



Peterborough Victoria
Northumberland and Clarington
Catholic District School Board

Agenda

FAITH AND EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, January 30, 2017

Catholic Education Centre – Large Boardroom

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Members/Trustees who are unable to attend are asked to please notify Michelle Kennedy, Administrative Assistant 1-800-461-8009, or 705-748-4861, ext. 213 or by email: mkennedy@pvncdsb.on.ca

Chairperson: Linda Ainsworth

A. Call to Order:

1. Opening Prayer – Patty-Anne Bronson
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest
4. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of October 13, 2016.
5. Business Arising from the Minutes

B. Recommended Actions/Presentations:

1. Strategic Planning Activities – Michael Nasello, Director of Educaiton
2. Growing in Faith; Growing in Christ – Demonstration of Gr. 3 Program and On-Line Resources – Greg Healey, Learning Consultant, Religious Education
3. English as a Second Language (ESL) at PVNC Presentation – Christina Maschas-Hammond, ESL Teacher
4. We Will Walk With Our Children – Laurie Corrigan, Superintendent of Learning/Innovation Technologies

C. Information Items:

1. Sacramental Preparation Update – Fr. Paul Massel, Board Chaplain/Faith Animator
2. Equity and Inclusive Education Implementation Grant – Barrie Region – Fr. Gilles Mongeau – Laurie Corrigan, Superintendent of Learning/Innovation Technologies
3. Development and Peace – 50th Anniversary Mass
4. Committee Member Updates

D. Next Committee Meeting Date:

1. Monday, April 24, 2017 – Catholic Education Centre, Large Boardroom
2. Future Agenda Items
3. Selection of Member for Opening Prayer
4. Selection of Member for Closing Prayer

E. Conclusion:

1. Closing Prayer. – Greg Healey
2. Adjournment



Minutes

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE Faith and Equity Committee held on Thursday, October 13, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Catholic Education Centre, 1355 Lansdowne Street West, Peterborough.

Present: Linda Ainsworth (Chairperson), Patty-Anne Bronson, Stefani Burosch, Greg Healey, Sharon Lajoie, Fr. Paul Massel, Helen McCarthy, Christie Morrisette, Kelly O'Boyle, Karen Stoker

Administration: Laurie Corrigan

Recorder: Michelle Kennedy

A. Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Chairperson, Linda Ainsworth

1. Opening Prayer

Karen Stoker opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Helen McCarthy, seconded by Patty-Anne Bronson that the Agenda be accepted as circulated.

Carried.

3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None declared

4. Approval of the Minutes.

MOTION: Moved by Helen McCarthy, seconded by Sharon Lajoie that the minutes of the Faith and Equity Advisory Committee meeting held on April 25, 2016, be approved.

Carried.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

An update was given regarding the Draft Equity and Inclusive Education Plan for 2016-2019 (Item B.1 in the April 25, 2016 Meeting Minutes). At this point, principals have reviewed the plan and it is now being reviewed by stakeholders.

B. Recommended Actions/Presentations:

1. Ministry of Education Strategy for Well-Being in Education

Stefani Burosch, Mental Health Lead for PVNC gave a presentation on the Ministry of Education's Strategy for Well-Being in Education. The presentation included background on this initiative and how PVNC is integrating the strategy.

Christie Morrisette, Wellness Coordinator for PVNC was introduced and there was discussion about her role in the Board and how it relates to the strategy.

Stefani and Christie answered questions from committee members.

C. Information Items:

1. Growing in Faith; Growing in Christ – Implementation Update

Greg Healey, Learning Consultant for Religious Education and Family Life updated the committee on the implementation of the Grade 3 Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ program. Greg explained the four components of the program: student text, teacher manual, big books and digital access. He explained that there are 77 teachers in the system who have access to the program.

On October 28, 2016, there will be a Professional Development Session delivered to all of the Grade 3 teachers during the Board Professional Activity Day. Prior to the delivery of the professional development, the leaders of the sessions will gather on October 14, 2016 for a training session for the trainers.

There was discussion about catechesis programs in the parishes and how they will fit with the curriculum program.

2. Sacramental Preparation

Fr. Paul Massel gave a brief presentation about the program that has been implemented across the Diocese which included a background about Sacramental preparation in the Diocese.

The Bishop identified diversity in the sacraments in the parishes throughout the Diocese and sought to have a commonality of preparation and a parallel program for the families.

In 2015, there was a new program introduced for First Reconciliation and First Communion which was piloted in Peterborough parishes and has now gone Diocese-wide. This year (2016-2017) there is a pilot program with Confirmation and it is expected that it will be Diocese-wide next year (2017-2018).

The program uses standard resources (Celebrate and Remember Reconciliation and Celebrate and Remember Eucharist) and is charted according to timelines and liturgical calendar. The activities are parallel through parish, home and school. There are four sessions for First Reconciliation and three sessions for First Eucharist. Because the sessions are standardized, there are opportunities for families to attend sessions in different churches to accommodate their own family schedules. For example, a family may not be able to attend all four session dates in their own Parish, but could attend session #3 in another Parish and still meet the requirements for First Reconciliation.

Father Paul responded to questions from the Committee.

3. Committee Members Updates

Chairperson, Linda Ainsworth invited members to provide updates or share any information they wished to.

Laurie Corrigan – Talked about attending the Ministry of Education Dialogue on Pluralism which was held in Toronto at the end of September. Stephen O’Sullivan, Greg Healey, and Sherry Davis also attended the session. Laurie gave an overview of the speakers that presented at the event.

Helen McCarthy – provided information about the Abraham Festival and the benefits of learning about the Muslim, Jewish and Christian faiths and what we have in common.

Sharon Lajoie – spoke about the First Nation Métis and Inuit Board Plan. She informed the committee about three PD sessions that were held for secondary teachers, in the areas of world studies and native studies around the reconciliation of residential schools.

Indigenous cultural training will be offered again this year to enable more teachers to engage in more learning.

Greg Healey – spoke about his experience at the Cultural Pluralism event with respect to cultural design and Gospel values.

Stefani – Inclusive design – to revisit when future information is provided.

Linda Ainsworth – Spoke about a recent encounter she had with the idea of conscientious objection and bio-ethics.

D. Next Committee Meeting Date:

1. The next meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2017.
2. Future Agenda Items
3. Selection of Member for Opening Prayer – Patty-Anne Bronson
4. Selection of Member for Closing Prayer – Stephen O’Sullivan

E. Conclusion:

1. Closing Prayer

Laurie Corrigan closed the meeting with prayer.

2. Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Patty Anne Bronson, seconded by Karen Stoker that the meeting adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Carried.