



Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 22, 2024 ♦ 7:00 p.m.
Boardroom

Trustees:

Rick Petrella (Chair), Carol Luciani (Vice-Chair), Dennis Blake, Bill Chopp, Dan Dignard, Mark Watson, Riley O'Brien (Student Trustee), Ryan Toft (Student Trustee)

Senior Administration:

Michael McDonald (Director of Education & Secretary), John Della Fortuna, Kevin Greco, Lorrie Temple, Phil Wilson (Superintendents of Education)

1. Opening Business

1.1 Opening Prayer

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys and sufferings, all that this day may bring, be they good or bad: for the love of God, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for all the sins committed against the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
Amen

1.2 Attendance

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

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1.5 Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – September 24, 2024

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1.6 Business Arising from the Minutes

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2.1 Memorial Statement for Jeff De Prosperis, Teacher

2.2 Memorial Statement for Paul Grace, Custodian

2.3 Memorial Statement for Melissa Mattan, Teacher

3. Delegations

4. Consent Agenda

5. Committee and Staff Reports

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Presenter: Riley O'Brien and Ryan Toft, Student Trustees

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322 Fairview Drive
Brantford, ON N3T 5M8

10. Business In-Camera

207. (2) Closing of certain committee meetings. A meeting of a committee of a board, including a committee of the whole board, may be closed to the public when the subject-matter under consideration involves,
- The security of the property of the board;
 - The disclosure of intimate, personal or financial information in respect of a member of the board or committee, an employee or prospective employee of the board or a pupil or his or her parent or guardian;
 - The acquisition or disposal of a school site;
 - Decisions in respect of negotiations with employees of the board; or
 - Litigation affecting the board.

11. Report on the In-Camera Session

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13. Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your gifts to us: for making us, for saving us in Christ, for calling us to be your people. As we come to the end of this meeting, we give you thanks for all the good things you have done in us. We thank you for all who have shared in the work of this Board and ask you to bless us all in your love. We offer this prayer, Father, through Christ our Lord. Amen

14. Adjournment



**Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 24, 2024 ♦ 7:00 p.m.
Boardroom**

Trustees:

Rick Petrella (Chair), Carol Luciani (Vice-Chair), Dennis Blake, Bill Chopp, Dan Dignard, Mark Watson, Riley O'Brien (Student Trustee), Ryan Toft (Student Trustee)

Senior Administration:

Mike McDonald (Director of Education & Secretary), Cheryl Dalrymple (Superintendent of Business & Treasurer), 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 Luciani.

1.2 Attendance

Attendance was as noted above.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the September 24, 2024 Board meeting.

Carried

1.4 Declaration of Interest - Nil

1.5 Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – June 25, 2024

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Mark Watson

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the June 25, 2024 Meeting of the Board.

Carried

Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes – July 3, 2024

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Mark Watson

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the July 3, 2024 Special Meeting of the Board.

Carried

Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes – July 8, 2024

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Mark Watson

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the July 8, 2024 Meeting of the Board.

Carried



Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes – July 18, 2024

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Mark Watson

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the July 18, 2024 Meeting of the Board.

Carried

Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes – July 29, 2024

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Mark Watson

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the July 29, 2024 Meeting of the Board.

Carried

Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes – August 19, 2024

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Mark Watson

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the August 19, 2024 Meeting of the Board.

Carried

Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes – August 28, 2024

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Mark Watson

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the August 28, 2024 Meeting of the Board.

Carried

1.6 Business Arising from the Minutes – Nil

2. Presentations - Nil

3. Delegations – Nil

4. Consent Agenda

4.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting – September 17, 2024

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Second by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the unapproved minutes of the September 17, 2024 meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

5. Committee and Staff Reports – Nil



6. Information and Correspondence

6.1 Board Presentation Protocol

Director McDonald presented the Board presentation protocol. This is formalizing the process and criteria for presentations and recognitions at future Board meetings.

6.2 Service Recognition Dinner

Director McDonald presented feedback which came as a result of the the Service Recognition Dinner in 2023. He spoke to some of the recommended changes including a receiving line of Trustees welcoming guests and presenting them with their corresponding gift. Additional changes will include more options for photo opportunities, the addition of a program, a group photo of all invitees and certificates to be given along with board pins.

6.3 New Employee Commissioning

Superintendent Temple will provide a list of the locations where Mass is happening. A request was made to have crucifixes added to all secondary and elementary school classrooms.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Mark Watson

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the information and correspondence items since the last meeting.

Carried

7. Notices of Motion – Nil

8. Notices of Motion Being Considered for Adoption - Nil

9. Trustee Inquiries - Nil

10. Business In-Camera

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

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

Carried

11. Report on the In-Camera Session

Moved by: Mark Watson

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

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

Carried

12. Future Meetings and Events

Chair Petrella drew attention to the upcoming meetings and events.

Prior to the closing of the meeting Chair Petrella and Director McDonald thanked Superintendent Dalrymple whose last day with the BHNCDSB is September 27, 2024 for her time and efforts with the board and wished her all the best in her future endeavors.

13. Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was led by Chair Petrella.



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14. Adjournment

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the September 24, 2024 Board meeting.

Carried

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 22, 2024, 7:00 p.m. – Boardroom

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BOARD FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

October 22, 2024

AGENDA ITEM	MOTION
5.1	<p>THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the Trustee Honoraria for the period November 15, 2024 to November 14, 2025 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board.</p> <p>THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the EQAO board report on results for the 2023-2024 School year.</p> <p>THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the excursion request from Holy Trinity for the Portugal Soccer Tour Excursion from Thursday, March 12, 2026, to Friday, March 20, 2026.</p> <p>THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the excursion request from Assumption College for an excursion to New York City from Thursday, May 14, 2026, to Monday, May 18, 2026.</p>

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 15, 2024.

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 15, 2024.

**REPORT TO THE BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Prepared by: Cheryl Dalrymple, Superintendent of Business & Treasurer
 Presented to: Committee of the Whole
 Submitted on: October 15, 2024
 Submitted by: Mike McDonald, Director of Education & Secretary

TRUSTEE HONORARIA
Public Session

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Ontario Regulation 357/06 - Honoraria for Board Members sets out the method for calculating the limits on honoraria paid under section 191 of the Education Act. The honoraria, in respect of any year of the term in office, consists of the following components: base amount, enrolment amount, and Chair/Vice Chair amounts, as outlined in Board Policy 100.06 – Trustee Honoraria.

DEVELOPMENTS:

There have been no changes to the base amount for trustee honoraria. For the term of office starting November 15, 2024 to November 14, 2025, the only change to trustee honoraria will be the impact of enrolment changes.

