



**BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK
Catholic District School Board**

Minutes

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

**Committee of the Whole
Tuesday, January 16, 2024 ♦ 7:00 pm
Boardroom**

Trustees:

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

Senior Administration:

Mike McDonald (Director of Education & Secretary), Scott Keys (Superintendent of Business & Treasurer),
John Della Fortuna, 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: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the January 16, 2024 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 – December 19, 2023

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

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

Carried



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4.2 Unapproved Minutes from the Mental Health Steering Committee Meeting– December 19, 2023

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the unapproved minutes of the Mental Health Steering Committee Meeting of December 19, 2023.

Carried

5. Committee and Staff Reports

5.1 2024/2025 School Year Calendars

Superintendent Temple presented the 2024/2025 school year calendar report. A school year calendar committee meeting was held this afternoon on January 16, 2024. The draft calendars were shared and vetted by representatives from various departments, union partners, trustees, and community members. As has been past practice, the proposed calendars were also shared with representatives from the Grand Erie District School Board to maximize efficiencies in transportation. The BHCNDSB and GEDSB once again have complete alignment for transportation with the dates/ calendars being proposed for approval.

Moved by: Mark Watson

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the proposed 2024/2025 School Year Calendars.

Carried

5.2 Family Life Curriculum

Superintendent Temple presented the revised Family Life Curriculum. The new Family Life Education Curriculum will be in place for September 2024. The current Family Life Curriculum, published in 2012, was rewritten to update curricula to align with the new Religious Education and account for new resources shared by the Vatican. BHCNDSB employee Keri Calvesbert was commissioned by the Bishops to be one of two project leads. The new Family life curriculum has moved from five themes to three strands. Information on selection of materials and intended resources is shared in the front matter to support equity, diversity, and culturally responsive pedagogy. The focus remains on the Catholic worldview of family; pastoral approach to the curriculum; as well as tenderness and hope.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Family Life Curriculum to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

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6. Information and Correspondence

Mass services at the Catholic Education Centre during AAC meetings were discussed. The first scheduled first mass will be, February 22 at 9:00am.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

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:

A request for a new tv in the boardroom was made. Advertisements for the registration process were discussed.

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: Dennis Blake

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

The closing prayer was led by Chair Petrella

12. Adjournment

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the January 16, 2024, meeting.

Carried

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 7:00 p.m. – Boardroom