



BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK Catholic District School Board

Minutes

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

Committee of the Whole Tuesday, April 15, 2025 ♦ 7:00 pm Boardroom

Trustees:

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

Regrets: Carol Luciani (Chair), Rick Petrella (on leave)

Senior Administration:

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

Regrets: John Della Fortuna

1. Opening Business

1.1 Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Trustee Blake.

1.2 Attendance

Chair Luciani was excused from the meeting and Vice-Chair Dan Dignard assumed the role of the Chair for this meeting. Attendance was as noted above.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

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 agenda of the April 15, 2025, meeting.

Carried

1.4 Declaration of Interest – Nil

1.5 Approval of Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes – March 18, 2025

Moved by: Mark Watson

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the March 18, 2025, meeting.

Carried

1.6 Business from the Minutes

2. Presentations – Nil

3. Delegations - Nil



BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK Catholic District School Board

Minutes

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

4. Consent Agenda

4.1 Unapproved Minutes from the Special Education Advisory Committee – March 18, 2025

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Mark Watson

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 March 18, 2025.

5. Committee and Staff Reports

5.1 Unapproved Minutes and Recommendations from the Policy Committee Meeting – April 8, 2025

Vice-Chair Dignard presented the unapproved minutes and recommendations from the Policy Committee meeting which include;

- THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Dress Code for Staff Policy #300.02 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.
- THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Leaves of Absence for Management Employees Policy #300.14 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.
- THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Volunteer Indigenous Self-Identification Policy #200.07 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.
- THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Principal and Vice Principal Work Year Policy #300.22 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.
- THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the French Immersion Programming Policy #200.30 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Mark Watson

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the unapproved minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of April 8, 2025, to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Mark Watson

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the recommendations of the Policy Committee Meeting of April 8, 2025, to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

Carried

5.2 Health and Safety Update

Superintendent Greco presented the Health and Safety update. This is information that is shared with the board semi-annually. Employee accidents and/or incidents statistics and overall trends in attendance data were shared. The Human Resource Services Department have conducted wellness visits at all BHNCDSB schools this year to meet with and hear from all employee groups. Staff wellness is part of an ongoing initiative that crosses all departments.



BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK Catholic District School Board

Minutes

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

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Mark Watson

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

Carried

6. Information and Correspondence

6.1 Student Demographic Survey

Superintendent Wilson provided an update on the student demographic survey, "Valuing Your Voice." Elementary students completed the survey at home and secondary students participated in school. Higher participation rates were noted year over year from 21.2% in 2024 to 30.2% in 2025. The data is currently being reviewed and will be shared once complete.

6.2 Catholic Education Week Update

Superintendent Lawlor presented an update on some of the events taking place over Catholic Education Week, including the Catholic Student Leadership Awards on Monday May 5, 2025.

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Mark Watson

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

7. Trustee Inquiries - Nil

8. Business In-Camera

Moved by: Bill Chopp

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: Bill Chopp

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 Luciani drew attention to the upcoming meetings and events.

11. Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was led by Vice-Chair Dignard.



BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK Catholic District School Board

Minutes

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

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 April 15, 2025, meeting.

Carried

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 - 7:00 p.m. – Boardroom