



Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 26, 2010 7:00 p.m.
Boardroom

Members: **Trustees:**
June Szeman (Chair), Joe McPherson (Vice Chair), Dennis Blake, Cliff Casey, Dan Dignard,
Bonnie McKinnon, Alyna Poremba (Student Trustee)

Senior Administration:
Cathy Horgan (Director of Education), Wally Easton (Associate Director, Corporate Services &
Treasurer), Bill Chopp (Superintendent of Education), Trish Kings (Superintendent of
Education), Chris Roehrig (Superintendent of Education)

1. Call to Order

- 1.1 Opening Prayer - June Szeman
- 1.2 Attendance

2. Routine Matters

- 2.1 Approval of the Agenda
- 2.2 Declaration of Interest
- 2.3 Approval of Minutes from the Board Meeting – September 28, 2010 Pages 3-7
- 2.4 Approval of Minutes from the Special Meeting of the Board – October 8, 2010 Pages 8-9
- 2.5 Business Arising from Minutes

3. Presentations and Delegations

4. Committee and Staff Reports

- 4.1 Unapproved Minutes and Recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Pages 10-15
Meeting from October 19, 2010
Presenter: Joe McPherson, Vice Chair
 - Teaching and Learning in the 21st Century (pgs. 16-19)
 - OCSTA – Annual Membership Fees (pgs. 20)
- 4.2 Student Trustee Report Page 21
Presenter: Alyna Poremba, Student Trustee

5. Information and Correspondence



6. Notices of Motion

7. Trustee Inquiries

8. Business In-camera

207. (2) Closing of certain committee meetings. A meeting of a committee of a board, including a committee of the whole board, may be closed to the public when the subject-matter under consideration involves,

- a. The security of the property of the board;
- b. The disclosure of intimate, personal or financial information in respect of a member of the board or committee, an employee or prospective employee of the board or a pupil or his or her parent or guardian;
- c. The acquisition or disposal of a school site;
- d. Decisions in respect of negotiations with employees of the board; or
- e. Litigation affecting the board.

9. Report on the In-Camera Session

10. Future Meetings and Events

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11. Moment of Silent Reflection

12. Adjournment



Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 28, 2010 7:00 pm
Boardroom

Present:

Trustees:

June Szeman (Chair), Joe McPherson (Vice Chair), Dennis Blake, Cliff Casey, Dan Dignard, Bonnie McKinnon, Ayna Poremba (Student Trustee)

Senior Administration:

Cathy Horgan (Director of Education), Wally Easton (Associate Director, Corporate Services & Treasurer), Bill Chopp, Trish Kings and Chris Roehrig (Superintendents of Education)

Absent:

1. Call to Order

1.1 Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with prayer led by June Szeman, Chair of the Board.

2. Routine Matters

2.1 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the Agenda of the September 28, 2010 meeting.

Carried

2.2 Declaration of Interest - Nil

2.3 Approval of Minutes from the Board Meeting of June 22, 2010

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the Minutes from the June 22, 2010 meeting of the Board.

Carried



2.4 Approval of Minutes from the Special Meeting of the Board of July 22, 2010

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the Minutes from the July 22, 2010 Special Meeting of the Board.

Carried

2.5 Approval of Minutes from the Special Meeting of the Board of August 25, 2010

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the Minutes from the August 25, 2010 Special Meeting of the Board.

Carried

2.6 Business Arising from Minutes - Nil

3. Presentations and Delegations –

3.1 Theresa Harris, Executive Director of the Ontario Catholic Supervisory Officers' Association, expressed OCSOA's appreciation to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for their generosity in supporting the involvement of Cathy Horgan, Director of Education, as OCSOA's President from 2008-09, as well as her current two-year tenure as Past President. In acknowledgment of her dedicated leadership, the Board was presented with an oak paschal candle stand and candle, which will be used during liturgies at the Catholic Education Centre.

3.2 The Board recognized and congratulated Jim Harder, Elementary Principal, who retired from the Board on June 30, 2010 after 34 years of service to students and the system as a teacher and Principal.

3.3 Mary Gallo, Principal of Program: Secondary, presented the Board with a *Community Partnership Award 1999-2010*, awarded to the Board by the Workforce Planning Board of Grand Erie, as well as a certificate from MP Phil McColeman in recognition of Board staff's contributions in strengthening communities, creating partnerships and cultivating the future.

