



**BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK  
Catholic District School Board**

**Minutes**

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

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**Board Meeting  
Tuesday, November 26, 2019 ♦ 7:00 p.m.  
Boardroom**

**Members:** **Trustees:**  
Rick Petrella (Chair), Dan Dignard (Vice-Chair), Cliff Casey, Bill Chopp, Carol Luciani, Mark Watson, Taylor Carroll (Student Trustee)

**Absent:**

**Senior Administration:**  
Mike McDonald (Director of Education & Secretary), Scott Keys (Superintendent of Business & Treasurer), Robert De Rubeis, Michelle Shypula and Lorrie Temple (Superintendents of Education)

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**1. Opening Business**

**1.1 Opening Prayer**

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Trustee Luciani.

**1.2 Attendance**

As noted above.

**1.3 Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by: Mark Watson

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the November 26, 2019 Board meeting.

**Carried**

**1.4 Declaration of Interest - Nil**

**1.5 Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – October 22, 2019**

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the October 22, 2019 Board meeting.

**Carried**

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

**2. Presentations**

**2.1 Recognition of Neil Chopp**

Chair Petrella recognized former principal Neil Chopp for his service to the community, and over twenty years of service to Brant Food for Thought.



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### 2.2 CBC project/St. Peters “Shine”

Superintendent Temple introduced the students of St. Peter School who are one of seven schools participating in the CBC project in the vocal elementary category. The students performed a song titled Shine. Chris Rait shared a video of all the participating classes singing and playing instruments at different landmarks throughout the district.

### 2.3 Overview of St Mary Catholic Learning Centre

Terre Slaght, Principal of Continuing Education, provided a presentation on St. Mary Catholic Learning Centre. She provided an overview of the programs offered through the school and provided an update on the progress of alternative education credit accumulation.

Michelle Nepp-Wirag, Vice-Principal, St. Mary Satellite Campus, spoke to the programs at the satellite campus. She also reviewed the funding and programs being offered.

It was noted that Vice-Chair Dignard left the meeting at 7:50 pm.

### 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 – November 19, 2019

Chair Petrella reviewed the business of the November 19, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting and brought forward the following recommendations:

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the request from Assumption College Catholic High School for an excursion to Panama from Friday, March 12 to Saturday, March 20, 2021 for approval.

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the 2020 insurance renewal premium, payable to the Ontario School Boards’ Insurance Exchange, in the amount of \$127,476, excluding PST.

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approve the revised Inclement Weather & Temporary School/Facility Closures policy 400.01

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the unapproved minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 19, 2019.

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Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 19, 2019.

**Carried**

### 5.2 Extended French Program at Assumption College School

Superintendent Temple provided an update on the developments of the French Program as the Board has demonstrated a strong interest in supporting French programming. It was advised that Assumption College School has the staff and space to support the program requirements.

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Extended French Program at Assumption College School for 2020-21 Report.

**Carried**

### 5.3 Student Trustee Update

Student Trustee Carroll outlined all the recent activities at the high schools. Schools will be holding semi-formals with various themes. The Socktober event was a great success. Other events included Mental Health Week, Amplify Your Culture and Diabetes Awareness Month.

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Mark Watson

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

**Carried**

### 6. Information and Correspondence

Director McDonald present the new Board of Trustees photo to be displayed in the front foyer of the Catholic Education Centre.

Director McDonald provided an update regarding the Strategic Plan. The plan will include pillars of Teaching & Learning, Wellness and Engagement. Chair Petrella noted that Catholicity will be the foundation of every pillar.

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

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

**Carried**

### 7. Notices of Motion - Nil

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



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### 9. Trustee Inquiries

Trustee Casey spoke about the Confucius Program in Edmonton which highlights Chinese language and culture.

### 10. Business In-Camera

Moved by: Mark Watson

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board moves to an In-Camera session.

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

Trustee Chopp declared a conflict of interest in Item 6 of the in-camera session and left the room. Vice-Chair Dignard was absent for the in-camera session. They did not take part in the consideration or discussion of or vote on any question with relation to this item.

Moved by: Mark Watson

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: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the November 26, 2019 Board meeting.

**Carried**