Trustees are now paid bi-weekly by direct deposit based on 1/26 of the established honorarium.

The calculation for the trustee honoraria for the period November 15, 2024 to November 14, 2025, is detailed in the chart below, which does not include student trustees.

	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Vice-Chair</u>	<u>Trustee</u>
Base Amount	\$5,900	\$5,900	\$5,900
Additional Base Amount (Chair & Vice-Chair)	5,000	2,500	
Enrolment Amount	\$3,415	\$3,415	\$3,415
Additional Enrolment Amount (Chair & Vice-Chair)	586	293	
Total	\$14,901	\$12,108	\$9,315

Trustee Honoraria (prior period)	\$14,687	\$11,910	\$9,133
Increase/(Decrease)	\$214	\$198	\$182

* The enrolment amount is calculated by multiplying the 2023-24 Estimates ADE by \$1.75 and then dividing by the number of trustees (6). The additional enrolment amounts are calculated by multiplying the 2023-24 Estimates ADE by \$0.025 for the Vice-Chair and by \$0.05 for the Chair.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the Trustee Honoraria for the period November 15, 2024 to November 14, 2025 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board.

REPORT TO THE BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Prepared by: Lorrie Temple, Superintendent of Education
 Presented to: Board Meeting
 Submitted on: October 15, 2024
 Submitted by: Michael McDonald, Director of Education & Secretary

EQAO (Education Quality and Accountability Office) Update Public Session

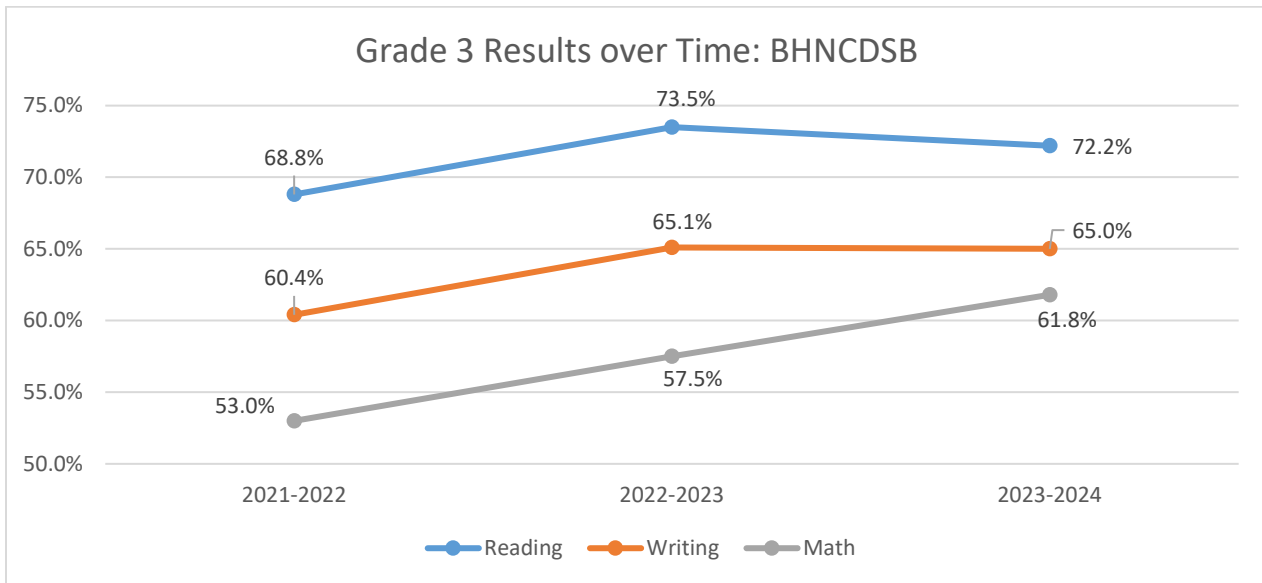
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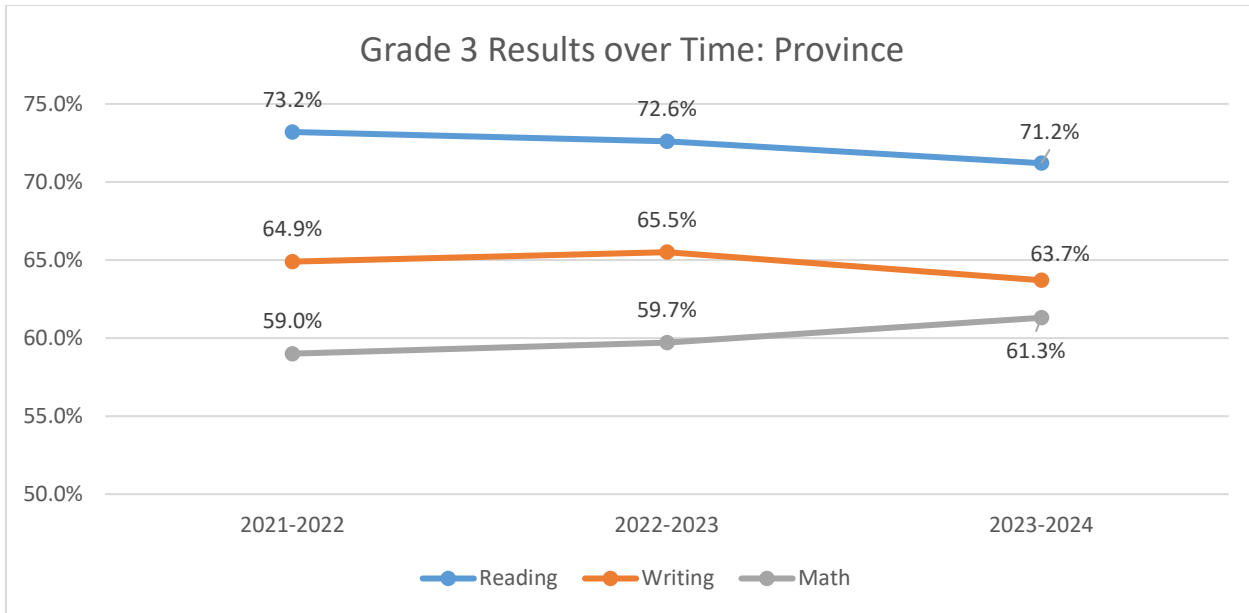
Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO), under the direction of the Ministry of Education, released the 2023-2024 assessment results in late September. The media release shared our overall results, highlights of success, and areas for attention moving forward. Even though we are still learning the new digital platform, new curricula in Math (2020) and Language (2023); and continue to be challenged by the staffing shortage impacting the opportunities for professional development; we have some small wins and clear goals to do better. This data adds to the knowledge of our system and further guides and informs our decision making in supporting educators and students in the classroom, across our system.

