Minutes for the Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, April 23, 2018 be approved.

Minutes are currently unavailable. To be brought forward at the next meeting for approval.

4. *Approval of Agenda*

Motion: (Adrien Gagnier & Kim Gaiswinkler) That the Agenda for the Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, September 24, 2018 be approved as presented. Carried.

5. *Catholic School Graduate Expectations / Pastoral Theme*

Wonderfully made for Passion and Purpose

- Pastoral theme- as we move from One strategic plan to our new strategic plan
- Going to use Thought exchange as we form the new strategic plan gathering feedback from many different stakeholders
- Principals will lead staff through the creation of a passion and purpose statement
- Connected to the OCGE's

Secondary Schools Plans – Department Heads

- Margaret, Thomas and Joseph will present to department heads on OCGE's and ask them to set goals for each department related to their curriculum. It might be a lesson or awareness campaign done department to department.

Elementary Schools Plans – Morning Prayers/Mentor text

- Starting in November – fruits of the spirit and OCGE's that are most closely connected.
- Mentor Text – 'We Are Wonders' picture book

Other Recommendations from CFAC

- Question asked if there be resources for this as there has been for Fruits of the Spirit? Margaret said there will be ideas shared.
- Also hope that schools will share what they are doing through the Faith Ambassadors

6. *Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ*

Resources were explained by Kim Fitzmorris. She discussed the following items:

- The training for the grade 5 teachers.
- The availability of book and digital resources.
- She explained that there is a home/ parish and school components to the digital resources.
- She explained that during the deanery meetings in the Spring, she gave print copies to each parish and username and password for the parish website.
- She went into the digital teacher website.

- Home and parish usernames and passwords were also shared via a link in presentation for your further exploration at home.
- There are also combined grades resources online.
- Great for parents to read bible passage, listen to music connected with weekly lessons.
- Also teacher professional development modules for teachers/ staff.
- Road trips to cover grade 1-4 digital resources in smaller groups.

7. *Discernment of CFAC Role for 2018-2019*

Renewing the Promise: Continuing the Conversation

- Laura shared the Pastoral letter with us- take some time to read before our next meeting
- Page 16- stakeholders in Catholic Education
- If anyone would like to attend the Deanery meeting to help unpack the Pastoral Letter, please let Margaret know- stay tuned for dates

Catholic Education Week – Plan for the Year

- Between now and Catholic Education week- students will create a self portrait with an I AM statement connected to Catholic Graduate expectations
- Through the prayer and art show students will unpack what it means to be a Catholic student
- Initial thoughts- have an art show at the CEC with representations from different schools and different divisions
- Catholic Education Week Theme is Joyful Disciples- this connects with our idea of self portraits

Planning for 2020 Faith Day

- Speakers for this day- If you would like to be part of the committee with Margaret and Joseph or if you have an idea of a speaker let Margaret know
 - Some suggestions:
 - Cathy Cavanagh
 - [Dr Carolyn Chau](#)- Kings College- Leading Theologian in North America

Staff Retreats

- Statue- Renew statues at the schools- Healing offered through faith- fix and repair statue so that it can then be returned to the school
- Art night- connected to Advent- Nov 15
- Lunch hour for staff- prayerful experience, wonderfully made and liturgical season- Chris Preece and Margaret
- Theology on tap/Philosophy Cafe
- Message Margaret with any other ideas

Continued work in Sub-Committees

- Please message Margaret with any other ideas.

8. *New Business: Good News Stories*

Meeting rooms at the CEC were renamed – Patron Saint with prayer and student artwork

9. *Closing Prayer: All; led by Margaret.*

10. *Adjournment*

The Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, September 24, 2018 adjourned at 6:28 p.m.