4. Committee and Staff Reports

4.1 Unapproved Minutes and Recommendations from the Committee of the Whole meeting of September 21, 2010

Vice Chair Joe McPherson reviewed the unapproved minutes and recommendations to the Board from the September 21, 2010 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. Chair Szeman put forward an amendment to the Honoraria for Board Members motion, noting the following additional point:

- v) The Consumer Price Index (CPI) be applied in accordance with Regulation 357/06, and subject to the conditions of the Public Sector Compensation Restraint to Protect Public Services Act, effective April 2012.



Approval was requested for the following recommendations, including the amendment noted above:

THAT the Chair or Vice-Chair and the Treasurer are authorized, on behalf of the Board, to borrow from time-to-time from the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC) a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate \$1,000,000 to meet the capital expenditures of the Board until the capital revenue has been received, for the year (including the amounts required for the purposes mentioned in subsection 243(1) and 243(2) of the Education Act, plus interest at a rate to be agreed upon from time-to-time with CIBC.

THAT the Treasurer is authorized and directed to apply in payment of all sums plus interest, all of the monies collected or received in respect of the capital revenue of the Board.

THAT the Treasurer is authorized and directed to deliver to CIBC from time-to-time, upon request, a statement showing: (a) the total amount of unpaid previous borrowing of the Board for current expenditures together with debt charges, if any, and (b) the uncollected balance of the estimated revenues for the current year or, where the estimates have not been adopted, the estimated revenues of the previous year less any current revenue already collected.

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the appointment of Bruce Hodgson, Ralph Pearce and Martin Titmus to the Compliance Audit Committee for the purposes of Section 81 of the Municipal Elections Act for the period of December 1, 2010 to December 1, 2014.

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the calculation for determining the annual trustee honoraria for the term of office December 1, 2010 to November 30, 2014 as follows:

- i) 100% of the Base Amount or \$5,900 per year;
- ii) 100% of the Enrolment Amount or \$1.75 per student;
- iii) 100% of the extra Enrolment Amount for the Chair and Vice-Chair;
- iv) 0% of the Attendance Amount; and
- v) The Consumer Price Index (CPI) be applied in accordance with Regulation 357/06, and subject to the conditions of the Public Sector Compensation Restraint to Protect Public Services Act, effective April 2012.



Moved by: Joe McPherson
Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the unapproved minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 21, 2010.

Carried

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 21, 2010.

Carried

4.2 Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Alyna Poremba provided an overview of the upcoming tasks for the Student Senate, as well as the many school year kick-off activities that students at all three secondary schools have been involved in.

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon
Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Student Trustee Report for September 2010.

Carried

5. Information and Correspondence:

As a follow-up to his report to the Committee of the Whole on September 21, 2010, Superintendent Chris Roehrig distributed an updated elementary schools organization chart. Superintendent Roehrig confirmed that 2.5 Long Term Occasional teachers have been withdrawn from their assignments as a direct result of the higher-than-predicted decline in enrolment. Although a thorough analysis is still in the process of being completed, Superintendent Roehrig predicts that a number of factors contributed to the current situation and that this is an unusual year for the Board. In response to a trustee inquiry about reviewing school boundaries, Director Horgan confirmed that this will be referred to the Accommodations Committee in the near future.

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon
Seconded by: Dennis Blake

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

6. Notices of Motion:

Moved by: Cliff Casey
Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT, for the school years 2011-12 and beyond, the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board will determine the number of full-day kindergarten classes that can be offered each year based on the total provincial funding provided for the Early Learning Program for each phase. This includes total funding for operating and capital purposes.



Director Horgan provided background information to the original motion submitted to the Ministry of Education in June, 2010 by the District School Board of Niagara. She suggested that this motion is pre-emptive and recommended that it be considered when the 2011-12 Early Years Program report is presented to the Board next month. Trustees Casey and Blake withdrew the motion.

7. Trustee Inquiries: Nil

8. Business In-Camera

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board moves to an in-camera session of the board.

Carried

9. Report on the In-Camera Session

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the business of the in-camera session.

Carried

10. Future Meetings and Events

Chair June Szeman reviewed the list of upcoming meetings and events.

11. Moment of Silent Reflection

12. Adjournment

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the meeting of September 28, 2010.

