



**Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 28, 2017 ♦ 7:00 pm**  
**Boardroom**

**Trustees:**

**Present:** Rick Petrella (Chair), Dan Dignard (Vice Chair), Cliff Casey, Bill Chopp, Carol Luciani, Bonnie McKinnon, Rosalin Dubois (Student Trustee)

**Absent:**

**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)

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**1. Opening Business**

**1.1 Opening Prayer**

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Trustee McKinnon.

**1.2 Attendance – As noted above.**

**1.3 Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the March 28, 2017 meeting.

**Carried**

**1.4 Declaration of Interest - Nil**

**1.5 Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – February 28, 2017**

**Approval of Special Meeting of the Board Minutes – March 2, 2017**

**Approval of Special Meeting of the Board Minutes – March 23, 2017**

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the February 28, 2017 Board meeting.

**Carried**

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of March 2, 2017.

**Carried**

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of March 23, 2017.

**Carried**



**1.6 Business Arising from the Minutes – Nil**

**2. Presentations**

Through a pictorial presentation, David Page, Science Department Head at Assumption College School (ACS), shared the learnings, experiences and personal growth of students during their recent educational “Lessons in Tropical Research” excursion to Costa Rica. Highlights included visits to innovative and scientific sites such as the La Selva Biological Station, EARTH University, Rancho Margot Eco-Lodge, and the Mangrove Project. Mr. Page noted that students also experienced Central American culture through a guided tour to the Maleku Indigenous Reserve, brought much needed educational supplies to a local elementary school, and planted trees in the rainforest to help deter land erosion.

Chair Petrella thanked Mr. Page for his presentation and for all of the work that he does in the area of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) extra-curricular programming at ACS.

**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 21, 2017**

Vice-Chair Dignard brought forward recommendations from the March 21, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting, as follows:

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the request from Assumption College School and St. John’s College for an excursion to France and Italy from Friday (evening), March 9 to Sunday, March 18, 2018.

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the request from Assumption College School for an excursion to England, France and Belgium from Friday, March 9 (evening) to Sunday, March 18, 2018.

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 California from Saturday, March 10 to Sunday, March 18, 2018 to participate in the Girls’ Rugby Tour 2018.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the unapproved minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 21, 2017.

**Carried**

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 21, 2017.

**Carried**



**5.2 Mental Health Support Overview**

Superintendent Telfer shared year-to-date data on support services being provided to students by the Board's Student Support Services department, as well as community-based child and youth mental health services. She noted that although the number of referrals has remained relatively stable over the past few years, the intensity of support required has increased. The ongoing challenge is to find ways to service more students more quickly.

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Mental Health Support Overview report.

**Carried**

**5.3 Student Trustee Update**

Student Trustee Dubois reported that Student Senate members are working on ways to expand the role of the Senate, which might include opportunities for senators to experience events in all secondary schools in the Board. Student Senate also discussed the upcoming Ontario Catholic Student Leadership Conference and started planning for the May Student Council Symposium. She also shared highlights of many events and outreach initiatives that all three secondary schools are currently involved in.

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

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

**Carried**

**6. Information and Correspondence**

As a follow-up to David Page's excursion presentation, Trustee Casey noted that the recent Federal Budget included funding to encourage greater STEM and coding opportunities for young Canadians.

Director Roehrig reminded trustees and staff to share their feedback on the *Renewing the Promise* initiative through the online consultation process.

Superintendent Telfer distributed prayer cards commemorating the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Basil Parish in Brantford. The artwork on the twelve different prayer cards was created by St. Basil, Christ the King and St. Gabriel students.

Chair Petrella commended the positive involvement of Father Kopaniak with elementary students within the St. Mary (Brantford) Parish area.

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

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

**Carried**



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

**8. Notices of Motion Being Considered for Adoption – Nil**

**9. Trustee Inquiries - Nil**

**10. Business In-Camera**

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board moves to an in-camera session.

**Carried**

**11. Report on the In-Camera Session**

Trustee Chopp declared a conflict of interest in Items 3.2 and 3.3 of the in-camera session and left the room. He did not take part in the consideration or discussion of, or vote on any question with relation to these items.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

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**

Chair Petrella drew attention to the list of upcoming meetings and events.

**13. Closing Prayer**

Chair Petrella led the closing prayer.

**14. Adjournment**

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the meeting of March 28, 2017.

**Carried**