



BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK Catholic District School Board

Minutes

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

Committee of the Whole Tuesday, May 18, 2021 ♦ 7:00 pm Microsoft Teams

Members: **Trustees:**
Rick Petrella (Chair), Carol Luciani (Vice Chair), Cliff Casey, Dan Dignard, Mark Watson,
Alex Medeiros (Student Trustee)

Regrets: Bill Chopp

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: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the May 18, 2021 meeting.

Carried

1.4 Declaration of Interest – Nil

1.5 Approval of Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes – April 20, 2021

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 minutes of the April 20, 2021 meeting.

Carried

1.6 Business Arising from the Minutes – Nil

2. Presentations - Nil

3. Delegations – Nil



4. Consent Agenda

4.1 Unapproved Minutes from the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting – April 20, 2021

Moved by: Mark Watson

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board received the unapproved minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of April 20, 2021.

Carried

4.2 Unapproved Minutes from the Regional Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting – April 21, 2021.

Moved by: Mark Watson

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board received the unapproved minutes of the Regional Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of April 21, 2021.

Carried

4.3 Unapproved Minutes from the Accessibility Steering Committee Meeting – May 4, 2021.

Moved by: Mark Watson

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board received the unapproved minutes of the Accessibility Steering Committee Meeting of May 4, 2021.

Carried

5. Committee and Staff Reports

5.1 Health and Safety Update

Superintendent Keys reiterated the board's commitment to health and safety and provided a summary of employee accidents and incidents, including COVID related matters for the board.

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Health and Safety Update Report to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

5.2 Collection of Demographic Data

Superintendent Greco advised that as of January 1, 2023, all Boards will be required to collect voluntary race-based and other demographic data on their student population. A background of the Ministry of Education directive was provided. It was noted that the purpose of enhancing data collection is to ensure accessibility and equity.

Trustee Watson noted his opposition to participating in any collection of information based on race.

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the Demographic Data Collection Project.

Carried



5.3 Education Funding and Projected Enrolment for 2021-22

Superintendent Keys provided a summary of the recently announced funding and changes for the upcoming school year including, but not limited to, COVID-19 supports, adjustments to the Online Learning funding methodology, virtual school, school operations allocations and support for centrally negotiated collective agreements.

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the report on Education F 21-22 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

6. Information and Correspondence

6.1 School Year Calendar

Superintendent Temple presented the draft 2021-22 School Year Calendar. The calendar has been prepared with semester and quadmester models while awaiting direction from the Ministry of Education. It was noted that the calendar is in alignment with the coterminous board. Staff continue to await PD Day topics from Ministry of Education.

Trustee Casey raised concerns regarding the quadmester model and its value to students and families. Superintendent Temple advised that staff have planned for a model with two classes a day depending on public health direction.

6.2 Catholic Education Advisory Committee Update

Trustee Dignard, Chair of the Catholic Education Advisory Committee, recommended providing greater perspective surrounding the committee and a review of the terms of reference. Trustee Dignard will consult with staff and the committee and report back.

6.3 COVID Update

Director McDonald noted that asymptomatic testing will continue until the end of June and will rotate between locations within the district. The Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health have made a commitment that all aged 12-17 will be able to access vaccines. It was also noted that staff continue to work with health units on COVID matters. Families will be provided with information regarding registration for virtual school in September. Discussion was held regarding when school will be returning and was noted that it would be determined by Public Health.

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

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

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7. Trustee Inquiries – Nil



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8. Business In-Camera

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Mark Watson

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: Dan Dignard

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

The closing prayer was led by Chair Petrella.

12. Adjournment

Moved by: Mark Watson

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the May 18, 2021 meeting.

Carried