Carried



Special Meeting of the Board
Friday, October 8, 2010 4:00 p.m.
via Teleconference

Present: **Trustees:**
June Szeman (Chair), Joe McPherson (Vice Chair), Cliff Casey, Bonnie McKinnon

Absent: Dennis Blake, Dan Dignard

Senior Administration:
Wally Easton (Associate Director, Corporate Services & Treasurer), Chris Roehrig
(Superintendent of Education)

1. Call to Order

1.1 Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by June Szeman, Chair of the Board.

2. Routine Matters

2.1 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Joe McPherson
Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda for the Special Meeting of the Board of October 8, 2010.

Carried

2.2 Declaration of Interest: Nil

3. Committee and Staff Reports

3.1 Construction of St. John's College Addition

Associate Director Wally Easton reviewed the events leading up to the recent re-tendering of the addition and balance of electrical/mechanical work (Phase 2) at St. John's College. The second more detailed tender was opened publically on October 5, with the lowest bid of \$6,837,000 received from PM Contracting. In addition to the base bid, the bid also includes the demolition of the Providence Resource Centre and upgrade to the Food Services program facility, but does not include the balance of the energy upgrade work. Although the bid is \$142,000 over the budget previously approved by the Board, Mr. Easton is prepared to seek additional funding from the Ministry and failing this, will consider other options during the revised budget process later this fall.



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322 Fairview Drive
Brantford, ON N3T 5M8

Moved by: Joe McPherson
Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board awards the contract for the construction of Phase #2 of the St. John's College addition to PM Contracting Ltd. at a cost of \$6,837,000, plus HST.

Carried – Unanimous

Trustee Dignard, who was unable to attend the meeting, expressed his support of the motion prior to the meeting.

5. Moment of Silent Reflection

6. Adjournment

Moved by: Cliff Casey
Seconded by: Joe McPherson

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the Special Meeting of the Board of October 8, 2010.

Carried

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BOARD FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

October 19, 2010

AGENDA ITEM	MOTION
4.2	THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves: 1. the "Teaching and Learning in the 21 st Century" Plan subject to future budget considerations, and; 2. the pilot project for 2010-11 in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.
4.7	THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the continued membership with the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association and remit the annual fee of \$46,781 for the 2010-11 school year.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the unapproved minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 19, 2010.

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 19, 2010.



Committee of the Whole
Tuesday, October 19, 2010 7:00 pm
Boardroom

Trustees:

Present: June Szeman (Chair), Joe McPherson (Vice Chair), Dennis Blake, Cliff Casey, Dan Dignard, Bonnie McKinnon, Alyna Poremba (Student Trustee)

Absent:

Senior Administration:

Cathy Horgan (Director of Education), Wally Easton (Associate Director, Corporate Services & Treasurer), Bill Chopp (Superintendent of Education), Trish Kings (Superintendent of Education), Chris Roehrig (Superintendent of Education)

1. Call to Order

1.1 Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Joe McPherson.

2. Routine Matters

2.1 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda for the October 19, 2010 meeting.

Carried

2.2 Declaration of Interest: Nil

2.3 Approval of Minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 21, 2010

It was noted that point "v", which was added to the motion for Item 4.6, Honoraria for Board Members, at the September 28, 2010 Board Meeting, was not noted in the Committee of the Whole minutes. This revision will be reflected in the official Board Meeting minutes.

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes from the September 21, 2010 meeting.

Carried



2.4 Business Arising from Minutes: Nil

3. Presentations and Delegations: Nil

4. Committee and Staff Reports:

4.1 Building Blocks for Education

Director Cathy Horgan provided a brief overview of last month's "Building Blocks for Education" summit, hosted by Premier Dalton McGuinty, which focused on "whole system reform".

Education leaders from around the world reviewed and dialogued about the principles of effective school systems. Director Horgan highlighted the criteria that our Board continues to use as measures of our own effectiveness and as focused guidelines for moving us forward.

Moved by: Joe McPherson

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the report on Building Blocks for Education – An Overview.

Carried

4.2 Teaching and Learning in the 21st Century

At the request of the Chair, Director Horgan introduced and welcomed Greg Reeves, Superintendent of Education, and Sean Heuchert, Manager of Information Technology, from the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board, as well as Anne Saftich, National Teaching and Learning Manager (K-12) for IBM Canada. Superintendent Reeves made a presentation on their Board's journey over the last few years in bringing technology to every teacher and classroom in their system and the professional development provided to staff to ensure the effective use of this technology.