DEVELOPMENTS:

Grade 3 Primary:

School	Total # of Ss	Reading	Writing	Mathematics
Province	123,090	71.2%	63.7%	61.3%
Board	783	72.2%	65.0%	61.8%



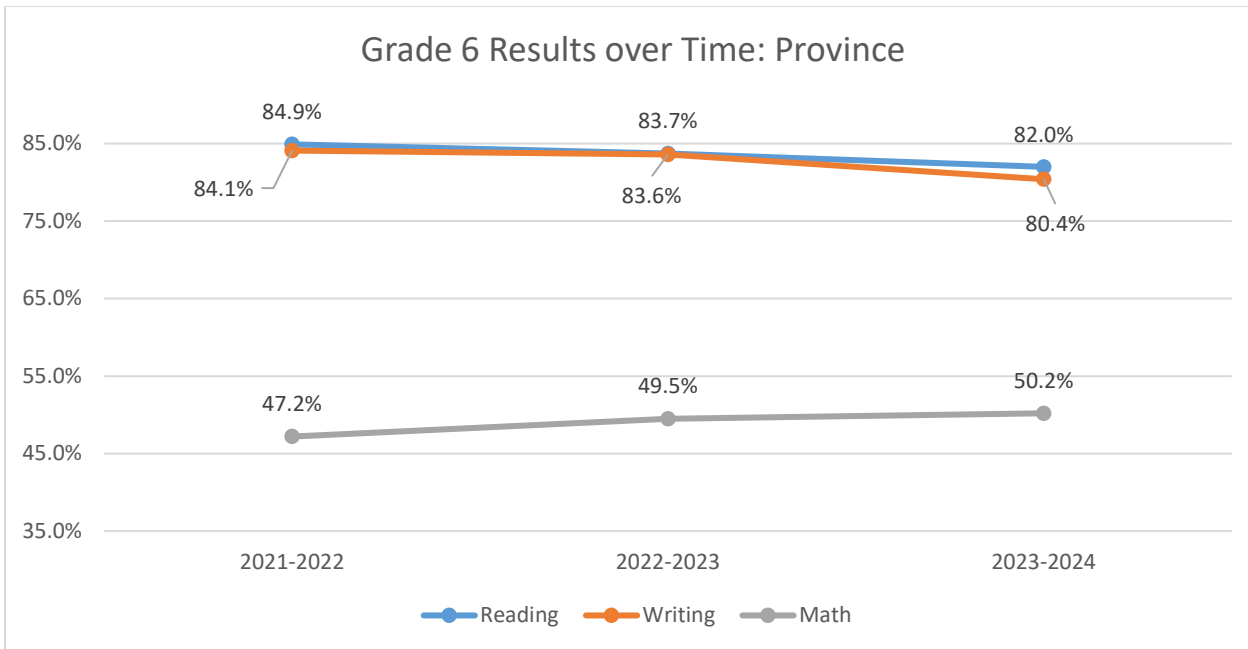
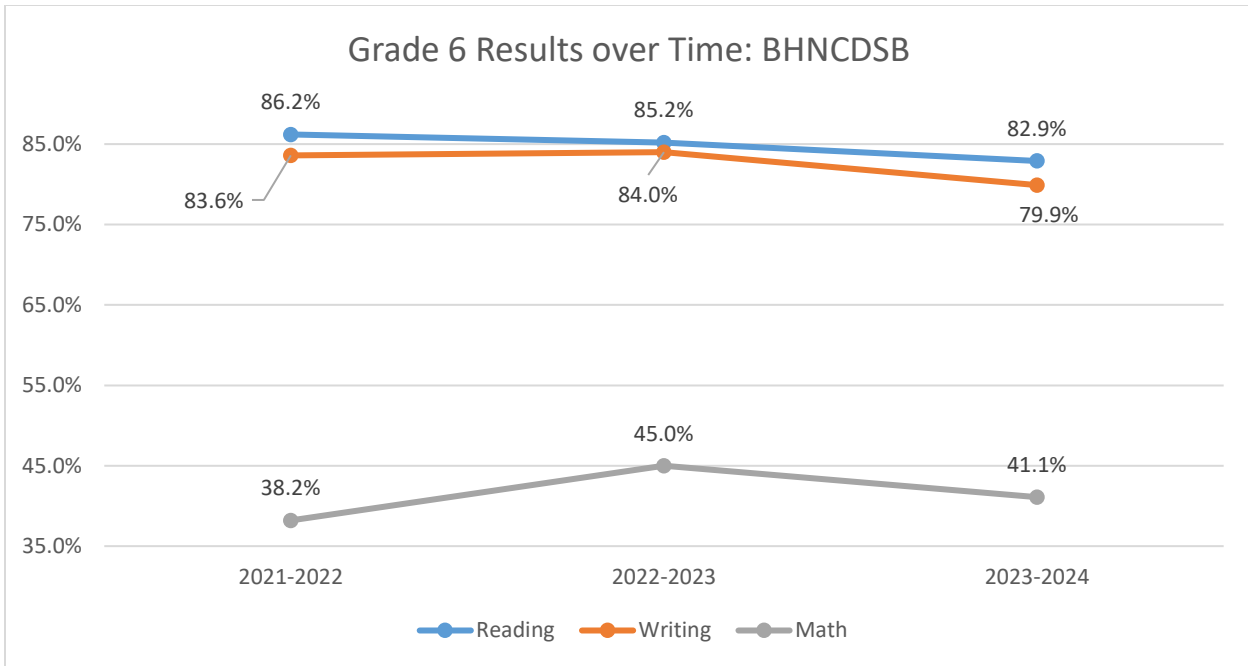


In 2023-2024, BHNCD SB primary students exceeded the province in all three areas of the assessment. Our supports to address math through our work with priority schools and administrator learning, is making an impact. We were intentional and more strategic with professional development for instruction and assessment using MathUp and Knowledgehook, both of which will continue as a focus this year. Implementing the new 2023 Language curriculum, we targeted and supported Grade 1 literacy with specific professional development and resources for structured literacy, expanded to Grades 2 and 3 this year and moving forward, we will focus on Grade 3-8. The work continues for 2024-2025, with our revamped Math Action Plan and launch of the new early reading screener, alongside continued work with the new curriculum and focus on Structured Literacy. Our Student Achievement Team continues to support diagnostics in math for our priority schools in Grade 3 and 6, as well as supporting the screener work in K-2. We continue to seek data to inform our practice and focus with instruction and have a plan to bring the learning, as we did last year, with our administrators to support the monitoring of instruction and assessment in the classrooms.

