



**BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK
Catholic District School Board**

Minutes

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

**Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 26, 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), 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 Chair Petrella.

1.2 Attendance

Attendance was as noted above.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the November 26, 2024 Board meeting.

Carried

1.4 Declaration of Interest - Nil

1.5 Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – October 22, 2024

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the October 22, 2024 Meeting of the Board.

Carried

Approval of Special Meeting of the Board Minutes – October 28, 2024

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

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

Carried

1.6 Business Arising from the Minutes - Nil

2. Presentations

3. Delegations – Nil



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4. Consent Agenda - Nil

5. Committee and Staff Reports

- 5.1 Vice-Chair of the Board, Trustee Luciani presented a summary of the November 19, 2024, Committee of the Whole meeting along with the recommendations which include;

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the 2025 insurance renewal premium, payable to the Ontario School Boards' Insurance Exchange, in the amount of \$186,983.00, excluding PST.

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the 2024-2025 Student Achievement Plan to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the changes to the French Immersion Kindergarten (Year 1 and Year 2) Program beginning in September 2025 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Second by: Bill Chopp

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

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 19, 2024.

5.2 Student Trustee Report

Student Trustees Riley O'Brien and Ryan Toft presented their first student trustee report. Highlights from all four high schools include the start up of various clubs including the Social Sciences, ACE, STEM, Eco, Book and French clubs. Music Ministries began along with outreach events which included raising funds for pennies from heaven and collecting food for the food banks. The success of the SJC junior girls and ACS senior girls basketball teams were highlighted including their AABHN and CWOSSA titles. Homecoming dances were held and semi-formal dances are being planned. Another highlight was the start up of a student's council at St. Mary's Alternative Learning Centre which organized activities for Truth and Reconciliation week, Bully Week, Treaty recognition week. They also collaborated with the Brant County Health Unit to better align their breakfast program to meet students needs.

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

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

Carried

6. Information and Correspondence - Nil



7. Notices of Motion

Trustee Blake put forward two notices of motion:

1. That the Board reaffirms its commitment to transparency and accountability by agreeing to release all expense documents, including all receipts, related to the said Italy trip upon request. This process will be carried out without any redactions, as well as bypassing the Freedom of Information Act.
2. That the Board discontinues using Border Ladner and Gervais Law firm and its crisis management team or any other law or consulting firm regarding the Italy trip. Furthermore, that we have an itemize cost to date by the next Board meeting.

8. Notices of Motion Being Considered for Adoption – Nil

9. Trustee Inquiries

Upcoming events including policy and budget committee dates were discussed.

10. Business In-Camera

Moved by: Dan Dignard

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: 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.

13. Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was led by Chair Petrella.

14. Adjournment

Moved by: Mark Watson

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the November 26, 2024 Board meeting.

Carried