



**BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK
Catholic District School Board**

Minutes

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

**Committee of the Whole
Tuesday, March 19, 2024 ♦ 7:00 pm
Boardroom**

Trustees:

Rick Petrella (Chair), Carol Luciani (Vice Chair), Dennis Blake, Bill Chopp, Dan Dignard, Mark Watson
Caroline Goveas (Student Trustee), Mia Martorelli (Student Trustee)

Senior Administration:

Mike McDonald (Director of Education & Secretary), Scott Keys (Superintendent of Business & Treasurer),
John Della Fortuna, 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: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the March 19, 2024 meeting.

Carried

1.4 Declaration of Interest - Nil

2. Presentations - Nil

3. Delegations – Nil

4. Consent Agenda

4.1 Unapproved Minutes from the Mental Health Steering Committee – February 8, 2024

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the unapproved minutes of the Mental Health Steering Committee of February 8, 2024.

Carried

4.2 Unapproved Minutes from the Special Education Advisory Meeting – February 20, 2024

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

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 February 20, 2024.

Carried



4.3 Unapproved Minutes from the Accessibility Steering Committee

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the unapproved minutes of the Accessibility Steering Committee Meeting of February 23, 2024.

Carried

5. Committee and Staff Reports

5.1 Q1 & Q2 Contract Awards

Superintendent Keys presented the Q1 & Q2 2024 report update. Discussion regarding various expenditures has had. A report that shows the cost of staff absenteeism to the board was requested for the April Committee of the Whole.

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Mark Watson

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Contract Summary (Q1/Q2 2024) report to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

5.2 International Excursions 2025

Superintendent Wilson presented the requests for the 2025 International trip requests among the three high schools. Highlights from the 2024 March break international trips were noted. The trustees agreed to move the International Excursions 2025 agenda item to the in-camera session.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the request from Assumption College for the Greece International Excursion in 2025.

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the request from Assumption College for the France and Italy International Excursion in 2025

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the request from Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School for the Costa Rica International Excursion in 2025.

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the request from Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School for the Berlin, Prague, Krakow, and Budapest International Excursion in 2025.

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the request from St. John's College for the France and Italy International Excursion in 2025.



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THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the request from Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School for the Scotland International Excursion in 2025.

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the request from St. John's College for the New York City International Excursion in 2025.

Deferred

5.3 International Excursions 2026

Superintendent Wilson Superintendent Wilson presented the requests for the 2026 International trip requests among the three high schools. The trustees agreed to move the International Excursions 2026 agenda item to the in-camera session.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the request from Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School for the Italy International Excursion in 2026.

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the request from Assumption College for the Italy International Excursion in 2026.

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the request from Assumption College and St. John's College for the Germany and Switzerland International Excursion in 2026.

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the request from Holy Trinity for the Spain and Portugal International Excursion in 2026.

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the request from St. John's College for the Ireland International Excursion in 2026.

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the request from St. John's College for the Chicago International Excursion in 2026.

Deferred

6. Information and Correspondence

6.1 Staffing Timelines

Superintendent Greco presented an update on staffing timelines for all employee groups as well as enrollment projections for both elementary and secondary. Discussion regarding ongoing recruitment and advertising was had. System wide Special Education supports, and French Immersion enrollment was discussed along with Jordan's Principle funding.

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the information and correspondence since the last meeting.



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7. Trustee Inquiries

Discussion was had regarding media coverage and promotion of the new school in Caledonia, along with ongoing registration promotion.

8. Business In-Camera

Moved by: Dan Dignard

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: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Mark Watson

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 Petrella drew attention to the upcoming meetings and events.

11. Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was led by Chair Petrella.

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 March 19, 2024 meeting.

Carried

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 7:00 p.m. – Boardroom