



**Faith Advisory Committee (FAC)
Thursday, June 6, 2024 ♦ 1:30 p.m.
Microsoft Teams Meeting**

Present: Dan Dignard (Trustee), Lorrie Temple (Superintendent of Education), Father Augustine Ogundele, Heather Graham, Tara Williams, Andrew Hall, Carole Allen, Keri Calvesbert

Regrets: Carol Luciani (Vice-Chair of the Board, Tom Laracy, 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

Lorrie Temple welcomed members of the committee.

3. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the April 18, 2024 meeting were approved.

4. Information and Discussion Items

4.1 New Board Spiritual Theme for 2024-2025 and Faith Day Update

Keri Calvesbert shared the release of the OCSTA 2025 Catholic Education Week theme. The theme is "Catholic Education: Pilgrims of Hope" inspired by the upcoming Jubilee Year as announced by Pope Francis. BHNCDSD will adopt this theme as the new Board Spiritual Theme for the 2024-2025 school year. Keri provided updates to planning for Faith Day scheduled for Tuesday, October 8, 2024. As Pope Francis also declared the year 2024 to be a year of prayer, in preparation for the Jubilee Year, the October Faith Day offers an opportunity for staff to learn more about prayer and deepen their experience of prayer. The day will be meaningful, educational and impactful. Components of the day will include Mass or Liturgy, Video Teaching, Visual/Artefact creation. Dr. Josephine Lombardi will be providing the video teaching component prior to October for Faith Day. Dr. Lombardi's book, "On Earth as it is in Heaven" will be purchased and all staff across the district will receive a copy of the book. Activities, options and timelines for this day will be shared with Administrators at their June AAC meeting. All schools and sites will be asked to share an artefact from Faith Day to become part of a "Pilgrims of Hope" display at the 2025 Catholic Student Leadership Awards during Catholic Education Week 2025. System memos about Faith Day will be sent out in advance of October 8, 2024.

4.2 Secondary Feedback on Faith Activities

Tara Williams provided an update on the following Faith Activities in our Secondary schools: At Holy Trinity during Catholic Education Week, the school held their liturgy and adoration. Staff participated in their second last prayer breakfast of the school year. HT held their Spirit of the Titans Awards celebration and students participated in the BHNCDSD Culture of Life Day, "Your Life Matters". In June, HT staff participated in their final prayer breakfast, Spring Success Tours and Leaders Leading Leaders were held, supported by Chaplaincy. Rosary and Teacher-led prayers were held over the announcements and Games club and Music Ministry continued to be



supported by Chaplaincy. At Assumption College School, for the past couple of months the school has focused on fundraising for their “Hope for Haiti Campaign”. The Knights of Columbus partnered with the school to provide the shipping container for this global outreach.

Andrew Hall provided an update on faith activities at SJC. In May, the school held their May Crowning Liturgy of the Word. Campus Ministry students attended the “Your Life Matters” Culture of Life Day at St. Bernard’s Parish Hall, Waterford. The Divine Mercy Prayer group held its final meeting for this school year. The Jr. Worship Band provided music ministry for a Sunday Youth Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Paris. Campus Ministry students served at St. Andrew’s Soup Kitchen and held a breakfast for Grandparents at the end of May. One student shared a reflection on the work SJC has done through the school year in supporting the elderly in the community. SJC will hold their Closing Liturgy of the Word in June where a few students will share some personal faith reflections.

4.3 Elementary Feedback on Faith Activities

Heather Graham shared that on May 5th, the Norfolk Catholic Family of Parishes recognized their Catholic Leadership Award recipients at Mass, followed by a luncheon at St. Bernard’s in Waterford. Recipients were celebrated along with their families, nominating teachers, and Administrators from each school. It was a wonderful way to honour the award recipient and their families. The school spoke about each winner and were able to spend time with families which is something that is new for the schools and family of parishes. Community connections that began on the September Faith Day have continued (e.g. visiting the seniors at retirement homes). Administrators in the Norfolk Catholic Family of Parishes held their annual meeting with the parish to map out their plans for the 2024-25 school year. Letters will be sent home to Grades 1 and 7 families for sacramental prep awareness. As well, letters home to JK/SK families to target those not baptized. St. Joseph’s school finalized their Grade 8 graduation liturgy with the Deacon.

4.4 Diocesan – Deanery Updates

Fr. Augustine spoke briefly about the luncheon and celebration held to honour the Norfolk Catholic Family of Parishes CSLA recipients and reiterated what Heather shared. The Youth Commission at the Parishes would like to continue this practice moving forward. Fr. is busy planning for sacraments for the upcoming school year. Fr. Augustine also shared the NCFP is looking for a Youth Coordinator and asking for help to spread the word.

4.5 F.A.C.E. Updates

N/A

5. Questions/Discussion

Dan Dignard shared he just returned from an energizing conference with CCSTA in Alberta. Lorrie Temple shared that Keri Calvesbert was awarded the CARFLEO 2024 Fr. Angus MacDougall Award for Excellence in Family Life Education, nominated by Dr. Anne Jamieson, Executive Director for the Institute for Catholic Education. This award was presented to Keri for her provision of support to Family Life Educators across the province and for co-writing the new 2023 Family Life Education Ontario Catholic Elementary Curriculum Policy Document, Grades 1-8.



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6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Trustee Dignard.

Next Meeting: September 24, 2024

Important Dates:

Diocesan Mass: September 19, 2024

Next Meeting Date: September 24, 1:30 (Hybrid- Teams and in person)

Faith Day: Launch of New Board Spiritual Theme: October 8, 2024