BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK
Catholic District School Board

Minutes

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

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Monday, June 15, 2026 – 1:00 pm
Catholic Education Centre or Microsoft Teams

Members: Dennis Blake (Trustee), Melanie Caldwell (Contact Brant), Michelle Drake (Crossing All Bridges), Shannon Korber (Child and Family Services of Grand Erie), Patti Mitchell (Parent, County of Brant), Lauren Moulton (Woodview Mental Health and Autism Services), Tammy West (Haldimand Norfolk REACH)

Regrets: Simon Jennions (Community Living Brant), Kerri Lomax (Principal, Elementary), Judy McCaffrey (Lansdowne Children's Centre), Marilyn Noi (Autism Ontario), Jennifer Rudyk (Principal, Elementary)

Resources: Sandra DeDominicis (Vice-Principal of Inclusive and Special Education) and Phil Wilson (Superintendent of Education)

1. **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

   Lauren Moulton welcomed the committee.

2. **Land Acknowledgement**

   Superintendent Wilson read the board's land acknowledgement.

3. **Opening Prayer**

   Sandra DeDominicis shared an opening prayer.

4. **Approval of Agenda**

   Moved by: Shannon Korber
   Seconded by: Patti Mitchell
   THAT the Special Education Advisory Committee approves the agenda of the June 15, 2026, meeting.

   Carried

5. **Approval of the Minutes**

   Moved by: Dennis Blake
   Seconded by: Tammy West
   THAT the Special Education Advisory Committee approves the minutes of the May 19, 2026, meeting.

   Carried

6. **Correspondence – Nil**

7. **Community Agency Updates**

Melanie Caldwell

Contact Brant provided several updates including that the program at Madonna Della Libera is going very well, with strong collaboration among those involved. Contact Brant will be attending Pride in the Park June 20-21, 2026, and will host a lemonade stand on June 18, 2026.

Shannon Korber

Child and Family Services of Grand Erie provided an update that the term “Transportation Stability Funds” has been replaced with “Children and Youth in Care Funding.” This funding supports positive and stable connections to school during times of instability and has also been used for transportation to services and activities, such as psychological assessments and camps.

Patti Mitchell

Positive feedback has been received from parents regarding BHNCDSB secondary schools. It was also noted that many students are advancing to provincial and national competitions in events including track, shot put, and standing long jump.

Lauren Moulton

Woodview Mental Health and Autism Services shared that they are continuing to offer several of the groups that were available last year. They also provided an update on Duck Fest, a two-day festival that supports Woodview and includes an opportunity to win a cash prize.

Tammy West

Haldimand Norfolk REACH shared that it will be expanding its before and after school programming to St. Francis Cabrini Catholic Elementary School, with the program expected to be fully operational in Delhi in September. It was noted that this is not a recreational program and therefore has specific ratios and commitments.

Haldimand Norfolk REACH is also expanding its summer camp program in Caledonia from thirteen to twenty-six spaces for children entering Junior Kindergarten, as well as adding four infant program spaces. An update was also provided on the Positive Discipline in Everyday Parenting program.

8. Vice-Principal of Inclusive and Special Education and the Superintendent of Education

The Special Education Department provided several updates:

- Educational Assistant (EA) allocations for the 2026–2027 school year have been distributed, with over 200 EAs placed, including nine full-time contracts.
- The overall Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT) allocation has increased by more than five positions.
- The Special Education Plan will be distributed to SEAC members for feedback.
- The Primary Learning Strategies Class open house was held on May 20, 2026. Families attended to visit the program, and students have since enrolled. Staff and Bartimaeus will be returning to support the program.
- Have a Go was held on June 2, 2026, and was facilitated by the St. John’s College Leadership class, with just over 100 participants.
- Identification, Placement and Review Committee’s for Spectrum Abilities students will be

held the week of June 22, 2026.

- Specialized transportation trials are underway for students.
- The Board has received Ministry budget information regarding core funding for Special Education.

9. Closing Remarks/Adjournment

Lauren Moulton thanked everyone. The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2026.