



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

## **MINUTES**

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

**Monday, October 1, 2012 – 5:00 p.m.**

#### **Main Boardroom – Catholic Education Centre**

**Chair:** Dr. Frank Leddy, Superintendent of Education

**Present:** Lauri Butzer – French Immersion Parent, St. Anne Catholic School, Blenheim  
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  
Fr. Jim Higgins – Episcopal Vicar, Sarnia Deanery  
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  
Daniela Oana – Chaplain, St. Christopher Catholic Secondary School  
Marcia Vermey – French Immersion Parent, St. Anne Catholic School, Blenheim  
Cindy Waddick – Elementary Chaplaincy Leader  
Richard Whitney – Chaplain, St. Patrick’s Catholic High School

**Regrets:** Carol Bryden – Trustee  
Lorri Moynihan – Educational Assistant, Christ the King Catholic School

**Recording Secretary:** Josselynn Segeren

#### *1. Welcome and Introductions*

Dr. Frank Leddy, chair of the meeting, welcomed and thanked those in attendance and called the meeting to order. As there are new members this year, introductions were made.

#### *2. Opening Prayer - All*

#### *3. Approval of Minutes*

**Motion: (Joan Martell, Richard Whitney) That the Minutes for the Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, April 23, 2012 be approved as presented. Carried.**

4. *Approval of Agenda*

**Motion: (Brendan Deery, Gloria Knoll) That the Agenda for the Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, October 1, 2012 be approved as presented. Carried.**

5. *Recap of Last Year's Discussion*

The committee reviewed what took place at each of the three meetings last year. At the first meeting in October, the role of the Catholic Faith Advisory Committee was discussed. The Board Policy for the committee was reviewed, and it was determined that over time the needs of the system moved the committee away from the policy. A connection was made between the committee and the Belief Statements that were being developed by the board.

In January, the committee contributed to the ongoing development of the Belief Statements. They reviewed the board policy and made suggestions to be included in the new revised policy. A preliminary discussion around the board theme took place. The committee reviewed and discussed the book, "Auditing Our Catholic Schools", by John Kostoff.

At the April meeting, the committee did a brainstorming activity to help determine the purpose of the Catholic Faith Advisory Committee, and did a final policy review. The meeting concluded with setting goals for the future of the committee.

6. *Think, Pair, Share*

The committee worked in pairs to discuss, as a committee where do we see ourselves, and how we can help the board with its goals. Ideas were shared among the group.

7. *Terms of Reference*

Based on last year's discussions surrounding the board policy, a draft Terms of Reference was created and shared with the committee. Items such as adding parents to the membership, and adding a bullet with regards to Catholic Curriculum were noted. These items will be added along with others and a new Terms of Reference will be distributed at the next meeting.

8. *System Belief Statements*

The booklet containing the Belief Statements was passed out to each member. Dr. Leddy

shared a copy of the plaque that displays the Belief Statements to the committee. A copy of the plaque was given to each school at the System Mass in September.

*9. Goal Setting for 2012-2013*

The committee discussed possible goals that the Catholic Faith Advisory Committee may wish to participate in. Ideas discussed included the Lighting Our Way Award, Retreat Days for our students, Twilight Retreats, and other school activities that make our faith more visible. A small group of CFAC members are going to meet to explore how to make our board theme come alive at the school level. They will report back at the next meeting.

*10. Reports*

Brenda Corchis shared the new Religious Education Policy Document that was just released. It is very exciting for elementary education, and she talked about promoting the document to all staff.

Daniela Oana, Chaplain at St. Christopher, shared how they are working to build community at their school. They have had 2 liturgies and a school Mass. Their Social Justice Club is running, and they are working on their first mission collection for a community member and their family. They have many students volunteering across the community. The retreats are going to be starting for students quite soon. On November 16<sup>th</sup>, Daniela along with a few students will be attending the Come & Serve Conference at King's College.

Richard Whitney, Chaplain at St. Patrick's, talked about the Grade 9 Fun Day that recently took place. They have also had an opening Mass, and have the student retreats coming up soon. They will begin planning for the Irish Miracle after the Thanksgiving Weekend.

Cindy Waddick shared information about the upcoming Twilight Retreat to be held at the Catholic Education Centre the beginning of November. She said that the Administrators recently enjoyed their retreat, and the Faith Ambassadors Retreat is to be held next week. Four Faith Ambassadors will also be attending the upcoming Retreat Day at King's College.

*11. Adjournment*

The Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, October 1, 2012 adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.