



Minutes

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE Faith and Equity Committee held on Monday, January 30, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the Large Boardroom at the Catholic Education Centre, 1355 Lansdowne Street West, Peterborough.

- Present:** Linda Ainsworth (Chairperson), Toni Bellefontaine, Patty-Anne Bronson, Stefani Burosch, Wayne Clark, Jessica Devlin, Greg Healey, Sr. Ruth Hennessey, Sharon Lajoie, Christina Maschas-Hammond, Bernadette Maloney, Fr. Paul Massel, Helen McCarthy, Christie Morrisette, Kelly O'Boyle, Bart Scollard, Karen Stoker, Wendy Tedford
- Absent/Regrets:** Caitlin Currie, Doug Dodd, Jim Gibson, Julie McCarthy, Zach Smith, Wendy Skan, Luke Stocking,
- Administration:** Laurie Corrigan, Michael Nasello
- Recorder:** Michelle Kennedy

A. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Laurie Corrigan, Superintendent of Learning. Ms. Corrigan explained that since this was the first meeting of the Faith and Equity Committee since the Annual Board Meeting in December, 2016, she would be assuming the role of chairperson for the first part of the meeting, prior to the election of the chairperson.

Ms. Corrigan requested that the meeting begin by everyone introducing themselves.

Laurie Corrigan explained that the terms of reference of the committee requires that the Chair of the committee be elected by the committee members. Only the trustees on the committee are eligible to hold the position of Chairperson.

Linda Ainsworth, Trustee agreed to let her name stand for Chairperson of the Faith and Equity Committee. Helen McCarthy, Trustee, declined to let her name stand for election as Chairperson of the Faith and Equity Committee. Linda Ainsworth was acclaimed as Chairperson and assumed the role from Laurie Corrigan.

1. Opening Prayer

Patty-Anne Bronson led the committee in prayer.

2. Approval of Agenda

Helen McCarthy requested that item C.5 – Abraham Festival be added to the agenda.

MOTION: Moved by Karen Stoker, seconded by Stefani Burosch that the Agenda be accepted as amended.

Carried

3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None declared

4. Approval of the Minutes.

MOTION: Moved by Helen McCarthy, seconded by Patty Anne Bronson that the minutes of the Faith and Equity Advisory Committee meeting held on October 13, 2016, be approved.

Carried.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

None

B. Recommended Actions/Presentations:

1. Strategic Planning Activities – Michael Nasello

Michael Nasello explained that the three year cycle of the board's current strategic plan (2014-2017) is ending and plans are underway to gather information and investigate to shape the next three year plan. He explained that a Strategic Planning Advisory Committee has been formed and a community-wide survey is available to the public through the PVNC web site. Research will also be conducted through meeting with 25 focus groups and four 'Town Hall' meetings. A Draft Strategic Plan will be available for further consultation in April-May, 2017. It is anticipated that the final draft will be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval in June, 2017.

Communication to the system about the newly-formed Strategic Plan will take place from July through September, 2017. Implementation and monitoring will commence in September, 2017.

Michael reviewed the current strategic priorities that have been in place in 2014 and proceeded to ask what should continue, what should stop and what should start within our Board with respect to each of the priorities. The committee members engaged in discussion and provided feedback to Mr. Nasello which was recorded by Laurie Corrigan, Superintendent of Learning.

2. Growing in Faith; Growing in Christ – Demonstration of Gr. 3 Program and On-Line Resources – Greg Healey, Learning Consultant, Religious Education

Greg Healey, Learning Consultant, presented the Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ digital component to the committee.

Greg noted that the highly interactive nature of the program makes it engaging for the students. The strong home connections and strong parish connections through the student/parent and parish portals allow everyone to follow where the students are at in their learning at any point.

Through the portal, Greg demonstrated the different areas of the site that are available to teachers and parents and the various types of media that can be accessed at home and/or at home.

The grade four program of Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ will be available in April, 2017, followed by the print version which will be available in August, 2017.

There was discussion about the program and how it is being used in the classroom. A question was asked if the number of parents who access the site could be tracked. This will be investigated.

3. English as a Second Language (ESL) at PVNC Presentation – Christina Maschas-Hammond, ESL Teacher

Christina Maschas-Hammond presented and update about the ESL program to the committee.

At present, there are 112 students in the ESL program. Christina explained the intake process in our Board and the steps taken and people involved to help the student and their family. Ms Maschas-Hammond also explained how the students assessed and monitored and when assistance is given directly to them or to their classroom teachers.

There was discussion about the community partners and possible next steps for the ESL program.

4. We Will Walk With Our Children

Motion: Moved by Toni Bellefontaine, seconded by Helen McCarthy that the curfew of the Faith and Equity Advisory Committee be extended to 8:45 p.m.

Carried

Laurie Corrigan gave a presentation and introduced the committee to the 'draft' document "We Will Walk With Our Children". This document was adopted from the York Catholic District School Board document entitled "All God's Children". Laurie reviewed the components of the document and its purpose was discussed. She stressed that the resource was in draft form and not ready for use and was not for distribution. It was requested that the committee review the content in the next two weeks and provide feedback via email directly to Laurie Corrigan.

The draft will be shared with other stakeholders including Principals, Vice-Principals, Priests, Supervisory Officers.

C. Information Items:

1. Sacramental Preparation Update – Fr. Paul Massel, Board Chaplain/Faith Animator

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

2. Equity and Inclusive Education Implementation Grant – Laurie Corrigan, Superintendent of Learning/Innovation Technologies

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

3. Development and Peace – 50th Anniversary Mass

Laurie Corrigan reported that there will be a special mass to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of Development and Peace on Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Saint Peter-in-Chains Cathedral, Peterborough.

4. Committee Member Updates

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

5. Abraham Festival

Helen McCarthy reported that the Abraham Festival will take place on Sunday, April 23, 2017, at the Mount Community Centre from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The festivities will include a presentation, pot luck dinner and comedians.

D. Next Committee Meeting Date:

1. The next meeting is scheduled for, Monday, April 24, 2017 at the Catholic Education Centre, Peterborough

2. Future Agenda Items

Please forward any agenda items to Michelle Kennedy, Administrative Assistant

3. Selection of Member for Opening Prayer – Stefani Burosch

4. Selection of Member for Closing Prayer – Sister Ruth Hennessey

E. Conclusion:

1. Closing Prayer

Greg Healey closed the meeting with prayer.

2. Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Helen McCarthy, seconded by Fr. Paul Massel that the meeting adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Carried.