



**Committee of the Whole**  
**Tuesday, March 22, 2016 ♦ 7:00 pm**  
**Boardroom**

**Trustees:**

**Present:** Rick Petrella (Chair), Cliff Casey (Vice Chair), Bill Chopp, Dan Dignard, Carol Luciani, Robyn Zettler (Student Trustee)

**Absent:** Bonnie McKinnon

**Senior Administration:**

Chris N. Roehrig (Director of Education & Secretary), Thomas R. Grice (Superintendent of Business & Treasurer), Patrick Daly, Michelle Shypula and Leslie Telfer (Superintendents of Education)

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**1. Opening Business**

**1.1 Opening Prayer**

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Chair Petrella.

**1.2 Attendance – As noted above.**

**1.3 Approval of the Agenda**

Chair Petrella noted that an excursion request to England and France will be added as Item 5.5.

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the March 22, 2016 meeting, as amended.

**Carried**

**1.4 Declaration of Interest - Nil**

**1.5 Approval of Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes – February 16, 2016**

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the February 16, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting.

**Carried**

**1.6 Business Arising from the Minutes – Nil**

**2. Presentations – Nil**

**3. Delegations – Nil**



#### **4. Consent Agenda**

Vice Chair Casey requested that Item 4.3 be removed from the Consent Agenda and dealt with as a separate item.

- 4.1** THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the unapproved minutes of the Regional Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting of February 22, 2016 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.
- 4.2** THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the unapproved minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting of February 23, 2016 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.
- 4.4** THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the unapproved minutes of the Catholic Education Advisory Committee meeting of February 24, 2016 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives all reports and approves all motions under the Consent Agenda.

**Carried**

Vice Chair Casey advised that the Board of Directors of the Student Transportation Services consortium are continuing with their regular review of transportation-related procedures. He distributed copies of Procedures 024, 025, 026, 027 and 028 and requested that feedback be provided to him at the April Committee of the Whole meeting.

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

- 4.3** THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the unapproved minutes of Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk Board of Directors' meeting of February 23, 2016 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

**Carried**

#### **5. Committee and Staff Reports**

##### **5.1 2015-2018 Strategic Plan: Student Achievement Update**

Superintendents Shypula and Daly provided an update on the work being done by the K-12 Student Achievement Team to address gaps in student learning, primarily in the areas of literacy and numeracy, in support of improved student achievement across the district. Some of the key initiatives that were highlighted included Primary and Junior Collaborative Inquiry Learning in Mathematics (CIL-M), the *Learning Language and Loving It* pilot with ELKP students, a Grades 7-10 teacher book study, a focus on capacity building for principals/teachers with respect to mathematics instruction, embedded technology in student learning, and cross-panel work with Grades 7-10 teachers. Superintendent Shypula also distributed copies of a resource provided by the Council of Ontario Directors of Education which has been distributed to Principals and School Council members to help parents engage with their children in the area



of mathematics. Several trustee inquiries were addressed and appreciation was expressed by trustees for the effort and work being done to improve student learning and achievement.

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the 2015-2018 Strategic Plan - Student Achievement Update report to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

**Carried**

## **5.2 Programs for Students with Autism**

Superintendent Telfer introduced Carmen McDermid, Special Education Lead and Crystal Donohue, ABA Program Lead. She explained the significant evolution that has taken place over the last 10 years in the province with respect to supporting students with autism. She noted that there are currently 140 students with autism in elementary and secondary schools across our system and provided an overview of the work being done by Ms. Donohue and support staff to support these students. She also highlighted the ongoing training being provided to Educational Assistants, classroom and FSL teachers. Trustee inquiries with respect to types of behaviour displayed and strategies used to address those behaviour challenges, professional diagnosis, and use of medication were addressed by Ms. Donohue.

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Programs for Students with Autism report to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

**Carried**

## **5.3 Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Update**

Superintendent Shypula provided an overview of the work that has been done to date since the concept of Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) to school was introduced in the fall of 2014. She noted that significant effort has been made to communicate with and educate parents about BYOD and provided examples of how BYOD is already shaping student learning in the classroom in the seven schools that began piloting the program in February 2016. The plan is to expand the program to an additional 10 schools in 2016-17, and to have all schools on board by 2017-18. Trustee inquiries regarding security and potential abuse by users, the changing role of the classroom teacher, keyboarding skills, and the use of BYOD in supporting home schooling/home instruction students were addressed by Superintendents Shypula and Grice.

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Update report to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

**Carried**



**5.4 Excursion – Mission Trip to Columbia, SC**

Superintendent Daly presented a request from Assumption College School, Holy Trinity and St. John's College for up to 20 Grades 11-12 students to participate in the Board's 22<sup>nd</sup> Mission Trip. This year's destination is Columbia, South Carolina where students will be involved with the St. Bernard Project, a construction and clean-up project resulting from flash floods.

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the request from Assumption College School, Holy Trinity Catholic High School and St. John's College for an excursion Mission Trip to Columbia, SC during the period of Saturday, April 9 to Saturday, April 16, 2016.

**Carried**

**5.5 Excursion – England & France: Girls' Rugby Tour 2017**

Superintendent Daly presented a request from St. John's College for approximately 25 members of the Eagles Girls' Rugby team to participate in the Girls' Rugby Tour 2017. They will train with and compete against two different English and French rugby clubs, as well as have the opportunity to enjoy tours of historical and cultural attractions. Discussion ensued regarding the impact on pre-approved excursions in the event of a safety alert in the destination country. Director Roehrig commented that student safety is the Board's priority and that decisions would be made on a case-by-case basis, as required.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the excursion request from St. John's College for the Girls' Rugby Team to travel to England and France from Saturday, March 11 to Saturday, March 18, 2017 to participate in the Girls' Rugby Tour 2017.

**Carried**

**6. Information and Correspondence**

Chair Petrella shared a communication from OCSTA that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board (BHNCD SB) has been moved to the Central Region for purposes of Regional meetings. BHNCD SB joins Dufferin-Peel, Halton, Hamilton-Wentworth, Niagara, Toronto and York Catholic boards.

Chair Petrella reminded trustees who are not attending the OCSTA AGM to consider signing a Proxy form before the April 27, 2016 deadline.

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 items since the last meeting.

**Carried**

**7. Trustee Inquiries - Nil**



**8. Business In-Camera**

Moved by: Bill Chopp

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: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the business of the in-camera session.

**Carried**

**10. Future Meetings**

Chair Petrella drew trustee attention to the list of future meetings and events.

**11. Closing Prayer**

Chair Petrella let the closing prayer.

**12. Adjournment**

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the meeting of March 22, 2016.

**Carried**