



ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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CATHOLIC FAITH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, February 25, 2013 – 5:00 p.m.

Main Boardroom – Catholic Education Centre

Chair: Dr. Frank Leddy, Superintendent of Education

Present: Brenda Corchis – Consultant, Catholic Curriculum, Elementary
Brendan Deery – Principal, St. Christopher Catholic Secondary School
Adrien Gagnier – Vice Principal, St. Anne Catholic School, Blenheim
Kim Gaiswinkler – Teacher & Faith Ambassador, St. Ursula Catholic School
Gloria Knoll – Teacher, Holy Rosary Catholic School
Christine Lambert – Vice Principal, Holy Trinity Catholic School
Joan Martell – Teacher & Faith Ambassador, St. John Fisher Catholic School
Kerry Matthyssen – Principal, St. Ursula Catholic School
Greg Moore – Teacher, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School
Lorri Moynihan – Educational Assistant, Christ the King Catholic School
Margaret Palmer-McCann – Chaplain, Ursuline College Chatham
Daniela Oana – Chaplain, St. Christopher Catholic Secondary School
Marcia Vermey – French Immersion Parent, St. Anne Catholic School, Blenheim

Regrets: Lauri Butzer – French Immersion Parent, St. Anne Catholic School, Blenheim
John Fontaine, Trustee
Fr. Jim Higgins – Episcopal Vicar, Sarnia Deanery
Cindy Waddick – Elementary Chaplaincy Leader
Richard Whitney – Chaplain, St. Patrick's Catholic High School

Recording Secretary: Niki Ritchie

1. Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Frank Leddy, chair of the meeting, welcomed and thanked those in attendance and called the meeting to order.

2. Opening Prayer – All; led by Margaret Palmer-McCann

3. *Approval of Minutes*

Motion: (Joan Martell, Margaret Palmer-McCann) That the Minutes for the Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, November 19, 2012 be approved as presented. Carried.

4. *Approval of Agenda*

Motion: (Kerry Matthyssen, Christine Lambert) That the Agenda for the Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, February 25, 2013 be amended adding 'November Professional Development Day'. Carried.

5. *Subcommittee Updates:*

i. Evaluation Tool/Survey (Frank Leddy, Joan Martell, Margaret Palmer-McCann)

All 7 Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations were presented in a reflective, well-organized format that was appropriate for the elementary and secondary panels. It was agreed that this survey was more of a discernment tool rather than an evaluative tool that would determine where a school was at and that the survey would be conducted every 3 years by a subcommittee in each school. The group also concluded that the scoring would be removed from the survey. Further suggested changes to the tool included the removal of the word 'Evaluating' from the title of the survey and changing it to 'Discerning' and changing the second column entitled 'Details' to 'Evidence'. Next Steps: The committee will revise and present changes to the survey at the next meeting.

ii. Creative Ways to Use the Graduate Expectations (Kim Gaiswinkler, Christine Lambert)

A PowerPoint was presented with suggestions of ways to incorporate the OCGEs in the curriculum. Some ideas included were art pieces, tableaux, photos of students demonstrating the expectations, collages, comic/bit strips, devotional prayer services, Wordles and info graphics. Next Steps: The goal is to implement ideas in September 2013. There was discussion of whether teachers would be given all ideas to use at their discretion throughout the school year or if designated activities would be presented for use at designated times.

iii. Creation of School Families (Gloria Knoll, Christine Lambert)

A verbal report was given and it was noted that most schools do not have an organized Catholic school community and that these groups were more apparent in the Chatham-Kent schools as opposed to the Sarnia-Lambton schools. Careful consideration was to be given to the Lancer Link model. Next Steps: A survey would be conducted at the next meeting.

iv. Staff Retreats (Brendan Deery, Daniela Oana)

The group provided a verbal report on the reception and practicality of Staff and Twilight retreats. Some suggestions were to have separate retreats in the north

and south locations to limit the driving time of employees. It was noted that providing a meal would attract more attendees to these events. Next steps include staff surveys to see what interests them and possibly combining schools to promote integration. Next Steps: Staff would be surveyed at the first staff meeting in September to see what their interests were and possibly combining schools to promote integration.

v. Creation of Prayer Spaces in the School/Classroom (Brenda Corchis, Kim Gaiswinkler)

A PowerPoint was presented with various ideas for creating prayer spaces within every school/classroom. Some ideas were: interactive prayer tables, intention jars, class murals, open bible in a sacred space, notation of saints, prayer cloths, take home prayer bear, liturgical calendar for each season. Next Steps: Present ideas to teachers using the website as a vehicle for communication.

6. November Professional Development Day

Dr. Frank Leddy indicated that there are 3 unpaid days in the 2013-2014 school year calendar and half of a day (morning) will be designated as a Faith Day. The committee will have input on the content of this day and are asked to come back to the next meeting with suggestions.

7. Reports

Daniela Oana, Chaplain at St. Christopher, talked about the upcoming Trivia Night on March 6th with proceeds going to Noelle's Gift and that Share Lent collection is being merged between the two secondary schools in Sarnia-Lambton. The annual Cyclone Aid is being held on Saturday, March 23rd.

Adrien Gagnier, Vice Principal at St. Anne, Blenheim, shared that their community continues to collect medical supplies and non-perishable food for Canadian Food for Children.

Kerry Matthyssen, Principal at St. Ursula, shared that Bishop McGratten would be confirming students at Georges P. Vanier, St. Ursula and St. Joseph, Chatham.

Brenda Corchis, Catholic Consultant at the CEC, talked about the support materials for Reconciliation that will be distributed to each family during the month of March.

8. Closing Prayer

9. Adjournment

The Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, April 29, 2013 adjourned at 7:32 p.m. Next Meeting Date: Monday, April 29 at 5:00 p.m.