



BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK Catholic District School Board

Minutes

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

Committee of the Whole Tuesday, June 18, 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), 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 Luciani.

1.2 Attendance

Attendance was as noted above.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the June 18, 2024 meeting.

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 – May 21, 2024

Moved by: Mark Watson

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 Committee Meeting of May 21, 2024.

Carried

4.2 Unapproved Minutes from the Accessibility Committee Meeting – May 28, 2024

Moved by: Mark Watson

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 Accessibility Committee Meeting of May 28, 2024.



**4.3 Unapproved Minutes from the Faith Advisory Committee Meeting
– June 6, 2024**

Moved by: Mark Watson

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 Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of June 6, 2024.

Carried

**4.4 Unapproved Minutes from the Mental Health Steering Committee Meeting
– June 10, 2024**

Moved by: Mark Watson

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 June 10, 2024.

Carried

5. Committee and Staff Reports

5.1 Special Education Annual Report 2023/2024

Superintendent Phil Wilson presented the 2023/2024 Special Education Annual Report. Highlights included the many programs and supports in place for learners to access the curriculum and fully engage in learning and development opportunities. Superintendent Wilson highlighted the exceptional work of the entire Special Education Team including Educational Assistants, Special Education Resource Teachers, Special Education Consultants, Special Education Specialists and the Student Achievement Leader of Special Education. Discussion has had regarding the timeline for the report to be submitted to the Ministry.

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the 2023-2024 Special Education Annual Report to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

5.2 Math Action Plan

Superintendent Lorrie Temple and Math Consultant Allison Lawrence presented the Math Action plan. The math action plan includes a continued focus on math learning and monitoring. Some of the notable successes include significant student growth via screener scores in multiplication and fractions, an increase in student confidence, as well as increased educator confidence with visual representations, small group instruction, and math conversations.

Collaboration with the special education team to meet the needs of special education students was discussed along with financial literacy as part of the curriculum and EQAO data. The targeted grades and next steps in student data tracking were also considered.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Math Achievement Action Plan to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried



5.3 Student Support Services Mental Health and Addictions Strategy Annual Report 2023/2024

Superintendent Della Fortuna presented the 2023/2024 Student Support Services Mental Health and Addictions Strategy Annual Report. This report outlines the preventive mental health and wellbeing programs, school-wide supports, and interventions for students experiencing mental health challenges. The report highlights the strategic implementation of system-wide professional learning and training, implementation of evidence-informed programming and curriculum and individual support offered throughout the three tiers of intervention. The mental health strategy has a renewed focus on self-regulation and aligns with PPM 169 to provide the right care at the right time. The positive outcomes of the addition of the attendance counsellor were discussed along with wait times for outside agencies and school board support teams filling in the gaps where required. Summer support services were highlighted which includes a student mental health crisis support line.

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Student Support Services and Mental Health and Addiction Strategy Annual Report 2023-24 report to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

5.4 Haldimand County Boundary Review

Director McDonald along with Jack Ammendolia of Watson Associates presented the Haldimand County Boundary Review. The boundary review is in relation to the expanding population of Caledonia and surrounding area along with defining the boundaries for the new elementary school, Pope Francis Catholic Elementary School that is scheduled to open in September 2025. Transportation for legacy students was discussed.

Moved by: Mark Watson

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the amended school attendance boundaries, as outlined in Figure 2, and that legacy provisions are in place for impacted students currently enrolled in Grade 5 and 6 as well as their siblings, effective upon the opening of Pope Francis Catholic Elementary School for Haldimand County.

Carried

6. Information and Correspondence

6.1 Director McDonald shared the Terry Fox Foundation Update that was received by the Directors Office. This update highlights the support of the BHNCDSD including over \$200,000 raised for the Terry Fox Foundation over the years.

6.2 Superintendent Temple shared the 2024/2025 Pastoral Theme, Catholic Education Pilgrims of Hope. The theme will be launched softly at the September Professional Development day and system wide in October.

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded: 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.

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7. Trustee Inquiries



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An update was requested regarding the Assumption College sports field. The work will begin as soon as students are out for the summer. An update was requested regarding school organizations.

8. Business In-Camera

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

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: Mark Watson

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

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: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the June 18, 2024 meeting.

Carried

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 17, 2024, 7:00 p.m. – Boardroom