

CATHOLIC FAITH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING



St. Clair Catholic
District School Board



Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 – 5:00 P.M.

Via: Google Meet

Attendance

Chair: Laura Callaghan, Superintendent of Education

Trustee: Brenda Rumble

Present: Ann Clarke - Chaplain, St. Patrick's Catholic High School
Margaret Palmer-McCann - System Chaplaincy Leader
Joanne McCreery - Principal, St. Philip Catholic School
Sherrie Daudlin, Principal, Good Shepherd Catholic School
Angela Monette - Teacher, Monsignor Uyen Catholic School
Joan Martell- Teacher
Thomas Dula- Chaplain, UCC

Regrets: Leanne Moran- Pastoral Minister representing the Deanery
(was unable to connect to the Meet)
Brenda Rumble- Trustee
Melissa Fernandes - Teacher, Ursuline College Chatham
Carrie Tennant - Teacher and OECTA Elementary Representative
Alex Atkinson-Dacey - Parent, St. Philip Catholic School

Recording Secretary: Kim Fitzmorris

A. Welcome

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

B. Land Acknowledgement & Opening Prayer

C. Approval of Minutes

Motion: (Joan & Margaret) That the Minutes for the Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, May 31st, 2021 be approved. Carried.

D. Approval of Agenda

Motion: (Joanne & Margaret) That the Agenda for the Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, September 27, 2021 be approved as presented. Carried.

E. Faith Updates

- Laura shared our CFAC Policy Statement- it was up for review, it will guide our work as a board committee, if you see something that needs added or needs to be revised please share

Goals of the committee- Some feedback shared:

- Spiritually should be added after academically, physically, emotionally
- Some revision to the wording in the first statement of the policy statement (sounds like we are speaking on behalf of the board rather than the CFAC committee)
- It should include updated Pastoral plan
- Do we need a statement that says we are serving the mission and vision of our school board? Yes we should
- First 3 parts all talk about partners- Could it be a statement about partnerships with parish, family, school, deaneries (include the diocese)
- Partners could include staff and students
- The last goal is not necessarily needed

- Could it include a little more detail about the work the committee does with Faith days?
- Include something about strengthening relationships and taking the wording from the diocese?
- I.e. Mission oriented and forming disciples (as a new goal as we look at family of parishes)

Laura will use this feedback to revise the statement and come back for feedback before bringing to the Trustees

F. 2021/2022 Pastoral Plan

- Laura explained that the Pastoral plan is in alignment with our strategic plan
- Pastoral plan-Laura thanked the committee for their help in developing the plan
- Margaret explained how the Stronger Together prayer came to be
- Margaret shared how we will explore the value of “**Excellence for All**” and some of the plans to date

Angele shared that she would like to work with Margaret to create the prayer services in French

Margaret will also include the Hail Mary and Our Father in American Sign Language

Ann asked if spiritual could come first in the statement and if it could read something about our faith

- **Development and Peace-** Laudato Si Project is now called Development and Peace school program
- Margaret will work with Chris St Amand and ask schools, along with their faith ambassadors to register and try one badge or they can explore more badges if they wish
- Ann and Thomas are working on this at the secondary level
- Monday October 4th is a live Development and Peace session to launch their campaign for the People and Planet First
- **Enhancing Faith Formation activities**
- Retreat in a Box- Margaret shared what our PA day Retreat in a Box will look like
- Feel free to send links/ideas to Margaret about ways that we can further explore Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
- Sherrie shared that a nice connection might be how our OCGE’s could tie nicely with this (Planting seeds for success)

- Build capacity in the area of Digital Citizenship through the OCGE's- Margaret would like to include in the Grade 8 faith days as well as work done in Secondary with Thomas and Ann
- Kim shared that the Grade 8 Growing in Faith Growing in Christ is now available for Grade 8, a session was offered to Grade 8 educators: another session will be offered for teachers new to the platform in grades 1-8
- Learning Hub is being culled and streamlined for ease of navigation
- Year of St. Joseph- Margaret includes prayers in morning exercises, prayer cards to be shared widely
- December 9th Margaret would like to introduce the Year of the Family Prayer and focus on this from Jan- June
- If you would like to work on the prayer with Margaret, please let her know
- Ann asked if the prayer could include both our Home and School Family

G. CFAC Committee Work

- Diversity and Inclusion - Instead of saying we are inclusive - look at where we can improve when it comes to Equity and Inclusion -CFAC could begin to look at how we can put some actions to this - what could we try this year, What could we do moving forward?
- Ann would like to see our Equity and Inclusion work framed with scripture and tied into the sacraments as well- Baptism, Eucharist and Reconciliation
- Ideas shared on what the work of CFAC could look like this year
 - Gospel message- disciples arguing who was the greatest Child is brought to Jesus, Whoever welcomes the least. Link equity to scriptures and sacraments
 - CFAC Equity and Inclusion. Anti Oppression, linking faith and well being connect to the magnificat
 - Subcommittee on cfac policy etc- Laura will work on this and bring back to the committee
 - Possibility of having a drawing contest by individual or class to help celebrate our Year of St. Joseph and Year of the Family
 - brainstorm ways we can support our staff- What could this look like?
- Tentative Dates for next CFAC meeting- Monday November 1st, Monday February 7th and Monday April 11th
- If subcommittees are formed we can find dates for those

H. Closing Prayer – All

I. Adjournment- Motion to adjourn- Joan and Margaret 6:02 pm