



BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK Catholic District School Board

Minutes

Catholic Education Centre
322 Fairview Drive
Brantford, ON N3R 2X6

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 17, 2024 – 1:00pm

Microsoft Teams

- Members:** Dennis Blake (Trustee), Lauren Freeborn (Contact Brant), Patti Mitchell (Parent, County of Brant), Lauren Moulton (Woodview Mental Health and Autism Services)
- Regrets:** Brandi Bertling (Child and Family Services of Grand Erie), Tara Buchanan (Community Living Brant), Mischa Dinsmore (Lansdowne Children's Centre), Michelle Drake (Crossing All Bridges), Shannon Korber (Child and Family Services of Grand Erie), Marilyn Noi (Autism Ontario),
Janelle Sandy (Indigenous Child and Youth Team at Child and Family Services of Grand Erie), Nil Woodcroft (Haldimand Norfolk REACH)
- Resources:** Sandra DeDominicis (Student Achievement Lead: Special Education), Kerri Lomax (Principal, Elementary), Jennifer Rudyk (Principal, Elementary), Phil Wilson (Superintendent of Education)

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Superintendent Wilson welcomed the committee.

2. Opening Prayer

Sandra De Dominicis shared an opening prayer.

3. Land Acknowledgement

Superintendent Wilson read the board's land acknowledgement.

4. Introductions

Lauren Moulton welcomed all committee members.

5. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Lauren Freeborn

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Special Education Advisory Committee approves the agenda of the December 17, 2024, meeting.

Carried

6. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by: Lauren Freeborn

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Special Education Advisory Committee approves the minutes of the November 19, 2024, meeting.

Carried

7. Correspondence

Nil

8. Community Agency Updates

Patti Mitchell

The Special Olympics team is preparing for the July 10-13, 2025, Summer Games. In the new year, the team will be looking for 700 volunteers to assist with the games. High school students are welcome to volunteer to obtain volunteer hours. Volunteers do not need to commit to the entire games but can work to their availability. Thirty Brantford athletes will be participating this year.

Lauren Moulton

Woodview Mental Health and Autism Services held their Children's Holiday Party. There were over one hundred children in attendance. Woodview will be open throughout the holiday season, except for the statutory holidays.

10. Student Achievement Lead and Superintendent of Education

- Superintendent Wilson and Sandra De Dominicis visited with one class and one of the Speech Language Pathologists working with Story Champs. After only two weeks using the Story Champs program, students are already making gains and learning.
- Two Special Education consultants trained our Special Education Resource Teachers and Special Class Secondary teachers on the Key math diagnostic tool.
- BHNCD SB welcomed a new service dog to our school system.
- A Community of Practice meeting was held on December 12, 2024.
- BHNCD SB has had tremendous success with our Special Education students in regards to EQAO scores. Researchers from EQAO have reached out to Superintendent Wilson to determine the programming BHNCD SB is providing to students to assist in achieving these results.
- Superintendent Wilson discussed the BHNCD SB website in regards to Special Education. He noted that revisions are currently being made to improve user friendliness, providing relevant information for families, as well as ease in finding Special Education on the website.

11. Closing Remarks/Adjournment

Phil Wilson thanked everyone. The meeting adjourned at 1:30pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025.