Grade 6 Junior

Students Meeting or Exceeding the Provincial Standard: 2023-24

School	Number of Students	Reading	Writing	Mathematics
Province	129,573	82.0%	80.4%	50.2%
Board	816	82.9%	79.9%	41.1%



Junior reading and writing scores remain on par with the province but the achievement in numeracy went down against last year's average of 45% and is down in comparison to the province. We are in the midst of looking at skill and strand data per school and supporting administrators in drilling down to the specific student to be able to support and plan for future success and more immediate gap closing. As a result of this data, alongside our diagnostic data, we have tweaked our Action Plan for 2024-2025, by including more schools and an overall system approach. We recognize that improved educator capacity is needed to change instructional practice to help students learn how to think and apply the concepts in mathematics. We are going to continue to leverage our board supported resources, MathUp and

Knowledgehook to support the math curriculum, further amplify the use of the High Impact Instructional Practices, and share learning of our Essential Practices, tools and representations, and direct instruction for our new educators through our New Teacher Induction Program (NTIP). We learned that our intentional support last year boosted student and educator confidence and now we need to expand that to skill building through the work of our two new Math Facilitators. Our reading and writing results are also being supported with the new curriculum PD focus on direct instruction, assessment, and a continued focus on our Essential Practices for knowing the learner, success criteria, learning goals and descriptive feedback. As a district, we are entering into some pilot programs focusing on Junior and Intermediate literacy interventions to address gap closing and skill building for those students still not at benchmark or the provincial average.

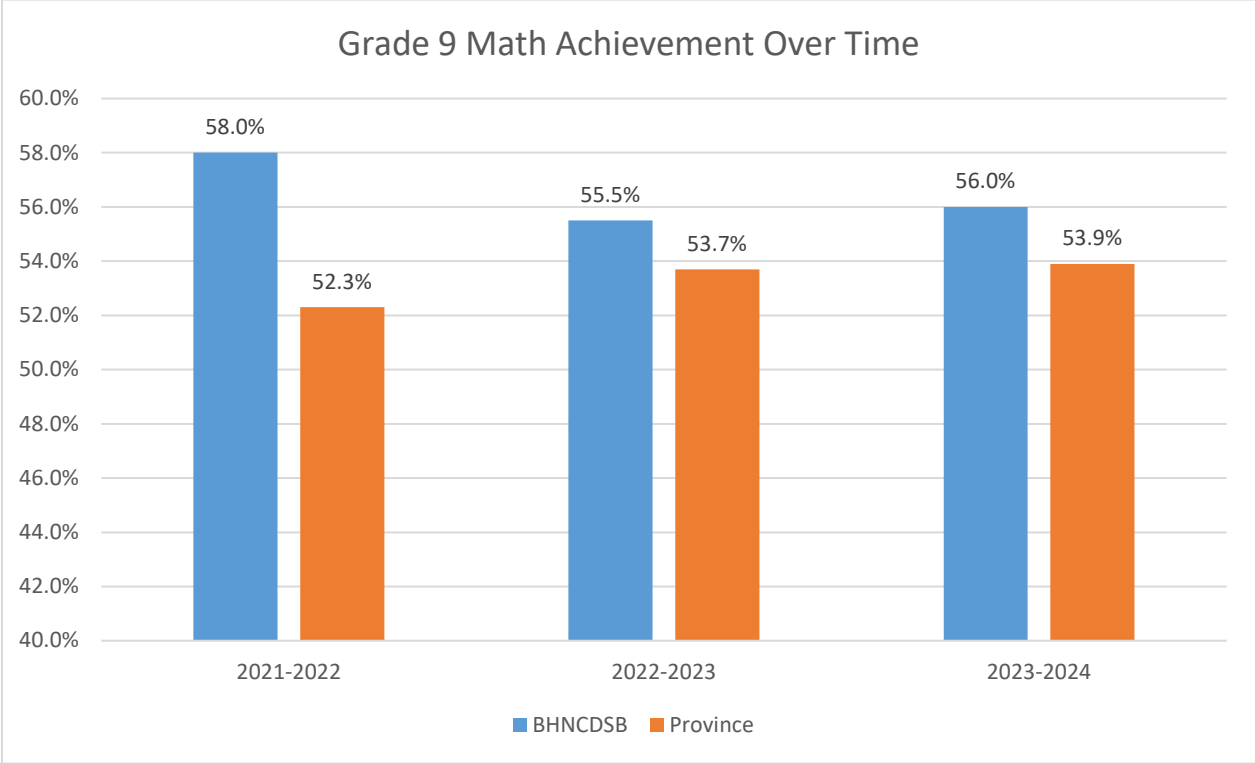
Grade 9 Math

BHNCDSB math results are above the provincial average, but still not where we want them to be. Assumption and St. Johns increased slightly, where Holy Trinity dipped slightly. We noted a concern with Grade 9 math with the failure rate of the Grade 9 Destreamed course and those engaging in summer school to earn the credit. We have made this a focus already for our PD Day topics this year to continue our work across the Grade 9 destreaming course. In addition, we have added some intentional support in 7/8 to support students as they transition to secondary.

Students at or above the Provincial Standard

ACS	HT	SJC	Board	Province
54.6%	49.7%	61.5%	56.0%	53.9%

No data for St Mary's.



