

Together in Faith and Action Committee Terms of Reference

Vision and Mission Statement

Vision: To make the schools in the division communities that are *Rooted in Faith, Growing in Knowledge, and Reaching Out to Transform the World.*

Mission Statement: Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools: a welcoming community where we nurture faith, encourage excellence in learning and inspire students to serve others, making the world a better place.

We love because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19

Our meaning arises out of Ultimate Meaning, from God who is Love and in love with us. Such conviction would encourage people in an "attitude of gratitude" toward everything in life and confidence that "neither death, nor life, neither angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8:38-39).

- Thomas Groome

"Faith in action is love, and love in action is service." – Mother Teresa

Rationale:

- To continually examine and develop the ongoing opportunities for laity to accept the responsibility of evangelization.
- To continually develop and refine a vision and action plan to assist with providing faith direction for students, staff and families in Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools.
- To develop and promote opportunities for staff and students to examine the connection between faith and reason.

Purpose:

- To examine the reality of faith practice in Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools
- To strengthen bonds between schools, homes and parishes by encouraging staff, students, families and parishes to work together to enliven and deepen the faith lives of each member of our school communities

- To help each member of our school communities answer the call of our Catholic faith to create a just and compassionate society with a focus on social justice
- To reveal God to our young people through the teachings of Jesus Christ and apply those teachings to the 'pressing issues' of the day; an example of a contemporary issue may be a focus on ecology and the relevance of water in society
- To celebrate the faith dimension of Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools.

Roles and Responsibilities

To make recommendations and respond to direction from the Greater Saskatoon Catholic Board of Education regarding the faith dimension.

Core Working Committee Membership:

- Two (2) trustees to sit on an approximate 12 member working committee
- One (1) of the two (2) trustees to chair
- Meet a minimum of five (5) times per year and at the call of the chair as well as engage in the work between meetings
- Other committee members will include: Director of Education, Superintendent of Education, Pastoral Associate, Religious Education Coordinators (Byzantine and Latin Rites), Communications Consultant, and Principal (elementary and high school)
- One (1) year appointments renewable each November as part of the Organizational Meeting of the Board
- Sub-committees will be enacted as needed - membership of these sub-committees would consist of some core working committee members as well as ad hoc members as deemed appropriate for the task

Reporting Mechanism:

As with other committees, present reports at each regular meeting of the board in the Reports and Good News portion of the agenda.