



Minutes

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE Faith and Equity Committee held on Thursday, May 2, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the Large Boardroom at the Catholic Education Centre, 1355 Lansdowne Street West, Peterborough.

Present: Kevin MacKenzie (Chairperson), Peter Bagnall, Jennifer Angelo, Jessica Devlin, Stephen O'Sullivan, Anne Heemsker, Adam White, Fr. Paul Massel, Emmanuel Pinto, Mary Cozzarini, Christine Haffie, Maria Fitzgerald, Maureen Potts

Absent/Regrets: Joe Monardo, Caitlin Currie, Sharon Lajoie, Bart Scollard, Luke Stocking, James Brake, Nora Shaughnessy, Michelle Griepsma, Calahndra Brake

Administration: Dawn Michie

Recorder: Ashleigh Faulkner

A. Call to Order:

Kevin MacKenzie welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

1. Opening Prayer

Emmanuel Pinto led the committee in prayer.

2. Land Acknowledgement – The traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabe was acknowledged.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Stephen O'Sullivan, seconded by Adam White
that the Agenda be accepted as circulated.

Carried.

4. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None declared

5. Approval of the Minutes.

MOTION: Moved by Jennifer Angelo, seconded by Emmanuel Pinto
that the minutes of the Faith and Equity Advisory Committee meeting held on
January 24, 2019, be approved.

Carried.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None

B. Recommended Actions/Presentations:

1. Pastoral Care in Catholic Schools & Reconciliation in Schools - Peter Bagnall and Fr. Paul Massel

Peter Bagnall provided the committee with some background information on Pastoral Care.

Bishop Miehm asked Michael Nasello, Director of Education to put together a 'Pastoral Care' document. A working group consisting of various PVNC staff was formed.

Peter Bagnall provided 3 parts of the document and asked the committee to break into 3 groups to discuss one of the 3 sections. Feedback from the Committee would be taken back to the working group.

Peter Bagnall then shared there is another committee for Reconciliation and he explained the composition of the group and shared some of the committee's work.

Peter then shared 4 resources to use to help provide some guidance and played a video clip (Student Voice) which is in draft form and asked for any feedback.

2. Faith and Equity in Special Education - Maureen Potts

Maureen Potts shared a video clip with the committee and asked that members reflect on the video.

Maureen then went through the history of guidelines that have been available throughout the last 10 years.

This led to discussion of the Equity and Inclusive Education Implementation Plan for PVNCCDSB.

Maureen provided examples on how to include the following in the classroom to help all students learn: Technology and Assistive Software; Adapting Physical Environment; Creating an Inclusive School and Classroom Culture; Instructional Practices and Training Initiatives; Data Collection, Integration and Reporting; and designing classrooms to accommodate all students.

3. Faith Ambassador Retreat - Peter Bagnall and Fr. Paul Massel

Peter Bagnall started the presentation by explaining what Faith Ambassadors are.

He then explained the "Art of Spiritual Accompaniment" retreat's theme and what the retreat was modeled around. Then Fr. Paul Massel, Jennifer Angelo and Peter Bagnall each explained one of the three portions of the day. Peter Bagnall then shared a link (tinyurl.com/FaithAPVNC) and a list of Faith Ambassador Ideas.

C. Information Items:

1. Rosary Prayer Program expansion – Fr. Paul Massel and Maria Fitzgerald
Maria Fitzgerald has coordinated the program in Peterborough and is hoping to expand the program.

Maria handed out copies of the Rosary Prayer Programs for 2019 and explained in further detail what these celebrations will look like.

She then showed the committee some of the Rosaries that have been made and will be distributed.

Maria then answered questions from the committee.

2. Catholic Education Week & Youth Social Justice Forum - Peter Bagnall
Peter Bagnall summarized the activities taking place during Catholic Education Week and provided a link (tinyurl.com/CEWPVNC) to the events and activities, as well as, a link to the Bishop's message on YouTube.

Peter highlighted two Board wide events; May 8th, the Student Catholic Leadership Awards and May 6th and 9th, the Youth Social Justice Forum.

He showed video clips of both the events from previous years.

3. Committee Member Updates
Jessica Devlin – There are two programs happening at the New Canadian Centre. The first is the Living Library Project where newcomers go out into the community and tell their stories. Information can be found on their website. The second is the Newcomer Integration Toolkit where they meet with organizations and address the needs of newcomer clients and employees by providing resources and practical supports.

Mary Cozzarini – Math mentorship workshop went very well.

Fr. Paul Massel – Stations of the Cross went well and there was a great turn out.

Maria Fitzgerald – CWL convention held where items were donated and taken to community shelters. 12 hour prayers for palliative care and visits to Hospice. She will be reaching out to the Knights of Columbus about the Rosary Program. Street League provide lunches to those in need.

Adam White – On March 28th NTIP teachers had a learning fair in the morning and in the afternoon attended a retreat (reflect on their journey and well-being). ESL concluded a three session PD with the Curriculum Chairs at St. Peter CSS, teaching strategies that work for all (inclusive). There is also an elementary Pilot Project with Teachers in Kindergarten.

D. Next Committee Meeting Date:

1. Dates for 2019-2020 Meetings
Wednesday, October 9, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 23, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 30, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.

2. Future Agenda Items
Please forward any future agenda items to Ashleigh Faulkner, Administrative Assistant.
3. Selection of Member for Opening Prayer – Adam White
4. Selection of Member for Closing Prayer – Maureen Potts

E. Conclusion:

1. Closing Prayer
Anne Heemskerk closed the meeting with prayer.
2. Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Emmanuel Pinto, seconded by Stephen O’Sullivan,
that the meeting adjourn at 8:34 p.m.
Carried.