



# BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK Catholic District School Board

## Minutes

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

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### Board Meeting May 26, 2026 ♦ 6:30 p.m. Boardroom

#### Trustees:

Carol Luciani (Chair), Bill Chopp (Vice-Chair), Dennis Blake, Dan Dignard, Toni Poirier  
Mulan How (Student Trustee), Riley O'Brien (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)

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## 1. Opening Business

### 1.1 Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with prayer by Chair Luciani.

### 1.2 Attendance

Attendance was as noted above.

### 1.3 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Toni Poirier

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the May 26, 2026, Board meeting.

**Carried**

### 1.4 Declaration of Interest

### 1.5 Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – April 28, 2026

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the April 28, 2026, Meeting of the Board.

**Carried**

### 1.6 Business Arising from the Minutes - Nil

## 2. Presentations

2.1 The board recognized Liya Edwards, a grade 11 student at Assumption College School who earned national recognition through the Theatrical Arts Education Associations' (TAEA) STAR Fest. Liya was named a national award recipient in the *Outstanding Student Written Short Plays in Canada* category for her original script, *The Job*, submitted through the TAEA STAR Short Play Program. As part of this recognition, Liya will work alongside professional playwrights to further develop her script. *The Job* will be workshopped and presented at the STAR Fest national event.

2.2 The board recognized Madison Davey, a grade 12 student at Assumption College who was recently named a prestigious Loran Scholar. As a recipient of this honor, she was awarded \$100,000 over four years of undergraduate study and puts her in the 2026 Class of 36 exceptional youth who have been chosen to receive the scholarship from among more than



5,400 applicants from across Canada. In addition to her extracurricular activities which include theatre and band, she is also a member of the Indigenous education council which helped create videos that are shown to Grade 7&8 students in which she shared her own experience and challenges adjusting to an off-reserve high school. She has also previously been honoured by the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation for her leadership in the national “Imagine a Canada” program. The initiative invites youth across the country to share their vision for reconciliation through art, writing, or community projects. Working with students from Assumption College and St. John’s College, Davey helped create a mural inspired by the Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Address, which is housed at St. John’s.

**3. Delegations -Nil**

**4. Consent Agenda**

**4.1 Unapproved Minutes form the Committee of the Whole Meeting – April 28, 2026**

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Toni Poirier

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 28, 2026.

**Carried**

**5. Committee and Staff Reports**

**5.1 Unapproved Minutes and Recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Meeting - May 26, 2026**

Vice-Chair of the Board, Trustee Chopp presented a summary of May 26, 2026, Committee of the Whole meeting along with the recommendations which include:

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

**THAT** the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approve the amended Board-Wide Secondary school attendance boundaries, as outlined in Figure 2 and Figure 3, effective September 2027.

**Carried**

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

**THAT** the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approve legacy provisions be implemented to permit currently enrolled Grade 9 and 10 students (2025-26 school year) at affected schools to remain at their existing school through to Grade 12, including those that reside within the identified areas subject to transportation eligibility changes.

**Carried**

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 26, 2026.

**Carried**

**5.2 Student Trustee Report**

Student Trustees Mulan How and Riley O’Brien and Ryan Toft presented the student trustee report for the month of May. Some of the highlights across the three schools included Spring dances, Spring concerts, coffee houses, proms, spirit weeks, and pep rallies. The vocal ensemble bands from ACS and SJC will be going to Canada’s Wonderland to compete in the



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Festival of Music. In sports, teams representing the three high schools captured their respective AABHN championship titles in the The Bantam Boys' Rugby, Jr. Boys' Rugby, Sr. Boys' Rugby, and Girls' and Boys Varsity Soccer. Many athletes also competed at CWOSSA for Track and Field events. At Assumption College Red Shirt Day was recognized, to commemorate missing and murdered Indigenous women, was held on May 5 and Faith Night was held on May 7. The newly established Politics Club is now hosted every Wednesday as an avenue for members to explore the pressing issues of the world and the Grade 12 Drama class is performing an adaptation of "Dead Poet's Society". At Holy Trinity, the Drama Club has been meeting regularly, and the Knitting Club recently visited the local hospital. Additionally, many classes participated in Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.), a campaign encouraging students to explore the love of reading, and the Spirit of the Titan Awards recognized students that make the community a better place. At St. Mary's Catholic Learning Center, students had many opportunities to learn, connect with others, and participate in activities focused on wellness, culture, and community during Catholic Education and Mental Health week. At St John's College, the Amazing Race was held and The STEM Club invited guest speaker and astrophysicist Dr. Damian Pope to talk about black holes, and the 100 Person Prayer Challenge is currently at person 95. The upcoming car show at Holy Trinity was noted as a fundraiser for the United Way, and students from Assumption College School are competing at Skills Canada after winning Skills Ontario.

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Toni Poirier

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

**Carried**

## 6. Information and Correspondence

6.1 The BHNCDSB is hosting the Indigenous Leads Conference from Monday June 1-Wednesday June 3 and the Have-A-Go event will run in Burford, ON promoting activities for BHNCSB Special Education students.

## 7. Notices of Motion – Nil

## 8. Notices of Motion being Considered for Adoption

### 8.1 Chair Luciani submitted the following Notice of Motion:

THAT In order to facilitate the new structure for the BHNCDSB to recognize staff with 25 years of service, the June 2026 Committee of the Whole starting time will change from 4:30pm to 5:30pm and the Board meeting time will change from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

**Carried unanimously**

## 10. Business In-Camera

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

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: Toni Poirier

Seconded by: Dan Dignard



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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: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the May 26, 2026, Board meeting.

**Carried**

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**Next meeting:** Tuesday, June 23, 2026, 6:30 p.m. – Boardroom