



# BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK Catholic District School Board

## Minutes

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

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### Committee of the Whole Tuesday, November 19, 2024 ♦ 7:00 pm Boardroom

#### Trustees:

Rick Petrella (Chair), Carol Luciani (Vice Chair), Dennis Blake, Bill Chopp, Dan Dignard, Mark Watson  
Riley O'Brien (Student Trustee), Ryan Toft (Student Trustees)

#### Senior Administration:

Mike McDonald (Director of Education & Secretary), John Della Fortuna, Kevin Greco, Lorrie Temple,  
Phil Wilson (Superintendents of Education)

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## 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: 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 November 19, 2024, meeting.

**Carried**

### 1.4 Declaration of Interest – Nil

### 1.5 Approval of Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes – October 15, 2024

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the October 15, 2024, meeting.

**Carried**

### 1.6 Business from the Minutes - Nil

## 2. Presentations – Nil

## 3. Delegations- Nil

## 4. Consent Agenda

Clarification surrounding two items in the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes were requested. The questions were regarding the Empower Reading Program PD and the recent creation of the document, *Considerations When Programming for Students with Complex Needs*, which is a compilation of Health & Safety and Special Education resources now in one central location. This document will be released to the system soon.



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### 4.1 Unapproved Minutes from the Special Education Advisory Committee – October 15, 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 October 15, 2024.

### 4.2 Unapproved Minutes from the Regional Catholic Parent Involvement Committee – October 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 Regional Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of October 21, 2024.

### 4.3 Unapproved Minutes from the Accessibility Steering Committee – October 31, 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 Steering Committee Meeting of October 31, 2024.

## 5. Committee and Staff Reports

### 5.1 2025 Insurance Renewal

Director McDonald presented the 2025 Insurance renewal report. The Board's property and liability insurance is currently covered by the Ontario School Boards' Insurance Exchange (OSBIE). As of January 1, 2025, OSBIE is in year four of the current five-year subscription period, which ends on December 31, 2026. Overall premiums are determined by OSBIE's appointed actuary to cover expected future claims. Premiums vary from year to year based on several factors including enrollment and coverage. Discussion regarding the rate increases in a couple of line items was had.

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the 2025 insurance renewal premium, payable to the Ontario School Boards' Insurance Exchange, in the amount of \$186,983.00, excluding PST.

**Carried**



**5.2 Student Achievement Plan for 2024-2025**

Superintendent Temple presented the 2024-25 Student Achievement Plan. This Student Achievement (SAP) stems from, aligns with, and is an extension of the Board's Multi-Year Strategic Plan launched last September 2023, as well as current Ministry of Education priorities. Included in this year's SAP is a focus on EQAO data for literacy (reading and writing), early reading screening data, as well as success and achievement in mathematics. In addition, there is a focus on attendance, suspension data, 16 credits by age16 attainment in secondary, as well as a continued focus on mental health and well-being including equity and belonging to support engagement. The math achievement and literacy plans were highlighted along with computation fluency.

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the 2024-2025 Student Achievement Plan to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

**Carried**

**5.3 French Immersion 2025-2026**

Superintendent Temple presented the French Immersion 2025-26 report. To support evidence and research coming from the *Right to Read* report and changes to the Language Curriculum, as well as the anticipated new Kindergarten program, the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board is proposing a change to the French Immersion Programming beginning next September for the 2025-2026 school year for Year 1 and Year 2 Kindergarten. The changes will include a shift to full French Immersion programming which will begin in grade one. However, students will still enter the class at the designated French Immersion school in Kindergarten with programming to include building in monthly French culture and language experiences and opportunities. The program changes, timelines, and communication to the system were all addressed.

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Mark Watson

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the changes to the French Immersion Kindergarten (Year 1 and Year 2) Program beginning in September 2025 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

**Carried**

**6. Information and Correspondence**

**6.1 Con Ed Afternoon Programming**

Superintendent Della Fortuna provided information regarding the addition of the pilot con-ed afternoon programming. Information will be sent out to parents shortly. It was noted that transportation will not be provided and the SWAC and Dual credit programs are still available.

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded: Dennis Blake

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

**Carried**



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**7. Trustee Inquiries**

Math tutoring was discussed and as per the funding, is only being offered to grade nine students.

**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 Chair Petrella.

**12. Adjournment**

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the November 19, 2024 meeting.

**Carried**

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**Next meeting:** Tuesday, January 16, 2024 7:00 p.m. – Boardroom