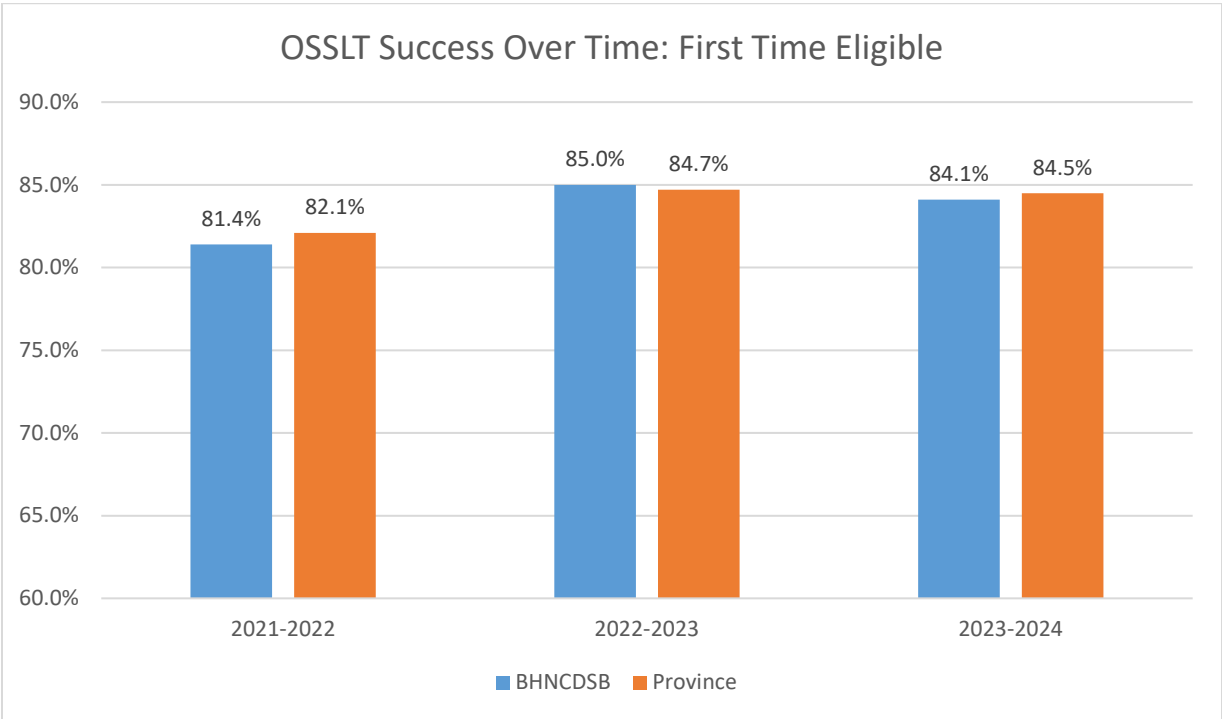
Students across our secondary schools are participating in this online assessment at the end of each semester. Assessment counts for 10% of a students' overall grade, as directed by the Ministry beginning this 2024 school year. Staff continue to work through the new destreamed curriculum focusing on instruction and assessment. Data is being uploaded and the teachers are working on preparing the students for this Fall assessment. The actual test is based on curriculum knowledge up until the end of Grade 9.

Grade 10/11 OSSLT (Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test)

First-Time Eligible

ACS	HT	SJC	SMCLC	Board	Province
88.0%	78.9%	83.8%	*NB	84.1%	84.5%

****NB – for cohorts of less than 10 students, results are suppressed***



Previously Eligible

ACS	HT	SJC	SMCLC	Board	Province
49.2%	64.7%	32.05	N/D	47.5%	51.7%

Success Rate by Course Type – First-Time Eligible

	Board – Percentage Successful	Province – Percentage Successful
Academic	92 %	90.1%
Applied	61.6%	58.2%
Locally Developed	*NB	22.1%

****NB – for cohorts of less than 10 students, results are suppressed***

BHNCDSB students continue to do well on the OSSLT but were edged out across the province justd go slightly. Assumption saw a jump in success to 88% which we are investigating to capitalize on their school success across the system. Students will write the OSSLT this upcoming November and again in April. We are currently creating preparation materials and meeting with those educators at the schools supporting the writing to direct some key aspects of the preparation.

We will continue our work using this important data as part of our information gathering to identify areas of need across the system. The Special Education Team continues their work with Empower Reading, Lexia supports, Key Math diagnostics, and clear direction on use of modifications in math. All areas of the system will continue the work to support our students in classrooms and create PD to help with instruction and assessment to widely support student achievement in reading, writing, and math across BHNCDSB.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the EQAO board report on results for the 2023-2024 School year.

**REPORT TO THE BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Prepared by: Phil Wilson, Superintendent of Education
Presented to: Committee of the Whole
Submitted on: October 15, 2024
Submitted by: Michael McDonald, Director of Education & Secretary

EXCURSION – Portugal Soccer TOUR
Public Session

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Vince Suglio and Robert Diron from Holy Trinity are requesting approval for the Portugal Soccer Tour during March Break 2026, March 12, 2026, to March 20, 2026. The cost of the trip is approximately \$4,425.00/person. Appropriate staff supervisors, at a ratio of 1:9, will be assigned according to the number of student registrations. Financial Security and payment protection is provided by the tour agency: World Strides, which is a leader in educational travel experiences. The soccer program at Holy Trinity has grown in popularity and quality over the previous 5+ years. They are currently the only school in the board that runs a dedicated junior boy's program in September attending tournaments in Burlington, Paris, and Kitchener over the past 4 years. This helps transition players to the varsity team in the spring. This would also be the first time a soccer team in the board will have the opportunity to travel abroad and visit iconic cultural, religious, and soccer specific monuments.

DEVELOPMENTS:

The trip is open to approximately 18-27 grade 9 through grade 12 boys soccer players who have played varsity soccer for at least one previous season. Approximately 18-27 students from the varsity boy's soccer team will be traveling by air round trip from Toronto to Lisbon. Departure will be March 12, 2026, and return will be March 20, 2026. All transportation on tour buses and expert tour directors are included, in addition to two meals a day. The team will visit various locations in the Lisbon area. These places include the Castle of Sao Jorge, the Palace of Pena, the iconic Benefica Estadio, Belem, Mosteiro Do Jeronimos, and one of the beaches in Lisbon. This tour provides an excellent opportunity for team building among players while allowing these young men to gain new perspectives on global citizenship. We will be visiting many historic locations including but not limited to those mentioned above. The team will also be playing three games against local clubs, have the ability to attend a professional match, and attend a training session led by Sporting CP Academy, one of the top three most decorated clubs in Portuguese soccer history. These excursions along with the games will broaden our student's worldviews while fostering a sense of global community. It is my hope that the experiences gained on this tour will help these students grow in confidence and gain respect for other cultures.

On day seven of the trip, they will be visiting the Mosteiro Do Jeronimos, which is a monastery also known as the Monastery of Saint Mary of Bethlehem. This is a designated world heritage site by UNESCO and one of the most visited places in all of Portugal. This will no doubt help provide a deeper historical perspective and connection to our faith for the players/students.

All information has been provided in accordance with Board policy and procedures.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the excursion request from Holy Trinity for the Portugal Soccer Tour Excursion from Thursday, March 12, 2026, to Friday, March 20, 2026.

REPORT TO THE BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Prepared by: Phil Wilson, Superintendent of Education
Presented to: Committee of the Whole
Submitted on: October 15, 2024
Submitted by: Michael McDonald, Director of Education & Secretary

EXCURSION – ACS ARTS IN NEW YORK CITY

Public Session

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Katie Benoit from Assumption College School (ACS) and the Visual Arts Program are requesting approval for the Visual Arts in New York City excursion from Thursday, May 14th, 2026 (at 3:30 PM so Thursday's school day will not be missed) to Monday May 18th, 2026. Appropriate staff supervisors, four, including a male, at a ratio of 1:10, will be assigned according to the number of student registrations. EF Tours is covering chaperone expenses. The cost of the trip is approximately \$2219.00/person, inclusive of insurance and gratuities.

