



BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK Catholic District School Board

Minutes

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

Board Meeting April 22, 2025 ♦ 7:00 p.m. Boardroom

Trustees:

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

Regrets: Rick Petrella (Trustee)

Senior Administration:

Mike McDonald (Director of Education & Secretary), Rajini Nelson (Superintendent of Business & Treasurer) John Della Fortuna, Kevin Greco, Michael Lawlor, Phil Wilson (Superintendents of Education)

1. Opening Business

1.1 Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with a paraliturgical service to honor the late Pope Francis.

1.2 Attendance

Attendance was 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 April 22, 2025, Board meeting.

Carried

1.4 Declaration of Interest - Nil

1.5 Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – March 25, 2025

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Mark Watson

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the March 25, 2025, Meeting of the Board.

Carried

1.6 Business Arising from the Minutes – Nil

2. Presentations

- 2.1** The Board proudly recognized Speech-Language Pathologists Stephanie Bergman, Meagan Courneyea, and Mary Hanhan as the recipients of the 2025 Champions of Inclusion Award. The Champions of Inclusion Awards are presented annually at the Coaching to Inclusion Conference to honor individuals who exemplify exceptional leadership in advancing inclusive education. Established in 1999, the award recognizes educators who advocate for inclusive education and embody its principles in their daily actions, ensuring all students are welcomed, valued, and empowered. They have significantly advanced inclusive practices through professional development, assessments, consultative support, and practical resources.

3. Delegations -Nil

4. Consent Agenda – Nil



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5. Committee and Staff Reports

5.1 Unapproved Minutes and Recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Meeting - April 15, 2025

Vice-Chair of the Board, Trustee Dignard presented a summary of April 15, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting along with the recommendations which include:

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Dress Code for Staff Policy #300.02 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Leaves of Absence for Management Employees Policy #300.14 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

THAT Committee of the Whole refers the Volunteer Indigenous Self-Identification Policy #200.07 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Principal and Vice Principal Work Year Policy #300.22 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the French Immersion Programming Policy #200.30 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 15, 2025.

Carried

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 15, 2025.

Carried

5.2 Annual report on surplus report

Superintendent Nelson presented the Accumulated Surplus Report. The majority of the surplus funds are earmarked for specific projects such as land purchases and supply staff costs and are not available for any other use. A very small percent of the surplus can be used for one-time purchases and further details will be brought forward through the budget process.

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Annual Report on Accumulated Surplus.

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5.3 Student Trustee Report

Student Trustees Riley O'Brien and Ryan Toft presented the student trustee report for the month of April. Some of the highlights include pep rallies for the spring sports teams, coffee houses showcasing musical talents, spring dances, prom planning, career day and the STEM Olympics. School badminton teams from all three high schools continue to shine, advancing to CWOSSA. Student council president elections across the three high schools took place along with outreach events such as tree planting, fashion shows for St. Vincent DePaul, Relay for Life planning and eco initiatives.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Mark Watson

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

Carried

6. Information and Correspondence- Nil

7. Notices of Motion - Nil

8. Notices of Motion being Considered for Adoption - Nil

9. Trustee Inquiries

The status of the Assumption College School Track was discussed.

10. Business In-Camera

Moved by: Bill Chopp

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: Dan Dignard

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

Carried

12. Future Meetings and Events

Chair Luciani drew attention to the upcoming meetings and events.

13. Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was led by Chair Luciani.

14. Adjournment

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns April 22, 2025, Board meeting.

Carried