



# Minutes

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE Faith and Equity Committee held on Thursday, October 11, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the Large Boardroom at the Catholic Education Centre, 1355 Lansdowne Street West, Peterborough.

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**Present:** Linda Ainsworth (Chairperson), Peter Bagnall, Jennifer Angelo, Jessica Devlin, Stephen O'Sullivan, Anne Heemskerck, Sharon Lajoie, Adam White, Fr. Paul Massel, Helen McCarthy, Joe Monardo, Mary Cozzarini, Bart Scollard, Maria Fitzgerald, Christine Haffie, Luke Stocking

**Absent/Regrets:** James Brake, Kelly O'Boyle, Patty-Anne Bronson, Caitlin Currie, Nora Shaunessy, Michelle Griepsma, Calahndra Brake,

**Administration:** Laurie Corrigan

**Recorder:** Ashleigh Faulkner

## **A. Call to Order:**

Linda Ainsworth welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

### 1. Opening Prayer

Linda Ainsworth asked Stephen O'Sullivan to lead the committee in prayer. Stephen started with a reflection of the paintings on the wall.

Linda asked that everyone introduce themselves.

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

### 3. Approval of Agenda

**MOTION:** Moved by Stephen O'Sullivan, seconded by Fr Paul Massel  
that the Agenda be accepted as circulated.

Carried.

### 4. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None declared

5. Approval of the Minutes.

**MOTION:** Moved by Joe Monardo, seconded by Jennifer Angelo that the minutes of the Faith and Equity Advisory Committee meeting held on April 26, 2018, be approved.

Carried.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None

**C. Information Items:**

C6. Update on Development and Peace – Luke Stocking

Luke Stocking reported on this year's campaign, Share the Journey, and shared a brief video. The campaign will be brought to life through various forums.

Luke thanked PVNC for all the support of Development and Peace last year, and he is looking forward to another year and mission of development and peace.

A workshop regarding Culturally Responsive & Relevant Pedagogy and Catholic Social Teaching will take place at When Faith Meets Pedagogy, October 26.

C4. Parent Consultation – Laurie Corrigan

Laurie Corrigan discussed the Provincial Parent Consultation.

She asked members of the committee to take some time to go to the Public Consultation link and to provide feedback or concerns on the education system in Ontario by filling out the submission form.

**B. Recommended Actions/Presentations:**

1. Renewing the Promise Process Presentation – Peter Bagnall

Peter Bagnall provided a summary on the Renewing the Promise process. There were several stages of consultation; pre symposium from Mar-May 2017, symposium (ICE), post symposium report April 2018 resulting in a Pastoral Letter from the Catholic Bishops of Ontario May 2018.

Peter provided details of the PVNC Faith Day outline. The day will begin with suggested liturgies, followed by a message from Michael Nasello, Director of Education, and then a video reflection, where David Wells will share prerecorded stories. The Pastoral Letter will be read by all staff. There will be an opportunity to discuss the Pastoral Letter in small groups.

The committee was led through a small sample of the faith day activities.

Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ – Grade 5 Update – Peter Bagnall

Peter Bagnall gave a presentation to the committee about what has occurred so far with the Grade 5 implementation of Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ. Full implementation will continue to occur at PVNC one grade per year up to grade 8. All Grade 5 teachers were in-serviced September 28.

The link to the parish website was shared with the group and a sample of the login cards for the student home website that were sent home with the students was passed around, along with a copy of the Gr. 5 book.

Peter Bagnall also shared that he has been part of the Gr. 6 review process and a writer for the Gr. 7 Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ program.

**C. Information Items:**

1. Secondary Religious Education and Curriculum Update

Peter Bagnall provided the committee with an update on Secondary Religious Education and Curriculum, which is being fully implemented. Secondary school department meetings are being held with a focus on developing the research and inquiry strand and how we can build unity and consistency within the schools/board.