Following a question and answer period with the presenters, Superintendent Trish Kings presented a proposal for a five-month pilot project involving primary teachers in two existing school networks (seven schools in total). This pilot, with a focus on primary reading, will address the specific goals of the District Student Achievement Team, which are: 1) enhanced teacher practice, 2) student engagement in their learning, and 3) improved student achievement. The long term plan is that by the end of Year 3, all primary teachers across the system will have received a netbook and have been trained on the effective use of the Destination Reading Software, which links directly with our existing Nelson Literacy Program. Working with netbooks to enhance teaching practice will also help meet the expectations of all strategic goals of the Board and School Improvement Plans.

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves:

1. the "Teaching and Learning in the 21st Century" Plan subject to future budget considerations, and;
2. the pilot project for 2010-11 in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

Carried



4.3 Unapproved Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2010

Committee Chair Dennis Blake reviewed the minutes from the SEAC meeting of October 13, 2010.

Moved by: Dennis Blake
Seconded by: Cliff Casey

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the unapproved minutes from the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting of October 13, 2010 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

4.4 Unapproved Faith Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2010

Committee Chair June Szeman reviewed the minutes from the Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of September 23, 2010.

Moved by: Joe McPherson
Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the unapproved minutes from the Faith Advisory Committee meeting of September 23, 2010 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

4.5 Unapproved Catholicity Committee Meeting Minutes of September 29, 2010

Committee Chair June Szeman reviewed the minutes from the Catholicity Committee Meeting of September 29, 2010.

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon
Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the unapproved minutes from the Catholicity Committee meeting of September 29, 2010 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

4.6 Primary Class Size

Associate Director Wally Easton reviewed the compliance report submitted to the Ministry regarding class sizes. We continue to consistently meet the 90% Primary Classes 20 and Under Ministry target.

Moved by: Cliff Casey
Seconded by: Joe McPherson

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Primary Class Size report.

Carried



4.7 OCSTA – Annual Membership Fees

Director Cathy Horgan reported that the annual membership fees for the Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association reflects the same fee structure that has been used for the past three years.

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the continued membership with the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association and remit the annual fee of \$46,781 for the 2010-11 school year.

Carried

5. Information and Correspondence:

Chair Szeman read a thank you card from a teacher who enjoyed and appreciated the Storefront Workshops event last month.

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.

6. Notices of Motion: Nil

7. Trustee Inquiries:

8. Business In-Camera

Moved by: Joe McPherson

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

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: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Joe McPherson

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the business from the in-camera session.

Carried

10. Future Meetings

The list of upcoming meetings and events was reviewed by Trustees.



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11. Moment of Silent Reflection

12. Adjournment

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the meeting of October 19, 2010.

Carried

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 16, 2010, 7:00 pm - Boardroom

REPORT TO THE BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Prepared by: Wally Easton, Associate Director and Trish Kings, Superintendent of Education
Presented to: Committee of the Whole
Submitted on: Tuesday, October 19, 2010
Submitted by: Cathy Horgan, Director of Education & Secretary

TEACHING AND LEARNING IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Public Session

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In the 21st century, students must be fully engaged in their learning. This requires the use of technology tools and resources, involvement with interesting and relevant projects and learning environments, including online environments that are supportive and safe.

The value in technology-supported pedagogy is two-fold as it has the potential to engage both students and staff in collaborative activities and provides the opportunity for students to express an authentic voice in new and engaging ways. Educators must be given and be prepared to use technology tools and they must be collaborators in learning, constantly seeking knowledge and acquiring new skills along with their students.

Technology-supported pedagogy involves three stages, including:

- technology as replacement, in which technology replaces but does not change the teacher's instructional practice;
- technology as application, in which technology helps accomplish tasks more efficiently and effectively, while the task itself remains the same; and,
- technology as transformation, in which the use of technology changes students' learning routines, including content, cognitive processes, and problem-solving.

At the Committee of the Whole meeting on February 16, 2010, a report on Technology and Student Achievement was presented to the Board outlining the recommendations from the Educational Technology Strategic Planning Workshop conducted by IBM's Education Division.

Two key recommendations from the report included linking the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board's educational technology investment and strategic Information Technology Plan to the District's learning priorities, and creating a District Student Achievement Team to ensure all initiatives, including technology supported ones, are aligned with the main District achievement priorities. A task list was created that included:

- the development of the "why" statement;
- defining specific roles;
- identifying a district-wide standard for educational technology deployment; and,
- determining the potential for a pilot project.

