



BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK Catholic District School Board

Minutes

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

Committee of the Whole Tuesday, October 17, 2023 ♦ 7:00 pm Boardroom

Members: **Trustees:**
Rick Petrella (Chair), Carol Luciani (Vice Chair), Dennis Blake, Bill Chopp, Dan Dignard,
Caroline Goveas (Student Trustee), Mia Martorelli (Student Trustee)

Regrets: Mark Watson

Senior Administration:

Mike McDonald (Director of Education & Secretary), Scott Keys (Superintendent of Business & Treasurer), Kevin Greco, Lorrie Temple, Phil Wilson (Superintendents of Education)

1. Opening Business

1.1 Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Trustee Dignard.

1.2 Attendance

Attendance was 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 October 17, 2023 meeting, as amended.

Carried

1.4 Declaration of Interest - Nil

2. Presentations - Nil

3. Delegations – Nil

4. Consent Agenda

4.1 Unapproved Minutes from the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting – September 19, 2023

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the unapproved minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of September 19, 2023.

Carried



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4.2 Unapproved Minutes from the Faith Advisory Committee Meeting – September 26, 2023

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the unapproved minutes of the Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of September 26, 2023.

Carried

5. Committee and Staff Reports

5.1 OCSTA Membership Fees

Superintendent Keys presented the OCSTA Annual membership fees report. OCSTA continues to be a strong guiding and unifying force for Catholic education in our province, as they are represented at a number of key government tables and work with partner organizations to promote and protect Catholic education. Discussion regarding the funding formulas along with central bargaining was had.

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

That THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves continued membership with the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association and remits the annual fee of \$52,071.53 for the 2023-24 school year.

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves continued payment of the Friends and Advocates of Catholic Education levy with the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association and remits the annual fee of \$1,557.96 for the 2023-24 school year.

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves GSN funding for Central bargaining with the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association and remits the fee of \$52,940.00 for the 2023-24 school year.

Carried

5.2 Health and Safety Update

Superintendent Greco presented the Health and Safety update. He highlighted the board's commitment to the Health and Safety of all its employees. Summaries of committee members, accidents and incident reports were shared. Discussion around employee injuries including lost time along with various ways of supporting students and creating healthier workspaces for staff was had.

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

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

Carried



5.3 Trustee Honoraria

Superintendent Keys referred to Ontario Regulation 357/06 - Honoraria for Board Members and its method for calculating the limits on honoraria paid under section 191 of the *Education Act*. The honoraria are comprised of the following components: base amount, enrolment amount, and Chair/Vice Chair amounts, as outlined in Board Policy 100.06 – Trustee Honoraria. He noted that there are no changes to the base amount. For the term of office starting November 15, 2023, to November 14, 2024, the only change to trustee honoraria will be the impact of enrolment changes.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the Trustee Honoraria for the period November 15, 2023, to November 14, 2024 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board.

Carried

5.4 New Orleans Missions Trip

Superintendent Wilson presented the excursion request from Assumption College and St. John's College for a mission's trip to New Orleans, LA in conjunction with the St. Bernard Project. Student selection for the mission trip along with supervision was discussed.

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the request from Assumption College School and St. John's College for an Excursion to New Orleans, LA from January 26 to February 3, 2024.

Carried

5.5 EQAO Update

Director McDonald and Superintendent Temple presented the EQAO Update report. The report shared the overall results, highlights of success, and areas for attention moving forward. De-streaming at the secondary level, special education, French Immersion, along with the previous focus on literacy was discussed.

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the EQAO board report on results for the 2022-2023 school year.

Carried

6. Information and Correspondence

- 6.1** BHNCD SB School Highlights: The BHNCD SB Faith Day this year involved launching our theme Catholic Education: Called to Love. All areas of the board were to consider a partnership within the community to support not just on this day but all year through. The staff of St. Patrick School connected with the Brantford Blessing Centre. The St. Patrick school staff learned about the services provided by the Blessing Centre, and prepared the food and served the meal that evening. The connections have continued with the Blessing Centre providing a heart shaped cheese board for each class to decorate and the St. Patrick Students created cards for the Blessing Centre's Thanksgiving dinner. A bulletin board that includes the various methods of serving alongside the Blessing Centre is on display in St. Patrick school.



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- 6.2** Extended French at St. John's College will be offered in Grade 9 starting in September 2024. The first cohort of French Immersion students will be graduating from St. Leo School in June 2024. Next steps are working with guidance, informing families, and including it on option sheets.
- 6.3** Superintendent Temple noted that applications are now being received via the BHNCD SB website for the Distinguished Catholic Graduate Awards and the Outstanding Contribution to Catholic Education Award. Applications are being received until December 15, 2023 and award winners will be decided at the January Board meeting.

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.

7. Trustee Inquiries: Nil

8. Business In-Camera

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

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: Bill Chopp

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

12. Adjournment

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the October 17, 2023 meeting.

Carried

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 12, 2023, 7:00 p.m. – Boardroom