



BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK Catholic District School Board

Minutes

Catholic Education Centre
322 Fairview Drive
Brantford, ON N3T 5M8

Committee of the Whole Tuesday, December 12, 2023 ♦ 7:00 pm Boardroom

Trustees:

Rick Petrella (Chair), Carol Luciani (Vice Chair), Dennis Blake, Bill Chopp, Dan Dignard, Mark Watson
Caroline Goveas (Student Trustee), Mia Martorelli (Student Trustees)

Senior Administration:

Mike McDonald (Director of Education & Secretary), Scott Keys (Superintendent of Business & Treasurer),
John Della Fortuna, Kevin Greco, Lorrie Temple, Phil Wilson (Superintendents of Education)

1. Opening Business

1.1 Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Trustee Dignard.

1.2 Attendance

Attendance was as noted above.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Mark Watson

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the December 12, 2023 meeting, as amended.

Carried

1.4 Declaration of Interest - Nil

2. Presentations - Nil

3. Delegations – Nil

4. Consent Agenda

4.1 Unapproved Minutes from the Faith Advisory Committee Meeting – November 23, 2023

Highlights from the Regional Catholic Parent Involvement Committee presentation on vaping were shared.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the unapproved minutes of the Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of November 23, 2023.

Carried



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4.2 Unapproved Minutes from the Regional Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting– November 27, 2023

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the unapproved minutes of the Regional Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of November 27, 2023.

Carried

4.3 Unapproved Minutes from the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting – November 28, 2023

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the unapproved minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of November 28, 2023.

Carried

5. Committee and Staff Reports

5.1 2024 Insurance Renewal

Superintendent Keys presented the 2024 Insurance Renewal Proposal. It was noted that The Board's property and liability insurance is currently covered by the Ontario School Boards' Insurance Exchange (OSBIE), which is a reciprocal cooperative established in 1987. OSBIE insures most school boards and several joint ventures in Ontario. As of January 1, 2022, OSBIE is in year three of the current five-year Subscription Period, which ends on December 31, 2026.

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the 2024 insurance renewal premium, payable to the Ontario School Boards' Insurance Exchange, in the amount of \$162,642.00, excluding PST.

Carried

5.2 Trustee Expenses

Superintendent Keys presented the Trustee Expenses report from September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023. It was highlighted that the Trustee expenses were under budget again for the 2022/2023 school year.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Trustee Expenses Report to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried



5.3 EQAO Update and Math Action Plan

Superintendent Temple presented the EQAO Update and Math Action Plan. Since the data was shared, members of the Student Achievement Team, Student Achievement Lead, and Superintendent responsible for curriculum, have engaged in a deeper dive of the data with EQAO personnel, as well as with the Ministry Math Team personnel. Next steps include; Continue the capacity building work for educators with a focus on numeracy and literacy through PD when able to do so; promoting the use of high impact instructional strategies for Administrators so they know what to see in the classrooms K-12, in both core subject areas; continued screening (pre and post) for interventions in numeracy; and administration of self-assessment tools for educators and students for confidence building in math. Another next step is a system refocus on attendance to increase student engagement and participation in the learning. Performance indicators, factors and variables were discussed along with the next steps.

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Mark Watson

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the Updated EQAO board report and Math Action Plan.

Carried

5.4 County of Brant (Elementary) School Attendance Boundary Review

Superintendent Keys presented the County of Brant (Elementary) School Attendance Boundary Review. The purpose of this review is to better balance capacity and enrolment within the schools involved. The schools involved are Holy Family Paris, Blessed Sacrament, St. Theresa, and Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary schools. Several different options were discussed at the committee level, surveys, trustee feedback, and the preferred option is presented in Figure 2.0. The secondary schools that future graduating elementary students will attend based on the proposed boundary changes was discussed. Communication to future families regarding the holding zones was also considered along with legacy agreements for siblings. Out of boundary students who are currently attending the three impacted schools were also discussed.

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the amended school attendance boundaries, as outlined in Figure 2, effective September 2024, and the creation of holding zones, as outlined in Figure 3, for the County of Brant. Five trustees voted in favor; one was opposed.

Carried

5.5 2024-29 Multi-Year Integrated Accessibility Plan

Superintendent Keys presented the 2024-29 Multi-year Integrated Accessibility Plan. The purpose of the Ontarians with Disabilities Act (ODA), 2001 is to improve opportunities for people with disabilities and to provide for their involvement in the identification, removal, and prevention of barriers and to promote their full participation in the life of the province. The ODA requires each school board to prepare a multi-year accessibility plan; to consult with people with disabilities in the preparation of this plan and to make the plan public. The plan was developed collaboratively through feedback and input from The Accessibility Steering Committee, Special Education Advisory Committee, Regional Catholic Parent Involvement Committee and the Senior Administration.



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Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the 2024-2029 Multi-Year Integrated Accessibility Plan.

Carried

6. Information and Correspondence – Nil

7. Trustee Inquiries:

Discussion surrounding the digital advertisements for registration in the new year was had.

8. Business In-Camera

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board moves to an In-Camera session.

Carried

9. Report on the In-Camera Session

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the business of the In-Camera session.

Carried

10. Future Meetings and Events

Chair Petrella drew attention to the upcoming meetings and events.

11. Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was led by Chair Petrella.

12. Adjournment

Moved by: Mark Watson

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the December 12, 2023 meeting.

Carried

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 16, 2023, 7:00 p.m. – Boardroom