

## Faith and Equity Advisory Committee Meeting – Minutes

Monday, February 26, 2024, Virtual  
Meeting 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

<b>Attendees:</b>	<p>Brooke Guindon, Student Trustee Chloe Finner, Student Trustee Donna Nielsen, Board Trustee Father John Whyte, Faith Animator Fiona Jimenez, Community Representative Karen Torrie Racine, Board Trustee Lee Theodore, Community Representative Liz Harrison, Human Resources Representative Norma McDonald, Superintendent School Effectiveness Sara Jane Manning, Chair, NG Pride Selina Mackie, Mental Health Strategist Stéphanie Nelson, Indigenous Graduation Support</p>
<b>Regrets:</b>	<p>Mike Hamilton, President Eastern OECTA Unit Trudy Scott, President CUPE 4154 Chris Oldford, Principal Representative Karen McAllister, Vice-Chair Board of Trustees Katy Ferguson, Parent Representative</p>

- Welcome – Co-Chairs Trustee Donna Nielsen and Trustee Karen Torrie-Racine
- Land Acknowledgement – Fr. John Whyte
- Liturgy – Faith Animator Fr. John Whyte
- Introductions – Trustee Nielsen and Trustee Torrie-Racine. Special welcome to new member, Fiona Jimenez, parent in the St. Joseph CSS community.

**Presentation** – Denise McCabe, CDSBEO ELL Consultant, presented information and data regarding CDSBEO’s Multilingual Language Learners and highlighted various resources, and approaches to the many supports that we offer to these students and educators. Multilingual Language Learners are students whose first language is a language other than English or is a variety of English that is significantly different from the variety of English used for instruction in Ontario’s schools. As of mid-December, there

were a total of 1260 students classified as Multilingual Language Learners in the CDSBEO, and our MLL students come from 94 distinct birth countries outside of Canada. Great questions and conversation!

- Trustee Karen Torrie-Racine – overview of guest speaker at our next meeting.
  - Future Meeting – Kemptville Board Office, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
  - April 29, 2024, guest speaker: Waubgeshig Rice, author and journalist