

Faith and Program Committee
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Forming Our Catholic Vision for Learning in the 21 st Century
Strategic Goals: Catholicity/ Parish Home School/ Learning Environment/ Physical Environment/ Community Engagement

In an age which seems more fearful of the future,
we are directed to give an account of the hope that is within us. 1 Peter 3:15.st

The attached is a summary of the participants' input and feedback and proposed recommendations that will move us forward as a faith and learning community.

DISCUSSION

In the 21st century, it is necessary to connect academic skills and the quest for knowledge to the core spiritual needs of our students in order to deepen their faith, foster their relationship with Christ and care for all God's creation. Why 21st century learning? Learning in the 21st century is fundamental to who we are as Catholics living in this moment in time. Aligned to the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations, our students are formed in the image of Christ and are called to be Christ to one another.

From our collective co-construction of recommendations, evidence of practice and next steps for leading

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Creativity and Innovation

Demonstrates resiliency, flexibility and adaptability.

Productivity and accountability: finding meaning, dignity, fulfillment and vocation that contributes to the common good.

Initiative, self direction and life long learning.

Based on the research, discussion and discernment as a living faith and learning community, a series of recommendations emerged. These recommendations support the necessary skills, knowledge and dispositions required for our students to achieve success and be fully alive in Christ.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEARNING IN THE 21ST CENTURY:

Recommendation 1:

There is a need and a sense of urgency to challenge the status quo and to embrace the new paradigm of learning in the 21st century. All students must have the opportunity to learn the new skills required to remain competitive in an ever changing global market while living out the principles of our Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations. We need to focus on the well being of the whole child while engaging them. The focus must be on student directed learning that promotes creativity and innovation in a meaningful and relevant way.

Recommendation 2:

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Recommendation 6:

Student engagement is increased through the use of varied instructional strategies that are experiential, authentic, relevant, and collaborative. Assessment and evaluation are differentiated and

Based on our consultations and discernment gathered from the various stakeholder groups, several broad themes and from from

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	RECOMMENDATION	EVIDENCE OF	FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS
1		<p>Three part Math lesson – focus on skill development.</p> <p>Integrated use of technology – i.e. SMART technology.</p> <p>Student centred approach.</p> <p>FDK play based learning.</p> <p>Differentiated instruction/creative instruction</p>	<p>Greater emphasis on higher order skill development.</p> <p>Increased and equal opportunity for access and use of technology through wireless technology.</p> <p>Greater understanding of students’ needs.</p> <p>Increase in creative instruction, teacher collaboration and planning.</p> <p>Enhanced professional learning opportunities.</p>
2		<p>Prayer centres and Catholic symbols.</p> <p>Outdoor reflection space.</p> <p>Living out of Virtues.</p> <p>Focus on faith development at all levels.</p>	<p>Create sacred space.</p> <p>Increase focus on diversity.</p> <p>Improve outdoor learning space.</p> <p>Encourage greater student involvement in faith activities (masses, liturgies, virtues, etc.).</p> <p>Provide opportunities for faith expression through technology (i.e. digital prayer, use of Catholic media and websites, etc.).</p>

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Rooted in our Catholic worldview and inspired to support ...

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