



Committee of the Whole
Tuesday, January 17, 2017 ♦ 7:00 pm
Boardroom

Trustees:

Present: Rick Petrella (Chair), Dan Dignard (Vice Chair), Cliff Casey, Bill Chopp, Carol Luciani, Rosalin Dubois (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)

1. Opening Business

1.1 Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Trustee Luciani.

1.2 Attendance – As noted above.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the January 17, 2017 meeting.

Carried

1.4 Declaration of Interest – Nil

1.5 Approval of Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes – November 15, 2016

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 minutes of the November 15, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Carried

1.6 Business Arising from the Minutes – Nil

2. Presentations – Nil

3. Delegations – Nil



4. Consent Agenda

Following clarification of acronyms noted in the Mental Health Steering Committee meeting minutes, the following motions were presented:

- 4.1** THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the unapproved minutes of the Mental Health Steering Committee meeting of December 9, 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 December 20, 2016 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Moved by: Carol Luciani

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

5. Committee and Staff Reports

5.1 Unapproved Minutes and Recommendations from the Budget Committee Meeting – January 11, 2017

Trustee Petrella, Chair of the Budget Committee, reviewed the highlights of the three reports addressed at the January 11, 2017 Budget Committee meeting. Superintendent Grice provided additional information on the proposed purchase of TIENET, an alternative IEP engine, reflected in the revised 2016-17 budget. Chair Petrella presented the following recommendations for consideration:

- a) WHEREAS the Board has approved the following goals for the 2015-2018 Strategic Plan:

Improving Student Achievement – Knowing our Learners: When we know, understand and respond to the unique learning needs using assessment-rich learning, we can respond to the individual needs of our students and improve their outcomes;

Catholic Faith Formation – When we support the family and the parish in forming the faith of our students and we commit ourselves to the principles of our gospel values, as expressed through the example of Catholic Social Teaching, we help to build the Kingdom of God;

Developing Safe and Accepting Schools – When we foster positive relationships that emphasize mutual respect, understanding and trust, we are able to improve the cohesion of our community; and

Communicating Effectively – When we communicate effectively to our internal and external stakeholders, we enhance the engagement of our community which improves our ability to generate support for our system.



THAT the Budget Committee recommends that the Committee of the Whole refers the Goals of the 2015-2018 Strategic Plan as the goals for the 2017-18 Budget to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

- b) THAT the Budget Committee recommends the Committee of the Whole refers the Budget Planning report to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval of budget procedures as outlined in the 2017-18 Budget Procedures Manual (September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018).
- c) THAT the Budget Committee recommends that the Committee of the Whole refers the 2016-17 Revised Budget Estimates, in the amount of \$123,352,202 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the unapproved minutes of the Budget Committee Meeting of January 11, 2017 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the recommendations of the Budget Committee Meeting of January 11, 2017 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

Carried

5.2 Unapproved Minutes and Recommendations from the Policy Committee Meeting – January 11, 2017

Vice Chair Dignard, Chair of the Policy Committee, reviewed the key revisions to the three policies that were reviewed at the January 11, 2017 Policy Committee meeting and brought forward the following recommendations:

THAT the Policy Committee recommends that the Committee of the Whole refers the revised Volunteer and Trip Drivers Policy 200.21 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

THAT the Policy Committee recommends that the Committee of the Whole refers the revised Student Accident Insurance Policy 200.22 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

THAT the Policy Committee recommends that the Committee of the Whole refers the revised Director of Education Performance Appraisal Policy 100.02 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the unapproved minutes of the Policy Committee meeting of January 11, 2017 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried



THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the recommendations of the Policy Committee meeting of January 11, 2017 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

Carried

5.3 2015-2018 Strategic Plan – Catholic Faith Formation Update

Following a video presentation highlighting numerous school initiatives bringing to life the Board's spiritual theme, "Act Justly, Love Tenderly, Walk Humbly with your God", Director Roehrig reviewed the key strategies that are leading to the full implementation of the Catholic Faith Formation pillar of the 2015-2018 Strategic Plan. In particular, he highlighted the Christian Meditation in schools program, including the take-home kits and the planned publication of a students' reflection book on Christian Meditation for Catholic Education Week; the purchase of the new Religion & Family Life curriculum resources; the expansion of the social justice initiatives in both elementary and secondary schools; and the consideration of district support of the Global South, to name a few. Trustee discussion included the promotion of Catholic post-secondary education options, the implementation of Christian Meditation practice in our secondary schools, and the potential of partnerships with parishes/Catholic Service Organizations to create meditation gardens in parish/school communities.

