



BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK Catholic District School Board

Agenda

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

Special Meeting of the Board Tuesday, August 24, 2021 ♦ 3:00 pm Boardroom

Trustees:

Members: Rick Petrella (Chair), Carol Luciani (Vice-Chair), Cliff Casey, Bill Chopp, Dan Dignard, Mark Watson

Senior Administration:

Michael McDonald (Director of Education & Secretary), Scott Keys (Superintendent of Business & Treasurer) Rob De Rubeis, Kevin Greco, Lorrie Temple (Superintendents of Education)

1. Opening Business

1.1 Opening Prayer

Almighty God, bless us as we gather today for this meeting. Guide our minds and hearts so that we will work for the good of our community and be a help to all people. Teach us to be generous in our outlook, courageous in the face of difficulty, and wise in our decisions. We give you praise and glory, Lord our God, for ever and ever. Amen

1.2 Attendance

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

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1.4 Declaration of Interest

2. Committee and Staff Reports

2.1 BHNCD SB School Re-opening Plan

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Presenter: Mike McDonald, Director of Education & Secretary

3. Information and Correspondence

4. 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:

- a. The security of the property of the board;
- b. 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;
- c. The acquisition or disposal of a school site;
- d. Decisions in respect of negotiation with employees of the board; or
- e. Litigation affecting the board.

5. Report on the In-Camera Session

6. 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

7. Adjournment

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 28, 2021, 7:00 p.m., Boardroom

REPORT TO THE BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Prepared by: Mike McDonald, Director of Education and Secretary
Presented to: Board of Trustees
Submitted on: August 24, 2021
Submitted by: Mike McDonald, Director of Education & Secretary

BHNCDSB RE-OPENING PLAN

Public Session

BACKGROUND:

In August 2020 the BHNCDSB established a re-opening plan following the guidelines as directed by the Ministry of Education and Public Health. As the school year progressed the board incorporated into its plan many changes and amendments as directed by the Ministry of Education or Public Health. These guidelines still form the foundation of our re-opening plan but there have been further changes outlined in the *COVID 19: Health, Safety and operational guidance for schools (2021-2022) Version 2* released on August 13th.

This year's plan has also been informed by the Ministry of Education's release of their COVID 19 immunization disclosure policy released on August 20th, and through frequent dialogue and collaboration with the Brant County Health Unit and the Haldimand Norfolk Health Unit.

DEVELOPMENTS:

The following is a summary of the major changes to the plan from the guidelines used during the last school year:

Reduced need to cohort students on the playground and within the school.

Changes to the requirements for students to self-isolate depending upon whether they have been vaccinated.

Students and staff may remove masks when they are outdoors and able to socially distance.

Staff are obligated to identify their vaccination status and if not vaccinated need to submit to testing.

Schools will host vaccination clinics for unvaccinated students.

Board must post a ventilation plan which identifies the status of each school

Please refer to the complete BHNCDSB School Start-up/Re-Opening Guideline in Appendix A.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the BHNCDSB Re-opening Plan.