



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

## **MINUTES**

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

**Monday, September 23, 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  
Ann Clarke – Chaplaincy Leader, St. Patrick’s Catholic High School  
Christine Lambert, Principal, St. Peter Canisius Catholic School  
Joan Martell – SEA Technology Support Coordinator  
Joanne McCreery – Principal, St. Philip Catholic School  
Kim Gaiswinkler – Teacher & Faith Ambassador, St. Ursula Catholic School  
Luana Sfalcin – Principal, St. John Fisher Catholic School  
Marcia Vermey – French Immersion Parent, Ursuline College Chatham  
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: Fr. Ray Lawhead – Episcopal Vicar, Sarnia Deanery  
Kim Fitzmorris – Elementary Curriculum Consultant  
Tara Brennan – OECTA Representative & Teacher, Gregory Hogan Catholic School

Recording Secretary: Kim Gaiswinkler

*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 & Jennifer McCann) That the Minutes for the Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, April 29, 2019 be approved. Carried.**

4. *Approval of Agenda*

**Motion: (Margaret Palmer & Marcia Vermey) That the Agenda for the Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, September 23, 2019 be approved as presented. Carried.**

5. *Year of Prayer*

- Special prayer from now until Pentecost
- Dare to be different contest
- Being intentional disciples
- October 1 with faith ambassadors - planning

6. *Lighting the Way Award*

- Every other year
- This committee takes an active role in this day
- Criteria discussed
- Look at deadlines
- How to get people to nominate colleagues? process? other ways? how to promote it?
  - form used at a staff meeting, discernment, tick off boxes of criteria
  - led by faith ambassador
  - is the info on the Board website?
  - ask Chris Preece about Disciples in the Hallway
  - Jan 15 deadline? Too soon?

Post-discussion

- less but more meaningful criteria
- more inclusive for non-teaching staff
- line up values and priorities
- similarities with values and priorities
- keep name for consistency
- gather and discern - some criteria will be useful
- looking for an everyday saint
- scale it back!
- explicit criteria
- make it an action item on an agenda

7. *Faith Day 2020 – Speaker: Thomas Groome*

- Theologian from Boston College
- Life to Faith To Life Video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vHHn0i2gEec>
- Vendors from Broughton's or Joseph's with books and resources

- Buy Groome's book Faith for the Heart for each school?
- Have someone read and report on it
- Ecological themes
- Faith Day planning, timeline
- No snacks
- Sound system, the flow of the day, start time 8:30 non-negotiable
- Last event - were you able to go to lunch, enough time? change timing?
- Timing was satisfactory
- Responsibilities - will be filling out roles at next meeting

8. *Strategic Plan Update*

- vision has changed Catholic Education Future Ready
- mission - Learning together today, transforming tomorrow
- values from the Thought Exchange
- priorities - learning innovation, faith and well being, partnerships, catholic citizenship

9. *Pastoral Plan Development*

- Caring for Our Common Home
- We live our values every day (respect rooted in love, excellence for all, accountability to God, self and others, engagement in our work, called to serve our world) as each of us becomes (a discerning believer, etc)
- Year of Prayer
- Adult faith formation art nights Advent
- Paint night Lent, pay for supplies, meals covered (pizza)
- Grade 8 faith days – Caring for our common home

10. *Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ*

- Grade 6 teachers training year
- Digital resource promoted
- Remember the triad – home school parish

11. *Closing Prayer: All*

12. *Adjournment*

The Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, September 23, 2019 adjourned at 6:27 p.m.