



# Minutes

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE Faith and Equity Committee held on Thursday, January 24, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the Large Boardroom at the Catholic Education Centre, 1355 Lansdowne Street West, Peterborough.

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**Present:** Kevin MacKenzie (Chairperson), Peter Bagnall, Jennifer Angelo, Stephen O'Sullivan, Anne Heemskerk, Sharon Lajoie, Adam White, Fr. Paul Massel, Emanuel Pinto, Mary Cozzarini, Bart Scollard, Christine Haffie, James Brake, Maureen Potts

**Absent/Regrets:** Jessica Devlin, Joe Monardo, Maria Fitzgerald, Luke Stocking, Caitlin Currie, Nora Shaunessy, Michelle Griepsma, Calahndra Brake

**Administration:** Laurie Corrigan

**Recorder:** Ashleigh Faulkner

## A. Call to Order:

Laurie Corrigan welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

### 1. Opening Prayer

Laurie Corrigan asked Fr. Paul Massel to lead the committee in prayer.

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

Laurie Corrigan acknowledged she was acting as Chair until the new Chair was elected.

### 3. Approval of Agenda

**MOTION:** Moved by Steve O'Sullivan, seconded by Maureen Potts 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 Peter Bagnall  
that the minutes of the Faith and Equity Advisory Committee meeting held on  
October 11, 2018, be approved.

Carried.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None

**B. Recommended Actions/Presentations:**

1. Election of Chair – Laurie Corrigan

Laurie Corrigan introduced the two new trustees, Emanuel Pinto and Kevin MacKenzie.

Laurie Corrigan first asked Emanuel Pinto if he would like to be Chair of the Committee and he declined. Laurie then asked Kevin MacKenzie if he would like to be Chair of the Committee and he accepted.

Kevin MacKenzie assumed the Chairperson role on the committee.

Laurie Corrigan asked committee members to introduce themselves.

2. Religious Education Updates – Peter Bagnall

Peter Bagnall provided the committee with an update on Elementary Religious Education. Peter started the presentation with a summary of what has occurred so far with the Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ grade 5 implementation. Full implementation will continue to occur at PVNC one grade per year, with Grade 6 being implemented in May 2019.

Peter Bagnall shared the features for adult faith formation including, a moment of reflection and professional development modules (webinar series).

Peter then provided the link to the parish website. He showed the committee different highlights of the website including video clips and faith journeys that are available to students and their families, parishes and schools.

Peter Bagnall gave a summary of Secondary Religious Education. He shared the implementation timeline, with full implementation completed. He then explained the Secondary Religious Education Strands with a new addition of Research & Inquiry.

Peter and Father Paul answered questions from the committee.

3. Renewing the Promise Process – Peter Bagnall

Peter Bagnall provided a background summary of the Renewing the Promise process. There were multiple stages of consultation which resulted in a Pastoral Letter from the Catholic bishops of Ontario in May 2018. The themes from the symposium were ranked with input of PVNC staff.

Peter Bagnall summarized PVNC Faith Day, which focused on Renewing the Promise and included liturgies, a message from Michael Nasello, and then a video of reflection, by David Wells. Peter also provided samples of the staff responses to questions asked during Faith Day. The committee was then asked to share the responses that stood out to them.

Peter Bagnall shared samples of the answers from the Priest/Principal meeting.

Peter Bagnall played a clip of the David Wells video. Committee members were then asked how the video linked to the questions "How do you see themes from the Road to Emmaus and the pattern of Eucharist in these stories?".

### **C. Information Items:**

#### 1. Diocesan Updates - Father Paul Massel

Father Paul gave the following diocesan update:

Priest/Principal meeting went very well. There was a remarkable presence and good connection between everyone.

Mass for Consecrated Men and Women, held Saturday, January 26, 2019 at the Cathedral. In thanks and gratitude for all the religious men and women working in our diocese. Reception afterwards in Bishop Doyle Hall.

February 2, 2019 St. Joseph Dinner is a fundraiser for the Catholic Campus Ministry at Trent and Fleming. Fr. Raymond de Souza will speak.