2. Diocesan Updates

Father Paul Massel gave the following diocesan updates:

There are two new committees established in the Diocese. The first is the Youth Commission which co-ordinates outreach to Trent University and Fleming College, as well as Youth programs in all the parishes. The second is the Diocesan Liturgy Commission. This committee provides training and direction to all parish liturgies and their ministries and updates liturgical practices as they are provided by the CCCB.

Sacramental programs are going well, and people are much more positive as these new parish based programs evolve. Thanks to PVNC for allowing teachers and principals to get together with parish volunteers and pastors to co-ordinate parish and school programs.

Exciting new programs are beginning in Christian Meditation in our schools and at Priest Study Days.

3. Equity Update – Peter Bagnall/Laurie Corrigan

Peter Bagnall provided a summary on the equity update. Some school teams are moving forward with their CRRP inquiry projects at their school. Laurie Corrigan added a brief summary on the 2017-2020 Equity and Inclusive Education Plan. The first part of the monitoring is on the Board website. Laurie explained currently we are waiting on the Ministry for next steps but will share the progress as it unfolds. She is looking forward to the work Peter and Luke have done for the WFMP presentation, Culturally Responsive & Relevant Pedagogy and Catholic Social Teaching.

5. Faith and Equity Advisory Committee Terms of Reference – Laurie Corrigan

Laurie summarized how we are compliant with the structure of the Committee as a governance piece of the Board. Laurie reviewed the membership roles' listed under the Committee Terms of Reference.

6. Committee Member Updates

Committee members were invited to share any updates with the Committee.

Helen McCarthy – Commented on how Faith and Equity go well together and posed the question of how we might bring this committee to life.

Sharon Lajoie – Reported on the Indigenous Cultural Competency Training sessions that will be held on Oct 24 and Nov 22. She extended the invitation to members of the Faith and Equity Committee and if members are interested, to email her.

Joe Monardo – Reported on his role as CUPE and trying to support staff and promoting safe schools.

Stephen O'Sullivan - Reported on the Principal's Report: Principals and Vice-Principals in both panels have a leadership role at the upcoming CPCO conference in November, which includes preparing and leading the liturgy to kick off the program on Friday morning. Cardinal Collins will be celebrating mass with us on Thursday night.

Stephen also reported on the Grade 5 Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ is now being implemented in our elementary schools and is being very well-received by staff, students and parents.

Knights of Columbus Report: The Knights of Columbus are grateful for the work of schools in facilitating food drives that directly benefit those in need, many of whom attend our schools. The Knights work in partnership with the St. Vincent de Paul Society to maximize the impact that school-based food drives have in our communities.

Maria Fitzgerald – Maria will share information at the October 20<sup>th</sup> CWL workshop. She asked about a CWL presenter on autism. It was suggested that this speaker would be beneficial for SEAC of CPEC committee meetings.

Jennifer Angelo – Reported on various projects that she is currently involved with, including the guidelines for meditation and train the trainer.

Bart Scollard – Reported on the OECTA website being updated, which is now cell-phone friendly and includes both Facebook and Twitter feeds.

Adam White– Reported on the English Language Learning student update. Adam provided an explanation about the different levels of ESL classes that are now available and trying to build capacity in the school to support ESL.

Jessica Devlin – Reported a summary of two programs the New Canadian Centre is currently offering including The Living Library Project and the other The Newcomer Integration Tool Kit.

Linda Ainsworth – Reported that she had attended the Canadian Catholic School Trustee Association AGM in June and provided information on highlights from presenters Danny Brock and Archbishop Michael Miller, Archbishop of Vancouver.

Linda also reported on attending the Ontario College of Teachers Conference 2018 and provided a summary of program information provided by the Canadian Centre for Child Protection.

**D. Next Committee Meeting Date:**

1. Dates for 2018-2019 Meetings

Thursday, January 24, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.

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 – Anne Heemskerck

4. Selection of Member for Closing Prayer – Jennifer Angelo

**E. Conclusion:**

1. Closing Prayer

At the request of the Chairperson, Fr. Paul Massel closed the meeting with prayer.

2. Adjournment

**MOTION:** Moved by Joe Monardo, seconded by Stephen O’Sullivan,  
that the meeting adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Carried.