



**Faith Advisory Committee (FAC)
Thursday, May 19, 2022♦ 1:00 p.m.
Virtual Microsoft TEAMS Meeting**

Present: Aidan O'Brien, Tara Williams, Heather Graham, Andrew Hall, Father Ronald Angervil, Lorrie Temple, Keri Calvesbert

Regrets: Dan Dignard, Father Luke Kopaniak, Tom Laracy, Father Augustine Ogundele, Carole Allen

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 March 24, 2022 meeting were approved.

4. Information and Discussion Items

4.1 Update on Ukraine/Poland Connection

Keri Calvesbert shared that we have obtained contact information for five schools in Poland hosting students from Ukraine. Information will be shared with School Administrators to begin process of making connections and establishing protocols for future fellowship exchange. The hope is to begin pen-pal letter writing in Fall 2022.

4.2 Catholic Education Week Review/Catholic Student Leadership Awards

Keri Calvesbert reported that in preparation for CEW 2022, beginning in Advent, monthly Liturgy slideshows were shared with Administrators to help staff reflect on the five sub-themes of CEW 2022. Posters, prayer cards, CEW songs, OCSTA CEW Elementary and Secondary Prayer and Activities packages were shared with all educators across the district. During Catholic Education Week, Daily Prayers, along with a new addition of "BHN Daily Catholic Education Week News" videos created by our Student Achievement Team were posted on the Board website, Brightspace Landing pages, and Twitter. Daily Prayers and videos were shared with all Administrators in advance of the week to be shared daily in all schools. The videos were created to highlight and celebrate all the things we do in Catholic Education in our district, connected to each daily sub-theme. The Catholic Student Leadership Awards Recognition Event including Liturgy and breakout rooms for students to meet with their feeder school Chaplaincy Leaders was held virtually on Monday May 2, 2022. This year's celebration featured our Student Trustee who brought greetings, shared about the role of Student Trustee, and a reflection on a Saint. Following the event, students and their families were invited to a Board meeting to receive their Award.

4.3 Review of Feedback re: Spiritual Theme for the Year

Lorrie Temple provided an overview of the survey results indicating the Board's adoption of the one-year OCSTA CEW theme for the BHNCD SB Board Spiritual Theme was received favorably in the district. Results indicate the theme was made clear throughout the school year using



monthly prayers reflective of sub-themes, Tweets, and Guest presenters for Liturgical events incorporating the theme into their presentations. Respondents noted a preference for a one-year theme as it is reflective of current events. Responses showed the adoption of the OCSTA as our Board Spiritual theme enables alignment and consistency with the theme of Catholic Education Week throughout the duration of the school year. Committee members in attendance recommend continuing to adopt OCSTA's CEW theme next year for the district.

4.4 Secondary Feedback on Catholic Education Week/Faith Activities

Tara Williams reported the following activities took place during Catholic Education Week 2022 in our Secondary schools: classroom participation in activities reflecting theme (e.g., Social Justice class created a Jenga visual of rebuild, Vocal class sang "We are the World" for Ukrainian community and to renew peace in our world, STEM presentation reflected rebuilding and renewed hope), school-wide liturgies, SIMBA awards celebration, Arts Gallery, Diversity entrance display, letters of gratitude, shared daily news videos, livestreamed Provincial CEW Mass, Divine Mercy Prayer Group meetings, Rosary and Confession offered to students, Spirit of Titan Awards, School CEW Mass, shared Bishop's CEW video messages, HT Arts Night, daily morning prayers reflective of CEW sub-themes, Grade 9 Religion class retreats rooted in CEW theme.

4.5 Elementary Feedback on Catholic Education Week/Faith Activities

Heather Graham reported the following activities took place during Catholic Education Week 2022 in our Elementary schools: First Holy Communion, School Open House, Faith Fair displayed at the church so parishioners could view, Celebration of the Arts, BHN Daily News videos shared, Prayer and Meditation outside to renew the spirit, walk in the community to appreciate God's creation, acknowledgment of Catholic Student Leadership Award recipients, Catholic Education Week Liturgies, daily lessons using OCSTA packages, school-wide mandala colouring (prayerful reflection), Ojo de Dios (Eye of God/God watches over us) creations to show empathy and rebuilding relationships, guest presenters for students and parents (e.g., Sara Westbrook, Kathleen Hilchey; mindset, conflict resolution).

4.6 Diocesan – Deanery Updates

Fr. Ronald reported finishing First Holy Communion preparation with final cohort, and sacramental preparation will be back on track beginning in the fall. Fr. Ronald participated in Mother's Day Tea with Kindergarten classroom where he baked for the event. He will be barbecuing for the June Father's Day event at the school. Fr. Ronald shared these events are wonderful ways to renew school-parish relationships.

5. Questions/Discussions

N/A

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Lorrie Temple.