DEVELOPMENTS:

The trip is open to forty-eight students from ACS Arts Programs. Approximately 40-48 students from the program will be traveling by bus to New York City. This tour provides an excellent opportunity for students to increase their awareness of global perspectives, foster appreciation for different cultures, become effective communicators, reflective thinkers, gain a love of/for learning, embrace the responsibility of being global citizens, as well as develop leadership skills navigating through new experiences with confidence.

The students will develop a distinctive Catholic worldview with the opportunity to visit St. Patrick's Cathedral and attend mass. Students will have the enriching experience of viewing significant artwork, both historical and contemporary, at The Metropolitan Museum, The Guggenheim Museum, The Museum of Modern Art, and a variety of galleries in Chelsea. Through tours and self-guided exploration, students will form a deeper appreciation for art history while also being inspired to create their own work. Students will also have the opportunity to see art come to life in the form of Broadway and Off-Broadway plays. This will highlight performance art, visual spectacle, makeup artistry, costume design, set design, music and more!

STUDENTS ENROLLED IN VISUAL ARTS

Currently there are over five hundred students enrolled in Visual Arts course for next year. All information has been provided in accordance with Board policy and procedures.

SPECIFIC EXPECTATIONS

A. CREATING AND PRESENTING

- Explore how elements and principles of design can be used to convey emotion and enhance personal expression and use a combination of these elements and principles to create two- and three-dimensional art works that express personal feelings and communicate specific emotions to an audience.

- Explore a range of traditional and current materials, technologies, techniques, and tools used by visual artists.
- Describe appropriate standards and conventions for the presentation of different types of visual art works and apply these standards and conventions when preparing their art works for presentation.
- Explain how variations in where and how art works are displayed (e.g., as public art, in private and public galleries, on the Internet, in the mass media, in virtual and traditional museums, as transient art works) can affect the impact and meaning of the works and the size and type of audience they reach

B. REFLECTING, RESPONDING AND ANALYSING

- Analyze their initial response to art works (e.g., describe their initial reaction to an artwork and determine which specific aspects of the work and their personal experience led to their reaction)
- Deconstruct the visual content and the use of elements and principles of design in their own artwork and the work of others.
- Explain, with reference to particular works, both historical and contemporary, how knowledge of an art work's cultural and historical context, achieved through research, has clarified, and enriched their understanding of the work's intent and meaning.
- Describe and reflect on the qualities of their own art works and the works of others, and evaluate the effectiveness of these works, using a variety of criteria.
- Analyze the function and social impact of different kinds of art works in both past and present societies.
- Identify a variety of careers in fields related to visual arts.

C. FOUNDATIONS

- Demonstrate an understanding of the elements and principles of design, and use terminology related to these elements and principles correctly and appropriately when creating or analysing artworks.
- Demonstrate an understanding of a wide variety of techniques that artists use to achieve a range of specific effects.

CONNECTIONS TO SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Our three-year School Improvement Plan focuses on the 6 Global Competencies for Deep Learning. This has included Critical Thinking and Communication. This trip also supports the School Improvement Plan focus in the following ways:

Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

Critical thinking in the 21st century requires students to solve problems, manage projects, and make effective decisions through a variety of digital tools and resources. Travelling presents students with new situations that push them to problem solve and strategize.

Communication

Communication in a 21st century context requires students to communicate effectively: orally, in writing, with a variety of digital tools, and through listening skills. Students practice effective oral communication & listening skills while on tour as they interact with peers, their tour director,

locals, and guides. Students will learn how communication practices are contextual, and practice communicating in a new cultural setting.

Department Improvement Plan

Last year’s ACS Arts Department Improvement Plan focused on incorporating more diversity in our art lesson plans. This may include showing more variety in the art history we teach about by focusing on artists of a range of identities and backgrounds. NYC art is known for its diversity and for representing a wide variety of artists from around the world that express themselves from many different perspectives. This is amazing opportunity to expose our students to this.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the excursion request from Assumption College for an excursion to New York City from Thursday, May 14, 2026, to Monday, May 18, 2026.



BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK Catholic District School Board

Minutes

Catholic Education Centre
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Committee of the Whole Tuesday, October 15, 2024 ♦ 7:00 pm Boardroom

Trustees:

Rick Petrella (Chair), Carol Luciani (Vice Chair), Dennis Blake, Bill Chopp, Dan Dignard, Mark Watson
Riley O'Brien (Student Trustee), Ryan Toft (Student Trustees)

Senior Administration:

Mike McDonald (Director of Education & Secretary), 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: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the October 15, 2024, meeting.

Carried

1.4 Declaration of Interest – Nil

1.5 Approval of Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes – September 17, 2024

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Mark Watson

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the September 17, 2024, meeting.

Carried

1.6 Business from the Minutes - Nil

2. Presentations - Nil

3. Delegations- Nil

4. Consent Agenda

4.1 Unapproved Minutes from the Policy Committee Meeting – August 28, 2024

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the unapproved minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of August 28, 2024.

Carried



4.2 Unapproved Minutes from the Special Education Advisory Committee -September 17, 2024

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the unapproved minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of September 17, 2024.

4.3 Unapproved Minutes from the Faith Advisory Committee –September 24, 2024

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the unapproved minutes of the Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of September 24, 2024.

4.4 Unapproved Minutes from the Accommodations Committee – October 7, 2024

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the unapproved minutes of the Accommodations Committee Meeting of October 7, 2024.

5. Committee and Staff Reports

5.1 Health and Safety Update

Superintendent Greco presented the Health and Safety Report. This is a semi-annual report that is presented to the Board providing a summary of the types of employee accidents and/or incidents for the preceding six months. It was noted that the number of days lost have dropped over the last few years.

Moved by: Mark Watson

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Health and Safety Report to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

5.2 Trustee Honoraria

Director McDonald presented the Trustee Honoraria Report. It was noted that there have been no changes to the base amount for trustee honoraria. For the term of office starting November 15, 2024 to November 14, 2025 the only change to the trustee honoraria will be the impact of enrolment changes.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the Trustee Honoraria for the period November 15, 2024, to November 14, 2025 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board.

