



**Committee of the Whole**  
**Tuesday, February 21, 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 and Michelle Shypula (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: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the February 21, 2017 meeting.

**Carried**

**1.4 Declaration of Interest – Nil**

**1.5 Approval of Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes – January 17, 2017**

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the January 17, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting.

**Carried**

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

**2. Presentations – Nil**

**3. Delegations – Nil**



**4. Consent Agenda**

**4.1** THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the unapproved minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting of January 24, 2017 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

**4.2** THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Educational Field Trips Summary report to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives all reports and approves all motions under the Consent Agenda.

**Carried**

**5. Committee and Staff Reports**

**5.1 School Year Calendar 2017-18**

Superintendent Shypula reviewed the consultation process that took place in establishing the proposed elementary and secondary school year calendars for 2017-18, which are in compliance with Regulation 304.

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the 2017-18 School Year Calendars for Elementary and Secondary schools.

**Carried**

**5.2 2015-2018 Strategic Plan: Student Achievement Update**

Superintendents Shypula and Daly provided an update on the work being done by the K-12 Student Achievement Team in support of improved student achievement across the district. Some of the key initiatives that were highlighted included the school-based professional learning opportunities organized in bands of learning - Kindergarten to Grade 2 teachers, Grades 3-6 teachers, and Grades 7-10 teachers and principals – with specific areas of focus to enhance teaching practices and to build capacity; improved student diagnostics; the use of surface devices by classroom teachers and embedded technology in student learning supporting 21<sup>st</sup> century competencies; the expansion of the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) initiative to additional schools; increased focus in the area of Grade 9 Applied Mathematics; student-driven/teacher-guided career/pathways planning; and the introduction of innovative thinking spaces in school libraries. Several trustee inquiries were addressed by Superintendents Shypula and Daly.

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Strategic Plan 2015-2018 - Student Achievement Update report to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

**Carried**



**5.3 Global South Encounter - Guatemala**

Director Roehrig provided background information of developments and conversations since 2012 involving St. Jerome's University, the Diocese of Hamilton and several partnership Boards that have led to the proposal of offering a global south encounter for secondary students in 2018. Director Roehrig explained that this service learning experience directly supports the Board's spiritual theme and acts as an ideal opportunity for our students to learn more about Catholic post-secondary institutions and opportunities. He noted that significant preparation work and first-hand assessment of the quality of the experience, the merit of the work/experience, and student health and safety must be completed in the near future in order to allow sufficient time to organize and offer this encounter experience to students next year. Consequently, two staff members will be involved in a pre-site assessment with staff from St. Jerome's University and other boards next month. Trustee concerns were raised in the area of cost to the Board, ensuring the health and safety of students/staff, inclusivity, and age-appropriateness of secondary school students to experience this type of encounter. Trustees requested a presentation by someone who has been involved in this encounter in the past in order to obtain additional information.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Global South Encounter – Guatemala report to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

**Carried**

**5.4 Excursion – New York City**

Superintendent Daly presented a request from St. John's College for approximately 35 students to travel by bus to New York City as part of their Arts program. He highlighted the sites that the students will visit, as well as the activities that they will participate in.

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

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 New York City from Thursday, May 18 to Monday, May 22, 2017.

**Carried**

**6. Information and Correspondence**

Director Roehrig congratulated Holy Trinity, Assumption College School and St. John's College for once again being the three top schools among the 15 Brantford, Haldimand and Norfolk counties' secondary schools in the latest Fraser Institute Report. He added that Holy Trinity was the top school in the area and is among the top 10 percent in the province.

Trustee McKinnon commended the Celebration of the Arts Planning Committee and Principal Michael Pin, Arts Lead, for the significant amount of work they are doing in preparing for and organizing this annual event. As a first-time member on this Planning Committee, Trustee McKinnon advised that she has gained a new appreciation for all of the behind-the-scenes work required to organize this type of system-level event.



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Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

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

**Carried**

**7. Trustee Inquiries - Nil**

**8. Business In-Camera**

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board moves to an In-Camera Session.

**Carried**

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

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the business of the in-camera session.

**Carried**

**10. Future Meetings**

Chair Petrella drew trustee attention to upcoming meetings and events.

**11. Closing Prayer**

Chair Petrella led the closing prayer.

**12. Adjournment**

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the meeting of February 21, 2017.

**Carried**