



BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK Catholic District School Board

Minutes

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

ACCESSIBILITY STEERING COMMITTEE Thursday October 31, 2024 – 1:00 p.m. Microsoft Teams Meeting

Members: John Della Fortuna (Chair), Mark Watson (Trustee), April Taylor, Carlo Fortino, Dave Buist, Deborah King-Bonifacio, Gianni Silvestri, Carlee Webb, John Nicholson, Linda McFayden, Lou Citino, Rachel Moreau, Mischa Dinsmore, Vanessa Heath (Recording Secretary).

Regrets: Amy Pimentel, Philip Kuckyt, Rita Raposo, Sandra DeDominicis, Jennifer Charnish-Currie

1. Opening Business

1.1 Opening Prayer: Superintendent John Della Fortuna, opened in prayer.

1.2 Approval of the Agenda – October 31, 2024

Moved: John Della Fortuna

Seconded: April Taylor

THAT the Accessibility Steering Committee approves the agenda of the October 31, 2024 meeting.

1.3 Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes- February 13, 2024

Moved: John Della Fortuna

Seconded: April Taylor

THAT the Accessibility Steering Committee approves the minutes of the February 13, 2024 meeting.

1. Committee and Staff Updates

1.1 Accessibility in the Classroom

Rachel presented on the physical accessibility updates within the schools and updates in progress to which assist students who may be hard of seeing or visually impaired.

Gianni reviewed the accessibility updates as well as those in progress, that apply to an educational level to ensure students who have an impairment to have the proper supplies and tools in place to learn.

2. Other Business

2.1 AODA Audit

On July 2, 2024, a Desk Audit was received from the ministry to ensure BHNCDSB met the appropriate Accessibility Standards based on the AODA Act for Ontarians. The Audit concluded on September 23, 2024, confirming BHNCDSB met all Accessibility Standards, except for minor changes to the frequency of the current training in place.

3. Closing Remarks/ Adjournment

Superintendent John Della Fortuna thanked the committee for joining. And confirmed with Lou Citino that for next meeting an over Accessibility plan will be reviewed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10am

Next meeting date, time, location: Tuesday February 25, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.- Catholic Education Center