



BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK
Catholic District School Board

Minutes

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

**Accommodations Committee
Wednesday, October 1, 2025 – 3:00 p.m.
Boardroom and Microsoft Teams Meeting**

Trustees: Carol Luciani (Chair), Bill Chopp, Dan Dignard, Dennis Blake, Mark Watson

Senior Administration:

John Della Fortuna (Superintendent of Education)
Kevin Greco (Superintendent of Education)
Michael Lawlor (Superintendent of Education)
Mike McDonald (Director of Education & Secretary)
Phil Wilson (Superintendent of Education)
Rajini Nelson (Superintendent of Business & Treasurer)

Staff and Other Resources:

Adam Brutto (Watson & Associates Economists Ltd.)
Jack Ammendolia (Watson & Associates Economists Ltd.)
Lou Citino (Manager of Facilities and Construction Services)
Katherine Reddicliffe (Recording Secretary)

1. Opening Business

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

The meeting was opened with land acknowledgement led by Superintendent Greco.

1.2 Opening Prayer

Superintendent Nelson led opening prayer.

1.3 Attendance

Attendance was noted as above.

1.4 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Accommodations Committee approves the Agenda of October 1, 2025.

Carried

1.5 Declaration of Interest: Nil.

1.6 Approval of the Minutes:

Moved by: Mark Watson

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Accommodations Committee approves the Minutes of April 29, 2025.

Carried

1.7 Business Arising from the Minutes: Nil.



2. Staff Reports & Information Items:

2.1 Accommodations Planning Update

Mr. Jack Ammendolia, Managing Partner, Watsons & Associates Economists Ltd. provided a high-level overview for the committee including the Board's current and near future for Accommodation Planning.

A brief overview of the previously completed Attendance Boundary Reviews to date and the approved capital build projects set the foundation of his presentation. Mr. Ammendolia provided data and information regarding both historical and projected enrolments. Projecting some very sustained trends with the Boards enrolment. Areas in the region continue to grow in our Boards area both at the elementary and secondary levels.

Mr. Ammendolia explained what is occurring behind the scenes with the planning department. The involvement of Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. in communication on behalf of the Board and being the primary point of contact for all municipal circulations. Board staff are included in these responses and are kept abreast of the situations.

Highlights from Mr. Ammendolia's presentation regarding Development Tracking and Municipal Partners include:

- Circulation inbox planning@bhncdsb.ca
- Maintaining a comprehensive database
- Communication on behalf of the board on items that may impact BHNCD SB schools.

Upcoming Municipal Partner Meeting with assist with strengthening the relationships with our municipalities. By sharing the information virtually and developing tracking of changes this will improve communication and planning for BHNCD SB's future.

The goal of this meeting is to highlight:

- Student accommodation planning
- Enrolment projections
- Dynamic legislation and conditions
- Official / secondary plans
- Agency comments
- Partnership opportunities

With the success of obtaining approval for capital builds, boundary reviews are required to help plan for the best utilization of all the facilities. Currently three consecutive Attendance Boundary Reviews are in progress. The committee members are meeting and providing insight into the specifics of their communities and schools. New boundaries are to be created for the new builds, and during this time brainstorming ideas which may include transportation, program relocation, and boundary adjustments. Timelines have been set out, and the Board of Trustees will be presented with the considerations prior to public consultations. The timeframe for the final decision by the Board of Trustees is planned for the Spring 2026.



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Suggestions for the future to begin thinking about:

- Potential review of Haldimand Education Development Charges (EDC) Eligibility
- Potential capital priority submissions for Simcoe/City of Brantford/Caledonia/Paris
- Data Dashboard implementation

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Accommodations Committee recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Accommodation Planning Update for information.

Carried

3. Business of the In-Camera Session: N/A

4. Report on the In-Camera Session: N/A

5. Adjournment

Moved by: Mark Watson

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Accommodations Committee adjourns the meeting of October 1, 2025.

Carried

Next Meeting: Monday, December 8, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.