Carried



5.3 EQAO Update

Superintendent Temple presented the EQAO Update Report. The overall results, highlights of success, and areas for attention moving forward were presented. It was noted that the BHNCDSD continues to work collaboratively with other school boards for continued learning. Intentional staffing at the grade 3 and 6 levels were discussed and a request for further EQAO survey results regarding student and staff responses to the surveys which were included with the test was made.

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the EQAO board report on results for the 2023-2024 School year.
Carried

5.4 Contract Summary

Director McDonald presented the Contract Summary Report. As part of the procurement policy a semi-annual report is presented to the Board of Trustees for information on all cooperative purchasing agreements, and lists all contracts approved by the Board in accordance with the policy.

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Mark Watson

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Contract Summary (Q3/Q4) report to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.
Carried

5.5 Alternative Education/ SAL Program

Superintendent Della Fortuna presented the Alternative Education/ Supervised Alternative Learning Program report. The report includes a summary of programs offered along with current enrollment.

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Alternative Education/ SAL Update report to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.
Carried

5.6 International Excursion – Portugal Soccer Tour

Superintendent Wilson presented the request from Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School for an international soccer tour to Portugal in 2026. Highlights include playing three soccer matches against local clubs and a visit to various historical locations in the Lisbon area to provide a deeper historical perspective. The students will also attend Mass.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Excursion Request from Holy Trinity for the Portugal Soccer Tour Excursion from Thursday March 12, 2026 to Friday March 20, 2026 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.
Carried

5.7 International Excursion – ACS Arts in New York City

Superintendent Wilson presented the request from Assumption College for an international arts excursion to New York City in 2026. Highlights include visiting the Metropolitan Museum,



Guggenheim Museum, Museum of Modern Art, and a variety of galleries in Chelsea. Students will develop a distinctive Catholic worldview with the opportunity to visit St. Patrick's Cathedral and attend mass.

Moved by: Mark Watson

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Excursion Request from Assumption College for an Excursion to New York City from Thursday May 14, 2026 to Monday May 18, 2026 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

Carried

6. Information and Correspondence

6.1 Artificial Intelligence Guidelines.

Superintendent Temple presented the Artificial Guidelines report. Last year the BHNCDSB began taking steps to learn about, and better understand Artificial Intelligence. The senior team and various BHNCDSB departments engaged in some learning and established a working group with input from other boards who had already started the process, to create guidelines of the use of AI for both educators and students. These guidelines were developed to support the ethical and pedagogically sound use of the AI tools available. Professional Development sessions for secondary educators were held and the guidelines will be rolled out to elementary educators soon.

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded: Dennis Blake

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the information and correspondence since the last meeting.

Carried

7. Trustee Inquiries – Nil

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: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Mark Watson

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



BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK Catholic District School Board

Minutes

Catholic Education Centre
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Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the October 15, 2024 meeting.

Carried

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 7:00 p.m. – Boardroom

REPORT TO THE BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Prepared by: Riley O'Brien, Ryan Toft, Student Trustees
Presented to: Board of Trustees
Submitted on: October 22, 2024
Submitted by: Mike McDonald, Director of Education & Secretary

STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

Public Session

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

All schools had a successful first month and a half of school. St. John's College, Assumption College School and Holy Trinity Catholic High School all held events to welcome grade nine students, including orientation activities and Colour Night competitions.

DEVELOPMENTS:

The first student senate meeting took place on September 17, 2024, where everyone was introduced to one another, their roles and responsibilities were explained to them, and school sharing was conducted. The Senate's following meeting was on October 15th, 2024, where more school sharing occurred and planning for a Student Council retreat was begun. The next meeting is scheduled to occur on November 19th, 2024

SCHOOL NEWS:

St. John's had an exciting first month back to school, kicking the year off with their Grade 9 Colour Night. Through this event, students new to high school had the opportunity to become more comfortable in their school environment by participating in a series of competitions in their designated colour group, led by various senior students. This took place on September 18, 2024, and was reported as being a huge success. From October 15, 2024, to October 18, 2024, St. John's had a Spirit Week including a Pajama Day, Country vs. Country Club Day, Green Out/Spirit Wear Day, and a Colour Day in which each grade could dress in their designated colour. There will be a school dance on October 30, 2024, themed "Haunted HoCo", where students are encouraged to dress in Halloween costumes, Halloween colours, or in green clothing.

In sports news, the seasons for SJC football, boys' volleyball, boys' baseball, boys and girls golf, girls' basketball, girls' rugby, girls field hockey, junior and senior tennis, dance, and cross country have begun and, for some, concluded. Notable tournaments include the boys and girls AABHN golf tournament on September 24, 2024, AABHN tennis championship on October 9, 2024, and AABHN cross country on October 16, 2024. Students' Council has been creatively working to promote their football team by attaching themes to their games, including camouflage, construction, Green Out, and on October 10, Pink Out, to raise awareness for breast cancer. In other news, various clubs have also become active. Notably, the Social Sciences club, Art club, and SJC Gazette have begun holding meetings. The students of SJC are excited for the remainder of October's activities as well as future events in November.

Assumption College had a spectacular and busy start to their year. On August 27, 2024, ACS hosted "We Are Lions Day", welcoming all the new grade nines to orient themselves around the school. ACS's prefects and Student Council worked together to provide a welcoming experience for over 300 students. The new lions learned how to open their lockers, where to find their classes, and the general ideas of school life. On September 12, 2024, the Student Council kicked off their year with the annual grade nine only event, Colour Night. This included playing games, eating pizza, and finishing with their very first school dance. This was a record year for this event with over fourteen teams competing against each other, all while meeting others in grade nine. On October 10, 2024, the Student Council hosted the very first dance of the year, Homecoming, where many students gathered in Assumption's cafeteria where music was played, and everyone danced. This event encouraged school spirit through wearing school colours, spirit

wear and have many people in the student body coming together. On October 11, 2024, ACS's student council arranged for a theme night at the Friday football game. The theme was "whiteout" where many students dressed in complete white to show support to the Assumption football teams. Coming up, Student Council is planning a spirit week from October 28, 2024, to November 1, 2024, where students will be encouraged to participate in themed activities. This same week, on October 31, 2024, ACS will be having their first pep rally of the year. There will be performances, activities, and introductions to all the teams to encourage school spirit. On October 17, 2024, ACS will be having a senior sunrise event where all the grade 12 and 13 students are invited to the school early where they can watch the sun rise together. Money raised from this event will be donated to "Pennies from Heaven", our Christmas charity event. Also in October, ACS will be having their food collection event called, "Assumption Scares Hunger". There are a record number of volunteers this year with over forty groups already signed up for different routes. This event hosted by the social justice class will take place on October 30, 2024, and all food collected will be donated to Saint Vincent de Paul.