#### 2. Equity Action Plan Update – Peter Bagnall/Laurie Corrigan

Laurie Corrigan began the presentation with a review of the Equity timeline. She provided examples of PVNCCDSB's policy and procedures. The committee was then shown a summary of PVNCCDSB's previous Five-Year plan.

Laurie Corrigan then discussed the Equity and Inclusion Education Implementation Plan Monitoring and Integration (2017-2020). This can be found on the Board website and includes the guidelines set out by the Ministry of Education on which areas of focus are to be included when developing policy.

The Committee was also shown the parent fact sheet, which helps with the understanding of the Ontario's Equity Action Plan.

Peter Bagnall handed out copies of the Director's Annual Report 2017-2018 to members. This can also be found on the Board website.

Peter Bagnall then shared with the committee, that he had partnered with Luke Stocking on a presentation at WFMP, that focused on getting equity in the classroom. This was well received.

Peter Bagnall informed the committee that there was CRRP training provided to teachers and principals. Peter summarized the Principles of Catholic Social teaching.

Peter Bagnall discussed equity inquiry and how the teams that participated were guided in the creation of an equity inquiry question and they continue to refine their inquiry questions.

Laurie Corrigan then asked members of the committee to share what equity might look like in their school. Mary Cozzarini shared examples of what her school does, which includes various activities that draw the school together and gives the students the opportunity to connect and feel included.

3. ICE – CCCB Indigenous Education – Peter Bagnall/Sharon Lajoie

Sharon Lajoie shared with the committee that there will be a memo inviting participation of Indigenous Leads in April 2019. She will have more information on Monday.

The Leads will participate in the planning; which Sharon will be a part of.

4. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Father Paul Massel/Peter Bagnall

Father Paul explained there have been two celebrations this week.

This past Tuesday at St. John's Anglican at 7 pm, Bishop Miehm was speaking and Bishop Priscilla of the Anglican Diocese presided.

Today, the Calvary Church staff were invited to join us at the CEC for a short prayer service and lunch. It was a great chance to meet each other and share our common faith.

5. Committee Member Updates

Laurie Corrigan – Currently we are working on a document for Bishop Miehm on the Pastoral Care of Catholic School. It is in the draft process, but will eventually be brought to this committee.

Maureen Potts – A letter from the Special Education Advisory Committee was sent to the Ministry of Education. It highlights inequity in the allocation of funds for special education. Funding is provided on a per person basis and not based on the student's needs. This creates inequality between boards. SEAC has asked for a response to the question, can we change this to make it equitable.

Steve O'Sullivan – Recent retreat for principals and managers, led by Fr. Darren Dias. The retreat focused on the Eucharist and how, by the nature of our vocation, we participate in the pattern of the Eucharist. A fulsome and comprehensive dialogue was had about how the Eucharist shapes our work and is at the centre of our school communities.

Knights of Columbus annual roast beef dinner is this Saturday at Immaculate Conception. All are welcome to attend.

Lenton Mission is scheduled for March 16-21 for all parishes. Most Rev. Gary Gordon is facilitating and will give talks on March 18, 19 and 20 at the Cathedral at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm.

Bart Scollard – this year is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the AGM in Ottawa.

Father Paul Massell – The Peterborough Medical Brigade goes to Uganda February 15 – March 2. This is our 19<sup>th</sup> year travelling to countries without medical care. Please keep us in your prayers for a safe journey.

Jennifer Angelo – Well-Being Strategy. There are extra be well walks in schools. There is PD being delivered around self-regulation.

Adam White – ESL/ELL program has been highly successful. The ELD program looks at filling in gaps in schooling. Through funding, there are two sections of ELD English that were provided this year. These students will enter into ESL classes once the gap has been filled.

**D. Next Committee Meeting Date:**

1. Dates for 2018-2019 Meetings  
Thursday, May 2, 2019 – 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 – Emmanuel Pinto
4. Selection of Member for Closing Prayer – Anne Heemsker

**E. Conclusion:**

1. Closing Prayer  
At the request of the Chairperson, Jennifer Angelo closed the meeting with prayer.
2. Adjournment

**MOTION:** Moved by Emanuel Pinto, seconded by Adam White,  
that the meeting adjourn at 8:08 p.m.

Carried.