



**Brant Haldimand Norfolk
Catholic District School Board**

Minutes

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

**Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 26, 2018 ♦ 7:00 pm
Boardroom**

Present: **Trustees:**
Rick Petrella (Chair), Dan Dignard (Vice-Chair), Cliff Casey, Bill Chopp, Bonnie McKinnon,
Olivia O'Neill (Student Trustee)

Absent: Carol Luciani

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 Trustee McKinnon.

1.2 Attendance – As noted above.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon
Seconded by: Cliff Casey

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the
June 26, 2018 meeting.

Carried

1.4 Declaration of Interest

Vice-Chair Dignard and Trustees Chopp and Casey declared conflicts of interest on Item 5.1,
2018-19 Salaries and Benefits Budget, due to the nature of the employment of their children
with the Board.

1.5 Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – May 22, 2018

Moved by: Cliff Casey
Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the
May 22, 2018 Board meeting.

Carried

1.6 Business Arising from the Minutes – Nil

2. Presentations

2.1 Memorial Statement for Ryan Cattrysse, Former Student Trustee

A memorial statement for Ryan Cattrysse, former Student Trustee, was read by
Trustee Casey.



2.2 Recognition of the retirement of Monsignor Earl Talbot, St. Basil Catholic Church

Director Roehrig congratulated Monsignor Talbot on his retirement and thanked him for the honour of working with him. He shared Monsignor Talbot's illustration of what it means for a priest to be connected to the school district and how he communicates with students in a special way.

2.3 Council for Exceptional Children Award Recipients

Superintendent Shypula described the Council for Exceptional Children as a community of educational partners in learning. The local chapter has been making a difference and raising awareness for over 30 years. This year's event was hosted at Jean Vanier Catholic Elementary School and brought together people to recognize the importance of special education.

Carmen McDermid, Student Achievement Leader – Special Education, was excited to have been in the presence of some remarkable people. She explained how the award recipients live our theme of acting justly, walking humbly and loving tenderly. The winners have shown true dedication and overcome many obstacles and were recognized for their hard work.

Chair Petrella congratulated the following recipients: Rob Riley, St. John's College and Isla Thompson, St. Gabriel Catholic School on receiving the Student Achievement Award; Meaghan Baker, Holy Trinity Catholic High School, on receiving the Life Skills Student Award; Kathy Kelly, Our Lady of Providence Catholic Elementary School and Ronnie Whitcomb, St. John's College, on receiving the Paraprofessional Award; Georgia Abele, St. Joseph's School, on receiving the Teacher of the Year Award; and Theresa Mamela, St. Leo School, on receiving the Coaching to Inclusion Award.

2.4 Spring Fling Presentation

Superintendent Shypula introduced Melissa Lancaster, Teacher at ACS; Mary Bradford, Spec Ed Department Head at ACS; Deb Dignan, Itinerant SERT and Ireland Connell, Grade 12 student at ACS, as the team who coordinated the Tri-High Spring Fling which was held on May 4, 2018. The event was a barrier free formal for students in secondary special education programs. Over 60 students from all three high schools attended and had the opportunity to socialize and make new friendships over dinner and a dance. Students were supported during the event by a host of volunteers including students, teachers and community members.

3. Delegations – Nil

4. Consent Agenda

4.1 Unapproved Mental Health Steering Committee Meeting minutes – June 13, 2018

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the unapproved Mental Health Steering Committee Minutes of June 13, 2018.

Carried



5. Committee and Staff Reports

5.1 Unapproved Minutes and Recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Meeting – June 19, 2018

Vice-Chair Dignard reviewed the business of the June 19, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting. As Vice-Chair Dignard and Trustees Chopp and Casey had declared conflicts of interest with respect to the 2018-19 Salaries and Benefits Budget recommendation in Item 1.4, they did not discuss nor vote on this recommendation. Chair Petrella indicated his intention to vote on the three 2018-19 Budget recommendations coming forward from the Committee of the Whole.

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: Rick Petrella

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the 2018-19 Salaries and Benefits Budget, in the amount of \$105,478,873, to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

Carried

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the 2018-19 Operations Budget, in the amount of \$28,778,923, to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the 2018-19 Capital Budget, in the amount of \$6,657,056, to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the request St. John's College for an excursion to New York City, NY from Tuesday, March 12, 2019 to Friday, March 15, 2019.

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the request from St. John's College for an excursion to France and Italy from Thursday (evening), March 7 to Saturday, March 16, 2019.

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the unapproved minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 19, 2018.

Carried

5.2 Special Education Services Department Annual Report 2017-18

Superintendent Shypula presented the Special Education Services Department Annual Report 2017-18. The Department's goals align with the strategic plan for improving student achievement, building teacher capacity, building parent confidence in programming and helping bridge community partnerships. The role of Debbie Dignan, Itinerant SERT, was highlighted as supporting classroom teachers and providing programming. Superintendent Shypula outlined the goals of knowing the learner, what type of assessment tools are needed to identify learning needs and what kind of programming to provide. A summary was provided of the Job skills Program and Personal Active Living (PAL) Program.



Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the Special Education Services Department Annual Report 2017-18.

Carried

5.3 Student Trustee Update

Student Trustee O'Neill reviewed the year-end meeting of the Student Senate and Leadership Symposium. Assumption College held a Cosplay Convention for the first time and was enjoyed so much that students hope to make it an annual event. St. John's College hosted a Coffee House to support the Stedman Hospice and the Senior Boys' Rugby Team won the silver medal from AAA OFSAA. Students from Holy Trinity held their athletic banquet and honoured athletes. All three secondary schools are busy organizing and looking forward to their graduation proms and ceremonies.

On behalf of the Board and Senior Administration, Chair Petrella thanked Student Trustee O'Neill for her involvement with and commitment to the Board throughout the school year and presented her with a letter of commendation.

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

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

Carried

6. Information and Correspondence

Chair Petrella presented a correspondence from the Office of the Prime Minister of Canada in response to the Board's letter regarding the Summer Jobs Program.

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

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

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: Bonnie McKinnon

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: Cliff Casey

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

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: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the meeting of June 26, 2018.

Carried