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

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

Carried

5.4 Mental Health Strategy Update

Superintendent Telfer presented a comprehensive overview of the 2014-2017 Mental Health Strategy, which is currently in its third and final year of implementation. She also provided a summary of actions taken during 2015-16 and those completed/proposed for 2016-17 in support of the Strategy, which are testaments to the commendable work being done across the system in the area of mental health and well-being. She noted that the Ministry of Education has fully embraced and is promoting / supporting mental health and well-being in many ways, and added that staff will be developing a new Mental Health Strategy for 2017-2020 this year. Trustee discussion centered on student referrals for support and the direct impact of the various initiatives at the grass roots level.

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Mental Health Strategy Update report to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

5.5 French as a Second Language Update

Superintendent Shypula reported that as a result of the work done by Principals Cathy DeGoey and Anna Fortunato, as well as French as a Second Language (FSL) Consultant, Jackie Whiting, there has been a significant shift in French programming for our students, lending itself to a more focused and effective language learning instructional approach. She noted that in support of the Ministry's three goals for FSL in Ontario, the Board has implemented many



initiatives including the expansion of its Primary Core French and French Immersion programs, a growing uptake by Grade 12 students to achieve the DELF proficiency in French certificate, providing modified French instruction for Special Education students, and the availability of online Grades 1-12 French tutoring assistance, to name a few. Trustee inquiries in the area of French Immersion at the secondary level, challenges in accelerating the timeline for implementing the Primary Core French program in all schools, offering an online help program for ELKP parents, and provincial trends in FSL were discussed.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the French as a Second Language Update report to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

5.6 Surplus Accommodation – Grand Erie District School Board

Superintendent Grice reported that the Grand Erie District School Board is disposing of the former École Fairview property, and advised that the Board has no anticipated need for this property.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board advises the Grand Erie District School Board that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board has no interest in the following property:

- École Fairview, 34 Norman Street, Brantford.

Carried

5.7 Graduation Rates

Superintendent Daly advised that in the spring, the Ministry will be releasing school board graduation rates for the 2011-12 Grade 9 cohort. Preliminary results for those students who started their Grade 9 education with our Board indicates that 86% (4 year) and 89% (5 year) successfully graduated. Internal calculation which measures the success of students who begin secondary school with us and stay until graduation results in a 92% (4 year) and 94% (5 year) success rates. Trustee inquiries with respect to pathways options for Special Education students entering Grade 9, and the impact that alternative learning programs and provincial assessment scores has on graduation rates were discussed.

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Graduation Rates report to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

5.8 Financial Report – November 30, 2016

Superintendent Grice presented the Board expenditure report for the period ending November 30, 2016. He reported that the budget is on track with 23.9% of the total budget spent at the quarter year mark and noted that the Board is on track with projections to year end.



Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Financial Report – November 2016 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

6. Information and Correspondence

Director Roehrig circulated a copy of the Catholic Education Foundation of Ontario's 2016 Yearbook, which featured photos of the 2015-16 Catholic Student Award recipients from every Catholic secondary school in the province, including our three Board recipients.

Director Roehrig drew attention to a second article written by Faith Animator, Paul Tratnyek, "Compassionate Action: The Power of Authentic Leadership", published in the winter edition of *Principal Connections*, the magazine of the Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

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

In response to Trustee Chopp's inquiry about plans for this year's Souper Bowl fundraiser, Superintendent Shypula advised that it would be one of the initiatives included in the Board's second annual Lenten Campaign of Caring.

Trustee Chopp informed the Board that former elementary teacher, John Deluca, is now President of Quillsoft Ltd., which provides software products in the education and literacy fields.

Director Roehrig provided insight on Vice Chair Dignard's inquiry about the Board's evangelization role.

8. Business In-Camera

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

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: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

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 upcoming meetings and events.



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

11. Closing Prayer

Chair Petrella led the closing prayer.

12. Adjournment

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the meeting of January 17, 2017.

Carried