



BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK Catholic District School Board

Minutes

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

Board Meeting Tuesday, December 14, 2021 ♦ 7:00 p.m. Boardroom/Microsoft Teams

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

Senior Administration:
Mike McDonald (Director of Education & Secretary), Scott Keys (Superintendent of Business & Treasurer), Rob De Rubeis, Kevin Greco, Lorrie Temple (Superintendents of Education)

1. Opening Business

1.1 Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Vice-Chair Luciani.

1.2 Attendance

Attendance was as noted above

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the December 14, 2021 Board meeting.

Carried

1.4 Declaration of Interest - Nil

1.5 Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – November 23, 2021

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the November 23, 2021 Meeting of the Board.

Carried

Approval of Annual Board Meeting Minutes – December 7, 2021

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the December 7, 2021 Annual Meeting of the Board.

Carried

Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes – December 7, 2021

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the December 7, 2021 Special Meeting of the Board.

Carried



1.6 Business Arising from the Minutes – Nil

2. Presentations

2.1 Christmas Message from the Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, Bishop of St. Catharines

A Christmas video messages from the Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, Bishop of St. Catharines was shared.

3. Delegations – Nil

4. Consent Agenda - Nil

5. Committee and Staff Reports - Nil

6. Information and Correspondence

6.1 COVID Update

Director McDonald advised that schools will be sending home rapid antigen testing kits. Upon the return to school after the winter break in January, elementary students will be required to confirm screening for the first two weeks. Grade 7/8 students will be able to verbally attest. And K-6 will have a form sent home with parent signature. It was noted that high schools will be returning to a semester system on February 4, 2022.

Trustee Watson asked for student feedback on the different systems. Director McDonald noted that principals will be holding discussions with staff and students.

Vice Chair Luciani inquired as to supports being provided for students who may have a heavy course load when switching back to four courses. Director McDonald advised that a variety of supports will be made available to students leading up to the semester.

Student Trustee O'Brien noted that the guidance department is very helpful in ensuring that courses are balanced and coordinated.

Trustees extended congratulations to St. John's College students who won the team sportsmanship award at OFSAA.

Superintendent Keys provided an outline of the status of community use of school. Permits are being issued to non-profit youth groups with participants who have been fully vaccinated. User groups will be responsible for ensuring all public health and safety guidelines are adhered to. Permits will only be available on evenings during the week at this time.

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

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

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7. Notices of Motion

Trustee Watson introduced the following motion:

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board no longer puts restrictions on student extra-curricular activities based on the lack of data that children are at risk of serious illness due to COVID-19.

8. Notices of Motion Being Considered for Adoption - Nil

9. Trustee Inquiries

Trustee Chopp noted that St. John's College graduation is scheduled on a board meeting night.

10. Business In-Camera

Moved by: Bill Chopp

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: 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: Mark Watson

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the December 14, 2021 Board meeting.

Carried

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 25, 2022, 7:00 p.m. – Boardroom