



BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK Catholic District School Board

Minutes

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

Committee of the Whole Tuesday, March 21, 2023 ♦ 7:00 pm Boardroom

Members: **Trustees:**
Rick Petrella (Chair), Carol Luciani (Vice Chair), Dennis Blake, Bill Chopp, Dan Dignard,
Mark Watson, Halaena Buenviaje (Student Trustee)

Senior Administration:
Mike McDonald (Director of Education & Secretary), Scott Keys (Superintendent of Business & Treasurer), Kevin Greco, Lorrie Temple, Phil Wilson (Superintendents of Education)

1. Opening Business

1.1 Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Trustee Luciani.

1.2 Attendance

Attendance was as noted above.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the March 21, 2023 meeting.

Carried

1.4 Declaration of Interest – Nil

2. Presentations

2.1 New Website Update

Tracey Austin, Manager of Communications presented the new website to the Board of Trustees. The new website is in the final stages of completion and will be rolled out soon. Some of the updates include accessibility and security along with new and revamped content.

3. Delegations – Nil

4. Consent Agenda

4.1 Unapproved Minutes from the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting – February 21, 2023

Discussion was had surrounding the various programs being used.

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the unapproved



minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of February 21, 2023

Carried

**4.2 Unapproved Minutes from the Regional Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
- February 23, 2023**

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the unapproved minutes of the Regional Catholic Parent Involvement Committee February 23, 2023.

Carried

5. Committee and Staff Reports

5.1 Contract Summary (Q2 2023)

A semi-annual contract summary report was presented to the Board. This report lists all contracts approved by the Board in accordance with Policy 700.01. Approved contractor lists were discussed along with collaborative partners and agreements.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Contract Summary (Q2 2023) report to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

5.2 Quarterly Capital Update

Superintendent Keys provided an update on three major capital projects including the Caledonia elementary school, Brantford secondary school and Assumption College sports field revitalization. Timelines for various aspects of the three projects were discussed.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

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

Carried

5.3 Primary Core French Update

Superintendent Greco provided an update on the removal of the grade 1- 3 optional Core French program within the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board. Staffing projections were discussed with regards to the change in programming. Staffing timelines were also discussed.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Primary Core French Update Report to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried



5.4 EQAO Update

Superintendent Temple discussed the various strategies in place including professional development, resources, and tutoring to address the results from the 2021/2022 EQAO results. Discussion was had regarding timelines for the EQAO testing for 2022/2023.

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

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

Carried

5.5 International Excursion: Costa Rica and Panama

Superintendent Wilson presented the International Excursion to Costa Rica and Panama. The educational benefits of the trip were discussed along the number of educators attending, and the need to purchase travel insurance.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the excursion request from St. John's College and Assumption College School for an excursion to Costa Rica and Panama from Friday March 8, 2024, to Sunday, March 17, 2024 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

Carried

5.6 International Excursion: Rome to Athens – Moved to In Camera

The trustees agreed to move the agenda item to the in-camera session.

5.7 International Excursion: Southern Italy – Moved to In Camera

The trustees agreed to move the agenda item to the in-camera session.

5.8 Supervised Alternative Learning

Superintendent Wilson presented the Supervised Alternative Learning update. The benefits and successes of the various supervised alternative learning programs were discussed.

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Supervised Alternative Learning report to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

5.9 Student Trustee Policy

Director McDonald shared an updated Student Trustee Policy. Two changes were made to the policy. The first change included updating the number of elected student trustees from one to two as per Ontario Regulation 7/07 from the Education Act. Secondly, the Catholic requirement for student trustees was removed as per a recent decision made by the Human Rights Commission. Discussion was had surrounding the length of term for the student trustees. It was noted Trustee Blake understood the reasoning for removing the Catholic requirement but did not agree with it.



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Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Student Trustee Policy #100.07 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

Carried

6. Information and Correspondence

6.1 Strategic Plan Update

Director McDonald provided an update regarding the Strategic Plan including the success of the multi-year planning event that was held at the Catholic Education Center on March 9, 2023, which included various stakeholders along with next steps.

6.2 Staffing Timelines

Superintendent Greco provided an update regarding staffing timelines. Human Resources is currently in the process of allocating sections to the secondary schools. First preliminary drafts of organization reports will go out to elementary schools at the end of March. Meetings will begin in May for support staff. Flexibility within organization reports to meet the needs of the school was discussed and previously communicated with administrators.

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

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

The new date for the Accommodation meeting was discussed. Trustee Dignard shared information from the meeting that Director McDonald and himself had with the Bishop at the Diocese of Hamilton. The school within a college (SWAC) program was discussed and a request for an update on the program was requested.

8. Business In-Camera

Moved by: Carol Luciani

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: Mark Watson

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



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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: Mark Watson

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the March 21, 2023 meeting.

Carried

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 7:00 p.m. – Boardroom