



BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK Catholic District School Board

Minutes

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

Committee of the Whole Tuesday, December 16, 2025 ♦ 4:30 pm Boardroom

Trustees:

Carol Luciani (Chair), Bill Chopp (Vice Chair), Dennis Blake, Dan Dignard
Mulan How (Student Trustee), Riley O'Brien (Student Trustee)

Regrets: Rick Petrella (on leave)

Senior Administration:

Mike McDonald (Director of Education & Secretary), Rajini Nelson (Superintendent of Business & Treasurer)
John Della Fortuna, Kevin Greco, Michael Lawlor, Phil Wilson (Superintendents of Education)

1. Opening Business

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

The meeting was opened with a land acknowledgement by Director McDonald.

1.2 Opening Prayer

Vice-Chair Chopp led the meeting in prayer.

1.3 Attendance

Attendance was as noted above.

1.4 Approval of the Agenda

Chair Luciani noted that there are no in-camera Committee of the Whole agenda items, therefore the committee will not move to an in-camera meeting.

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the December 16, 2025, meeting as amended.

Carried as amended

1.5 Declaration of Interest – Nil

1.6 Approval of Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes – November 25, 2025

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the November 25, 2025, meeting.

Carried

1.7 Business from the Minutes - Nil

2. Presentations – Nil

3. Delegations – Nil



4. Consent Agenda

4.1 Unapproved Minutes from the Regional Catholic Parent Involvement Committee – November 10, 2025

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the unapproved minutes of the Regional Catholic Parent Committee Meeting of November 10, 2025.

Carried

4.2 Unapproved Minutes from the Special Education Advisory Committee – November 18, 2025

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

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 November 18, 2025.

Carried

5. Committee and Staff Reports

5.1 EQAO Update

Superintendent Wilson presented the EQAO update report. EQAO results offer an important snapshot of system performance in relation to the Ontario curriculum expectations and support the Board in monitoring progress toward strategic priorities in literacy, numeracy, and student achievement. The Board remains committed to using EQAO evidence alongside classroom assessment and local data to celebrate successes, identify areas requiring focused improvement, and guide system-level support that advance the board's mission. In response to emerging achievement needs and prior to the EQAO release, BHNCDSB strengthened system supports in 2025 through purposeful restructuring and staffing investments. Discussion regarding the various media outlet coverage was had. It was noted that a media release was sent out to the local newspapers and posted on social media and the BHNCDSB website. The successes in the priority schools were highlighted, especially at Holy Cross Catholic Elementary School.

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the EQAO Update to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

6. Information and Correspondence

6.1 New School Builds Updates

Superintendent Nelson provided an update on the Brantford Catholic Secondary school as the board has received the building permit from the City of Brantford.

7. Business In-Camera- Nil

8. Report on the In-Camera Session – Nil

9. Future Meetings and Events

Chair Luciani drew attention to the upcoming meetings and events.

10. Closing Prayer



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The closing prayer was led by Chair Luciani.

11. Adjournment

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the December 16, 2025, meeting.

Carried

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 27, 2025 - 4:30 p.m. – Boardroom