



**BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK
Catholic District School Board**

Minutes

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

**Budget Committee
Tuesday, June 4, 2019 – 4:00 p.m.
Boardroom**

Present: Rick Petrella (Chair), Bill Chopp, Scott Keys, Carol Luciani, Mike McDonald, Pat Petrella, Mark Watson

1. Opening Prayer

Rick Petrella opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Mark Watson

THAT the Budget Committee approves the agenda of June 4, 2019.

Carried

3. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by: Mark Watson

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Budget Committee approves the Minutes of June 11, 2018.

Carried

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest: Trustee Bill Chopp declared a conflict of interest on Item 6.1, Education Funding for 2019 and Item 6.2, 2018-19 Surplus Budget, due to the nature of employment of his children with the Board.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes: Nil.

6. Staff Reports and Information Items

6.1 Education Funding for 2019-20

Superintendent Keys reviewed details of the Ministry of Education Funding Announcements regarding Grants for Student Needs (GSNs) and Operating and Renewal Funding for 2019-20; including:

- GSN's will remain at approximately the same levels as 2018-19.
- Education Program – Other Grants (EPO) have been changed to the Priorities and Partnership Fund (PPF). PPF funding will be evidence and outcome based and will provide for streamlined and time-limited funding. Information regarding this funding will most likely be announced in January 2020.



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- Changes to class sizes in Kindergarten to Grade 12, beginning in September 2019. School boards have been permitted to phase-in class size changes over a four-year period and the Ministry has provided additional funding to protect teacher positions.
- Casual Early Child Educator (ECE) costs will now be funded by the Ministry.
- Salary benchmarks have been increased by 1% to meet requirements of 2017-19 central labour agreements.
- Beginning in 2020-21, each student will be expected to complete a minimum of four online classes to meet Grade 12 graduation requirements.
- Pupil Foundation Grants are less than last year.

Trustees asked that they be advised of any major budget cuts before the cuts are made, ensure that Casual ECE lists are increased and that classes sizes are monitored carefully.

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Mark Watson

THAT the Budget Committee recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the Education Funding for 2019-20 report.

Carried

6.2 2018-19 Surplus Budget

Superintendent Keys reported that due to increased enrolment during the 2018-19 school year, the Board has projected an in-year surplus of approximately \$430,000 based on the financial results at May 31, 2019. Senior Administration has drafted a prioritized list of how the surplus monies may be spent. Consideration was given to one-time budget items, which will not impact future budgets in Curriculum, Information Technology, Special Education and Mental Health and Well-Being. Trustees asked that \$10,000 be allocated to the Children's Safety Village in Brantford to allow students to participate in the program. Trustees agreed that when such a program exists in Haldimand-Norfolk, monies will be allocated to this program as well.

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Mark Watson

THAT the Budget Committee recommends the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approve the 2018-19 Surplus Budget.

Carried

7. **Trustee Inquiries:** Nil.

8. **Business of the In-Camera Committee**

Moved by: Mark Watson

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Budget Committee moves to an in-camera session.

Carried



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9. Report on the In-Camera Session

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Mark Watson

THAT the Budget Committee approves the business of the In-Camera Session.

Carried

10. Adjournment

Moved by: Mark Watson

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Budget Committee adjourns the meeting of June 4, 2019.

Carried

Next Meeting: Monday, June 24, 2019, 6:00 pm, Boardroom