Assumption has not only been successful this year in their events, but also in their sports teams. The tennis teams won the AABHN title this year, the first time ever for the seniors. The senior football team and senior and junior girls' basketball teams have been extremely successful in their season with very few losses. As well, Assumption's dance team has hit a record number with their team having over seventy students participating this year.

Holy Trinity also kicked the 2024-2025 year off with a Grade 9 Colour Night, where Grade 9's could become more familiar with the school and make new friends. With the colour groups being led by selected senior students, the Grade 9's had a great time, with the pink team being victorious in the end. Student Council has been busy with various activities in September and early October. In September, Student Council held their Homecoming dance. This was successfully run and was excitingly the most attended dance since before COVID. The Student Council also opened and closed Student Council applications in September, receiving fifteen new applicants in addition to the twenty-five current members. Student Council also held their yearly pep-rally on October 7, 2024, to get students excited for fair day. The most significant of these activities was the designing and execution of Holy Trinity's section in the grandstands for Young Canada Day on October 8, 2024 at the 2024 Norfolk County Fair. With 2024's Young Canada Day theme being "Tropical", Holy Trinity took a unique approach to decorating by adopting their own "Tropical Storm" sub-theme. After a month of tireless work from Holy Trinity's Titans, Student Council produced stunning decorations that resulted in a 1st place win, an amazing cheer routine that earned 2nd place, and boys and girls' tug-of-war teams that both roped in a 3rd place ranking. Holy Trinity, overall, placed 3rd among the other high schools in the Norfolk County area. The council looks forward to planning and carrying out future activities for events such as Halloween in October and Semi-Formal in November.

In sports news at Holy Trinity, the seasons of various sports have begun and finished for this school year. The football season has begun and, although the team has not found much success in winning their games this year, Titans still hope for a good remaining season. The tennis season was started and concluded in September, with Holy Trinity's team competing in the AABHN tournament and receiving the most overall points with two first place wins and two second place wins. The junior and senior volleyball season is also in progress, with each team finding success in many of their games. Both the girls and boys golf teams went to CWOSSA as well. Furthermore, the cross-country team partook in the Adrenaline Relay in Brantford, with the boys' team winning fourth place and girls winning first place in the senior girl's division. Lastly, girls junior and senior basketball and boys' soccer just wrapped their season while our swim team is just beginning. Games Club and Bible Study clubs are in progress and are seeing consistent participation. Holy Trinity looks forward to the next coming months of activities and sporting events.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the October 2024 Student Trustee Report.

2024-25
Trustee Meetings and Events

Date	Time	Meeting/Event
October 15, 2024	1:00 pm	Special Education Advisory Committee
October 15, 2024	7:00 pm	Committee of the Whole
October 21, 2024	6:30 pm	Regional Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
October 22, 2024	7:00 pm	Board Meeting
October 29, 2024	1:00 pm	Accessibility Steering Committee
November 11, 2024	5:00 pm	Audit Committee
November 13, 2024	3:00 pm	Executive Council
November 19, 2024	1:00 pm	Special Education Advisory Committee
November 19, 2024	7:00 pm	Committee of the Whole
November 26, 2024	7:00 pm	Board Meeting
December 2, 2024	3:00 pm	Accommodations Committee
December 4, 2024	3:00 pm	Executive Council
December 10, 2024	7:00 pm	Annual Board Meeting
December 11, 2024	3:00 pm	Budget Committee
December 17, 2024	1:00 pm	Special Education Advisory Committee
December 17, 2024	7:00 pm	Board Meeting
<i>December 23 2024- January 3, 2025</i>		<i>CHRISTMAS BREAK</i>
January 15, 2024	3:00 pm	Executive Council Meeting
January 17-18, 2024		OCSTA Trustees Seminar
January 21, 2024	1:00 pm	Special Education Advisory Committee
January 21, 2024	7:00 pm	Committee of the Whole
January 28, 2024	1:30 pm	Faith Advisory Council Meeting
January 28, 2024	7:00 pm	Board Meeting
February 3, 2024	9:00am	Mental Health Steering Committee
February 12, 2024	3:00 pm	Executive Council Meeting
February 18, 2024	1:00 pm	Special Education Advisory Committee
February 18, 2024	7:00 pm	Committee of the Whole
February 25, 2024	1:00 pm	Accessibility Steering Committee
February 25, 2024	9:00 am	Student Transportation Services BHN
February 25, 2024	7:00 pm	Board Meeting
March 5, 2024	3:00 pm	Executive Council Meeting
<i>March 10-14, 2024</i>		<i>MARCH BREAK</i>
March 18, 2024	1:00 pm	Special Education Advisory Committee
March 18, 2024	7:00 pm	Committee of the Whole
March 25, 2024	7:00 pm	Board Meeting
April 7, 2024	3:00 pm	Accommodations Committee Meeting
April 9, 2024	3:00 pm	Executive Council Meeting
April 14, 2024	6:30 pm	Regional Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
April 15, 2024	1:00 pm	Special Education Advisory Committee

Date	Time	Meeting/Event
April 15, 2024	7:00 pm	Committee of the Whole
April 17, 2024	1:30 pm	Faith Advisory Council Meeting
April 22, 2024	7:00 pm	Board Meeting
May 1-3, 2024		OCSTA AGM & Conference
<i>May 5-9, 2024</i>		<i>Catholic Education Week</i>
May 5, 2024	5:00 pm	Catholic Student Leadership Awards
May 7, 2024	3:00 pm	Budget Committee
May 12, 2024	6:30 pm	Regional Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
May 13, 2024	1:00 pm	Accessibility Steering Committee
May 14, 2024	3:00 pm	Executive Council Meeting
May 20, 2024	1:00 pm	Special Education Advisory Committee
May 20, 2024	7:00 pm	Committee of the Whole
May 27, 2024	7:00 pm	Board Meeting
May 27, 2024	9:00 am	Student Transportation Services BHN
June 5-7, 2024		CCSTA AGM
June 9, 2024	5:00 pm	Audit Committee
June 10, 2024	1:30 pm	Faith Advisory Council Meeting
June 10, 2024	1:30 pm	Mental Health Steering Committee
June 11, 2024	3:00 pm	Executive Council Meeting
June 17, 2024	7:00 pm	Committee of the Whole
June 24, 2024	7:00 pm	Board Meeting
June 26, 2024	4:45 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Assumption College Graduation Holy Trinity Graduation St. John's College Graduation

Meetings scheduled at the Call of the Committee Chair: Accommodations Committee, Audit Committee, Budget Committee, Faith Advisory Committee, Policy Committee