



**Brant Haldimand Norfolk
Catholic District School Board**

Minutes

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

**Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 29, 2016 ♦ 7:00 pm
Boardroom**

Trustees:

Present: Rick Petrella (Chair), Cliff Casey (Vice Chair), Bill Chopp, Dan Dignard,
Robyn Zettler (Student Trustee)

Absent: Carol Luciani, Bonnie McKinnon

Senior Administration:

Chris N. Roehrig (Director of Education & Secretary), Thomas R. Grice (Superintendent of
Business & Treasurer), Patrick Daly, Michelle Shypula and Leslie Telfer (Superintendents of
Education)

1. Opening Business

1.1 Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Chair Petrella

1.2 Attendance – As noted above.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the
March 29, 2016 meeting.

Carried

1.4 Declaration of Interest – Nil

1.5 Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – February 23, 2016

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the
February 23, 2016 Board meeting.

Carried

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the
March 22, 2016 Special Meeting of the Board.

Carried

1.6 Business Arising from the Minutes – Nil



2. Presentations

Via a pictorial presentation, Superintendent Shypula highlighted the efforts of school communities across the district to respond to their call to act justly by supporting the annual Collection of Caring ~ Lenten Almsgiving campaign. In addition to the 18,356 non-perishable food items and approximately \$1,200 collected through the sixth annual SouperBowl of Caring in support of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and eight area food banks, other projects included supporting Syrian families, a toy drive for McMaster Hospital, fundraising for school supplies for schools in Haiti and Sierra Leone, assisting with the clean water project in Ecuador and fundraising for a Tanzania project.

Ms. Shypula introduced Dale Petruka, Principal of St. Peter School and three student representatives from the school's Youth Ambassadors for Christ (YAC) group. She congratulated the school on collecting close to 3,600 non-perishable food items in support of the SouperBowl of Caring campaign, the highest achieving school in the district. Trustee Chopp also expressed the Board's appreciation to Chair Petrella for his generous support of St. Peter's Lenten drive.

3. Delegations - Nil

4. Consent Agenda - Nil

5. Committee and Staff Reports

5.1 Unapproved Minutes and Recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Meeting – March 22, 2016

Vice-Chair Casey reviewed the business of the March 22, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting and presented the following recommendations:

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the request from Assumption College School, Holy Trinity Catholic High School and St. John's College for an excursion Mission Trip to Columbia, SC during the period of Saturday, April 9 to Saturday, April 16, 2016.

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the excursion request from St. John's College for the Girls' Rugby Team to travel to England and France from Saturday, March 11 to Saturday, March 18, 2017 to participate in the Girls' Rugby Tour 2017.

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the unapproved minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 22, 2016.

Carried

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 22, 2016.

Carried



5.2 Education Funding 2016-17

Superintendent Grice reviewed the highlights of the recent Ministry of Education announcement regarding Grants for Student Needs (GSN) for 2016-17, including items from previous budgets that are still in effect for the next school year. Various questions of clarification were addressed by Superintendent Grice.

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk District School Board receives the Education Funding 2016-17 report.

Carried

5.3 Financial Report as of February 2016

Superintendent Grice presented the Board expenditure report for the period ending February 29, 2016. He reported that the budget is on track with 49.0% of the total budget spent at the half year mark and noted that the Board is on target with projections to year end.

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk District School Board receives the Financial Report as of February 2016.

Carried

5.4 Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Zettler reported on a successful winter Student Council Leadership Retreat held at St. Pius Parish last month. In school news, both Assumption College School and St. John's College had notable guest speakers during anti-bullying week. The Assumption Cares sleepover raised \$5,000 to support the Social of St. Vincent de Paul, while funds raised from the Holy Trinity's annual Hoops for Heart basketball tournament supported the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Vice Chair Casey commended Holy Trinity staff on an excellently-organized Hoops for Heart event.

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Student Trustee report.

Carried

6. Information and Correspondence

Trustee Chopp noted that Paul White, a former teacher with the Board, has been appointed as a Superintendent of Instructional Services with the Kenora Catholic District School Board starting in the 2016-17 school year.

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

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

Carried

7. Notices of Motion for Consideration at Next Board Meeting - Nil



8. Notices of Motion Being Considered for Adoption

Vice Chair Casey spoke to the Notice of Motion that he made at the February 23, 2016 Board meeting, which was seconded by Trustee Dignard. In particular, Vice Chair Casey noted that although cursive writing is not mandated in the curriculum, students would benefit from recognizing what cursive writing looks like and being taught their personal signature. Discussion ensued regarding the shift in thinking with respect to how we communicate in the 21st century and advances in using electronic rather than written communications, electronic signatures, biometrics, expectations on legal forms, etc. Director Roehrig indicated that dedicating time to cursive writing is not consistent with methods of communication used by students now or in the future. Chair Petrella indicated that he would vote on the following motion:

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT Senior Administration investigate ways in which cursive writing could be put back into the curriculum in our schools.

Carried

9. Trustee Inquiries - Nil

10. Business In-Camera

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

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: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the business of the in-camera session.

Carried

12. Future Meetings

Trustee attention was drawn to the list of future meetings and events.

13. Closing Prayer

Chair Petrella led the closing prayer.

14. Adjournment

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the meeting of March 29, 2016.

Carried