



**Faith Advisory Committee (FAC)
Thursday, April 18, 2024 ♦ 1:30 p.m.
Microsoft Teams Meeting**

Present: Dan Dignard (Trustee), Lorrie Temple (Superintendent of Education), Father Augustine Ogundele, Andrew Hall, Keri Calvesbert

Regrets: Carol Luciani (Vice-Chair of the Board, Heather Graham, Tara Williams, Tom Laracy, Carole Allen, Father Ronald Angervil, Father Stephen Murrin, Caroline Goveas (Student Trustee), Mia Martorelli (Student Trustee)

1. Opening Prayer

Lorrie Temple opened the meeting in prayer.

2. Welcome

Dan Dignard welcomed members of the committee.

3. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the January 23, 2024 meeting were approved.

4. Information and Discussion Items

4.1 Lenten Experiences

Keri Calvesbert shared that during Lent, two Evening Lenten Faith Formation opportunities for staff to visit Tiny Home Takeout in Kitchener, ON took place. On February 21st, 11 BHCNDSB staff attended and on March 20th, 15 BHCNDSB staff attended. The experience offered an opportunity for learning about the ministry, a tour of the Church and Kitchen/Volunteer area, opportunities for staff to work in the kitchen (i.e., food preparation, packaging meals), and greeting and serving guests at the Tiny Home outside. After serving, staff gathered with volunteers of Tiny Home Takeout to share a meal together. Feedback from these experiences was incredibly positive. Staff felt this was a meaningful way to put their faith into action where they not only served but were served.

4.2 Diocesan Mass Update

Keri Calvesbert explained plans for the Diocesan Mass for Catholic Education Partners in the Diocese of Hamilton scheduled for September 19, 2024, and hosted by BHCNDSB continue to move forward. All sub-committees reported their progress at the January planning meeting and a "Save the Date" has been sent out. The committee will meet again in May 2024 to finalize plans.

4.3 New Family Life Education Curriculum 2023 (Grades 1-8)

Keri Calvesbert shared that a new Ontario Catholic Elementary Curriculum Policy Document for Family Life Education in Grades 1-8 was released in December 2023 and will come into effect in our schools in September 2024. In February 2024, all BHCNDSB Elementary Administrators in the district were inserviced by Keri on the new FLE Curriculum document and received print copies of the document for distribution to each Grades 1-8 educator in their schools. On the



April PA Day, all Grades 1-8 educators in the district were inserviced about the new document via video recording by Keri. A new program is being developed to support this new FLE Curriculum and will eventually replace *Fully Alive* in all grades. "Blessed & Beloved" is the title of the new program and Grade 1 of this program will be released and ready for classroom use in the Fall 2024. For all other grades, *Fully Alive* will continue to be available as the only resource currently approved by the ACBO for use in Family Life Education, at this time. The proposed rollout of the new program for remaining grades: Grades 2-3 will be released in 2025, Grades 4-6 will roll out in 2026 and Grades 7-8 will be available in 2027. Until a new program is available for Grades 2-8, ICE will provide concordance charts to show educators how they can meet the new curriculum expectations using *Fully Alive*. These resources will be available in August 2024.

4.4 Catholic Education Week Theme and Activities

The 2024 Catholic Education Week Theme is "We are Called to Love." Keri Calvesbert provided an overview of CEW plans including the final season of daily #bhnNEWS. The videos are created and produced by Keri Calvesbert and Chris Rait, along with the help of a few Student Achievement Team members. Each video introduces the daily subtheme, opens the day in prayer, contains feature stories and highlights of 'all things Catholic Education' happening across the district and this year includes a Wellness Tip of Day as we celebrate Mental Health Week at the during the same week. The Catholic Student Leadership Awards afternoon leadership symposium and Evening Celebration will take place at St. John's College on Monday, May 6, 2024. The Catholic Education Week Provincial Mass livestream airs Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. and can be joined at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/@stcatharinescathedral2914>. In anticipation of CEW and for planning purposes, Keri emailed the OCSTA Classroom resource packages including lesson plans for Elementary and Secondary to all Elementary Educators, Secondary Educators and Administrators in February 2024. The Diocese of Hamilton shared a CEW 2024 Package including Bishop Crosby's Messages for CEW in English and French, along with eight social media reels highlighting Catholic School Boards across the Diocese which can be accessed here: <https://www.hamiltondiocesecew.com>. All schools and sites are encouraged to use their Twitter/X accounts to share and celebrate CEW 2024.

4.5 Secondary Faith Activities and any Ongoing Faith Day Activities Sharing

Tara Williams will provide an update at the June meeting. Tara provided notes shared from Assumption College. ACS is currently working on a global social justice project to send a shipping container to the Sisters of Holy Cross Haitian Missions. This came about because of a presentation from Deb Sheldrake about her trips to visit the Haitian missions to the social justice class. Students expressed their desire to help in a significant way. Students found a sponsor who ships around the world for a business and Ms. Torto is working with the sponsor and shipper to help ACS send a container to Haiti (to port in the north in Cap Haitian away from the unrest in Port Au Prince). ACS is also looking at a shipping company who ships humanitarian aid to Haiti and has sent many containers in the past to the Sisters of Holy Cross in Haiti, which is permitted into ports even though closed to commercial shipping. To raise funds ACS plans to host events such as: Casual Dress Day, Grade 12 Night, Silent Auction (possibly), Raffle, and Paint Night.



Andrew Hall provided an update on faith activities at SJC. The Food Drive for St. Vincent de Paul was a success. Students carried a cross to every homeroom during the food drive as a way of connecting the food drive to faith. If students donated a canned good, donated on school cash online, or wrote a Lenten prayer intention, they were able to sign the cross. The signatures represented how they are the hands and feet of Christ and helped make a visual connection to the theme of "We Are Called to Love." Campus Ministry students made 20 Easter Eggs for Nova Vita. SJC celebrated an Easter Mass and a new Grade 9 student from Newfoundland sang the offertory song. The Campus Ministry group will be making a milk bag mattress in collaboration with the CWL. On April 21st, the SJC Senior Worship Band will be providing music ministry at Mass at Sacred Heart Parish at 9:00 AM. The Grade 12 grad retreat will be held at Camp Marydale. Spiritual Tours of the school have resumed and Grade 9 classes are participating. A May Crowning Liturgy of the Word is scheduled for May 2ⁿ with a focus on how Mary's soul magnifies the Lord and how this connects to our theme of "We Are Called to Love."

4.6 Elementary Faith Activities and any Ongoing Faith Day Activities Sharing

N/A Heather Graham will provide an update at the June meeting.

4.7 Diocesan – Deanery Updates

Fr. Augustine shared the Norfolk Catholic Family of Parishes will be acknowledging their CSLA recipients during Sunday Mass on May 5th followed by a luncheon to celebrate the students. Fr. Augustine spoke about students being invited through the schools to participate in Sunday Mass once per month. Students expressed their excitement and schools supported and encouraged this initiative by sending letters home. However, Fr. expressed his disappointment that parents/family support is lacking. He continues to pray and will press on to find ways to build relationships with parents/families.

4.8 F.A.C.E. Updates

N/A

5. Questions/Discussion

Trustee Dignard requested the engagement of students in Sunday Mass be included as an item of discussion on the June meeting agenda.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Trustee Dignard.

Next Meeting: June 6, 2024 (Teams)