



BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK Catholic District School Board

Minutes

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

Committee of the Whole Tuesday, March 19, 2019 ♦ 7:00 p.m. Boardroom

Trustees:

Present: Rick Petrella (Chair), Dan Dignard (Vice-Chair), Cliff Casey, Bill Chopp, Carol Luciani, Mark Watson, Kaiya Daly (Student Trustee)

Senior Administration:

Michael McDonald (Director of Education Designate), Michelle Shypula and Leslie Telfer (Superintendents of Education), Jim LoPresti (Corporate Services Advisor)

1. Opening Business

1.1 Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Chair Petrella.

1.2 Attendance

As noted above.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the March 19, 2019 meeting.

Carried

1.4 Declaration of Interest – Nil

1.5 Approval of Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes – February 19, 2019

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 February 19, 2019 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 February 26, 2019 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

4.2 THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the unapproved minutes of the Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk Board of Directors' Committee Meeting of March 5, 2019 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.



Moved by: Carol Luciani

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 Global South Encounter – Guatemala

Director Designate McDonald thanked participants and staff for the hours spent in preparation for the encounter and congratulated them for a successful encounter. He introduced Tara Williams, Vice-Principal of Assumption College School and an instrumental staff leader in planning the encounter.

Mrs. Williams reviewed the goals of the encounter which were service learning, encounter activities, historical and cultural learning, and faith formation. She highlighted the pre-departure work that took place such as cultural sensitivity, ethical sensitivity, ethical storytelling, travel safety, team building, daily reflection, and Catholic social teachings. Mrs. Williams reviewed the cost breakdown for the encounter and the fundraising goal, which was \$1,000 per student. The group agreed that any fundraising above and beyond the goal would go directly to the Guatemalan community. While in Guatemala, the community projects included working on a kitchen (which had been started on the last BHNCD SB Guatemalan encounter), fence construction, school painting, work in the classroom, and getting water flowing from the water tower to the kitchen. The most difficult part of the work projects was the access to tools was very limited. The group participated in activities to build relationships with the community and participated in historical and cultural experiences such as a walking tour of Antigua, a history of Guatemala lecture, the Iximche Mayan Ruins, Chichicastenango Mayan Market, etc. Mrs. Williams show a photo of all of the socks that were collected from our elementary schools and presented to Guatemala community. She also indicated with the extra money that was collected through fundraising, the community was able to buy school supplies, transportation, and water for the whole 2019 school year. Mrs. Williams brought three students, Carly Burow, Madisyn Webb, and Tristan Wall to share what the Guatemalan encounter meant to them.

Chair Petrella thanked the staff and students of the encounter for their hard work and for making the Board proud of the work they were able to accomplish while on encounter. The trustees each expressed their thanks to staff and students.

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 One by One Global South Excursion to Guatemala scheduled for January/February 2020.

Carried

5.2 Excursion – Ireland

Director Designated McDonald presented the request from Holy Trinity Catholic High School for an excursion to Ireland. This excursion will provide students with the opportunity to study the rich history, culture and geography of Ireland. The excursion will include a visit to St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin. The request is in accordance with Board policy and procedures.



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Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the request from Holy Trinity Catholic High School for an excursion to Ireland from Friday, March 13 to Saturday, March 21, 2020.

Carried

5.3 Excursion – Saline, Michigan USA

Director Designate McDonald presented the request from Assumption College School for an excursion to Saline, Michigan USA to participate in an exhibition football game. This excursion will provide students with an opportunity for personal growth and team building. They will be developing their physical efforts and contributing to team success. The request is in accordance with Board policy and procedures.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Mark Watson

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the request from Assumption College School for an excursion to Saline, Michigan from Friday, September 6 to Saturday, September 7, 2019.

Carried

5.4 Pathways Update

Director Designate McDonald presented the report, which outlines the events being held within the district to promote the skilled trades. The Ministry has not changed their support for the skilled trades but will look to extend the exposure from the secondary panel into elementary panel as well. Director Designate McDonald drew attention to some of the upcoming events.

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Pathways Update report to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

5.5 Student Achievement Update

Superintendent Telfer introduced Chandra Portelli who has returned to the role of Student Achievement Lead. She reviewed the Essential Practices and indicated that the work within the district has been around them. Superintendent Telfer reviewed the measurement initiative that is being done with Grade 2 and Grade 5 students. She reviewed the tools and assessments that all teachers have that aid in the assessment of students, delivery of the information, and follow up instruction, if needed. Superintendent Telfer reviewed the EQAO pilot project that is currently running in five of our elementary schools. A test was administered at the beginning of the school year, so the teacher could determine areas of strength and areas of focus. The test will be administered again prior to the EQAO test to ensure there has been learning in the areas of focus. It will also allow the teacher to identify an area that may need more focus prior to the EQAO testing. Superintendent Telfer reviewed the secondary initiative that is being done in Grade 9 and Grade 10 applied classes. There has been professional learning for the teachers focusing on multiplication and comparing fractions, which will continue into second semester.



Superintendent Telfer indicated that the principals and vice-principals continue to receive math support at their monthly meetings. This will ensure they are equipped with the knowledge to support the professional development in their teachers. A success criteria document was created in each area of math so the principals and vice-principals can monitor the work that is being done.

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

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

Carried

5.6 Financial Report as of February 2019

Corporate Services Advisor LoPresti indicated that we are on track for budget. There was discussion about specific line items.

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Financial Report as of February 2019 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

5.7 Joint Use Agreement with the Corporation of the County of Brant

Corporate Services Advisor LoPresti indicated the only major change to the agreement is the removal of the affiliates. This will reflect a more balanced agreement.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Joint Use Agreement with the Corporation of the County of Brant report to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

6. Information and Correspondence

Director Designate McDonald indicated that we are still looking for nominations for the Distinguished Catholic Graduate Award and the Outstanding Contribution to Catholic Education Award. He encouraged all nominations be brought forward to Tracey Austin via the application form as soon as possible.

Corporate Services Advisor LoPresti presented updates on issues throughout the system such as a sewage backup, broken glass wired door, flooding, and classroom additions.

7. Trustee Inquiries

There was a trustee inquiry about the staff parking lot flooding at St. Bernard of Clairvaux – Waterford.

There was a trustee inquiry about the provincial autism announcements and the impact it will have on organizations that we work with. Superintendent Shypula indicated that Lansdown and Haldimand Norfolk Reach will be able to retain the students with autism in their program until June. However, there has been limited information from the Ministry at this point. Staff and community partners will continue to monitor the topic closely.



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8. Business In-Camera

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

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: Mark Watson

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the business of the In-Camera session.

Carried

10. Future Meetings and Events

Chair Petrella drew attention to the upcoming meetings and events.

11. Closing Prayer

Chair Petrella led the closing prayer.

11. Adjournment

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the March 19, 2019 meeting.

Carried