



BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK Catholic District School Board

Minutes

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

Accommodations Committee Monday, November 1, 2021 – 3:00 p.m. Boardroom / Microsoft Teams

Trustees:

Present: Dan Dignard (Chair), Bill Chopp, Cliff Casey, Carol Luciani, Rick Petrella

Senior Administration and Staff:

Mike McDonald (Director of Education & Secretary), Scott Keys (Superintendent of Business & Treasurer)

1. Opening Business

1.1 Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Committee Chair Dignard.

1.2 Attendance

Attendance was noted as above.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Rick Petrella

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

THAT the Accommodations Committee approves the Agenda of November 1, 2021.

Carried

1.4 Declaration of Interest: Nil.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes:

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Accommodations Committee approves the Minutes of July 16, 2021.

Carried

1.6 Business Arising from the Minutes: Nil.

2. Staff Reports & Information Items:

2.1 Capital Planning Update

Scott Keys, Superintendent of Business & Treasurer introduced Jack Ammendolia, Managing Partner, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd who provided an update on capital planning for the Committee. Mr. Ammendolia provided information regarding enrolment projections for all schools, including enrolment pressures and the utilization of permanent space. He provided examples of an analysis on the number of students who reside within a school boundary versus those that are actually attending a school. He provided accommodation planning updates for the City of Brantford, Paris / St. George, Caledonia and Simcoe. Mr. Ammendolia also updated the Committee regarding the Board's education development charges. He noted that:



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- Enrolment projections and utilization indicate that in approximately two to three years, the elementary panel will be over capacity.
- Currently, there appears to be a need for additional capital in the secondary panel in the City of Brantford.
- The Board should begin investigating interim measures to relieve enrolment pressures, i.e., boundary reviews, in south-west Brantford, Paris, St. George, Caledonia and Simcoe.
- The Board is awaiting approval regarding a joint school with the Grand Erie District School Board in Caledonia.
- The Board may want to incorporate *holding areas* for school boundaries around new subdivisions.
- Boundary options should be considered to relieve enrolment pressures at St. Basil Catholic Elementary School and St. Gabriel Catholic Elementary School in Brantford and Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary School in Paris.

Mr. Ammendolia will provide the following information for the next Accommodations Committee Meeting:

- The school that students residing in St. George attend.
- School boundary charts showing street configurations.
- Reasons for the increase in enrolment in the Simcoe area and possible boundary changes at St. Joseph's School.
- The number of non-Catholic and out-of-boundary students attending our schools.

Mr. Keys noted that the Ministry has imposed a moratorium regarding school closures, so closing schools is not an option at this time. He suggested that trustees may wish to prioritize capital pressure options so that the Board will be prepared when the Ministry announces capital projects submissions. Mr. Keys commented that he has had discussions with the City of Brantford regarding possible school sites for new developments that are in the planning phase. He will also contact the County of Brant to have similar discussions.

Mr. Ammendolia noted that given the Board's recent approval to proceed with amending the City of Brantford / County of Brant Education Development Charges (EDC) by-law, legal counsel has prepared a By-Law Change Notice, which will be forwarded to the appropriate authorities and the public will be provided detailed information via the Board's website. The amended By-Law is scheduled to be approved at the November 23, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting and will become effective five days after the meeting so it will be in force on November 29, 2021. Mr. Ammendolia will also investigate the possibility of an EDC by-law in Norfolk County.

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Rick Petrella

THAT the Accommodations Committee recommends that the Committee of the Whole approves the actions as outlined in the Capital Planning Update report to address accommodation pressures in the Board.

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3. Business of the In-Camera Session

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

THAT the Accommodations Committee moves to an in-camera session.

Carried

4. Report on the In-Camera Session

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Rick Petrella

THAT the Accommodations Committee approves the business of the In-Camera Session.

Carried

5. Future Meetings

Chair Dignard noted that the next Accommodations Committee Meeting will be scheduled when Mr. Ammendolia has completed his capital planning analysis.

6. Adjournment

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

THAT the Accommodations Committee adjourns the meeting of November 1, 2021.

Carried

Next Meeting: Call of the Chair.