Developments

The District Student Achievement Team comprised of senior staff and Principals of Program developed an official "why" statement to clearly articulate why the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board is investing in educational technology. This statement serves as the guiding reason for future educational technology purchases and is tightly linked to the learning priorities of the Board.

The 'why' statement is:

We will use Information Communication Technology to enhance teacher practice and student engagement to improve student achievement in the SMART goals identified in the Board Improvement Plan to meet the needs of the 21st century learner, specifically in Primary Reading.

The Ministry of Education expects that 75% of 12 year olds achieve levels 3 and 4 in reading, writing and mathematics. The 2009-10 EQAO results indicate that while the Board's Grade 6 results in reading have reached this goal, the Grade 3 reading results have fluctuated between 64% and 68% over time. It is critically important that as students leave the primary grades, they can read proficiently as they embrace the content areas in science, social studies and more complex texts in reading and mathematics.

Of particular concern is the gap that exists between boys and girls in reading and writing at the primary level and the junior level, particularly in writing. Research studies continually identify the need for innovative ways to engage boys and support their learning. Some examples that have proven to support boys' literacy skills include:

- choosing appropriate resources;
- addressing boys' learning styles;
- providing opportunities for interaction;
- appealing to their need for social interaction;
- using technology to get boys interested;
- influencing boys' attitudes through the use of role models; and,
- bringing critical literacy skills into the classroom.

With the above in mind, members of the team consulted with Peterborough, Victoria, Clarington and Northumberland Catholic District School Board through a visit to this District to fully understand their plan, successes and challenges in the implementation of technology to support student achievement. Presentations were made by the Superintendent of Education, the Information Communication Technology Manager, a principal, two teachers and a trustee.

The District Student Achievement Team then developed a draft proposal to enhance the use of technology in our schools. The proposal includes a business plan, deployment of technical resources, and training connected to the "why" statement.

Across the Board for 2010-11, eight school networks have been formed to support professional learning based on the Board Improvement Plan and School Improvement Plan. Research suggests that the school is too small scaled and isolated to provide professional learning to its members on its own and in a knowledge-rich and networked world, school to school learning and collaboration are essential.

The decision was made to pilot the project entitled, "Teaching and Learning in the 21st Century" in two of the Board's established networks beginning February 2011. These two networks have been working together over the past two years focusing on learning needs within their respective schools with considerable success. For the project to be successful, readiness, experience and leadership are key elements within the networks.

Network A: Blessed Sacrament
Holy Family
St. Anthony Daniel
St. Theresa

Network B: St. Cecilia's
St. Joseph's
St. Michael's (Walsh)

Extensive training is also necessary in terms of technical skills and the understanding of the Destination Reading Software. This software, which is a research based program that provides a holistic approach to language development using diverse texts and teaching methods, is closely linked with the Nelson Literacy Program. Support staff such as teacher consultants, literacy teachers and coaches will receive approximately nine days of training and classroom teachers four days of training to enhance technical skills and to become familiar with Destination Reading Program facilitated by IBM. In addition, webinars are available to provide on-going support.

The technology upgrades include a netbook for each classroom teacher and infrastructure upgrades to provide wireless network access and LCD projectors to each primary classroom.

Attached is the costing to implement the project. The first year provides for implementation of the pilot project, which includes the two school networks. Also noted are the costs to implement the project in the remaining primary grades across the entire system in Years 2 and 3.

The total cost to deliver the program to all primary classes over three years is estimated at \$870,000. The pilot project to be implemented in 2010-11 is estimated to cost \$236,000. The Board had approved \$250,000 in the current year's budget to provide for the implementation of the Board's strategic goals. This project will address the goal to improve primary literacy.

The other goals include strengthening our Catholic faith in our schools, professional development for leaders and aspiring leaders, and enhanced communications. Staff will address funding for the other goals in the revised budget, which will be presented to the Board in December.

A plan to track the success of the project in terms of student achievement and teacher growth related to technical skills and instructional practices will be developed.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves:

1. the "Teaching and Learning in the 21st Century" Plan subject to future budget considerations, and;
2. the pilot project for 2010-11 in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

DISTRICT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT TEAM

PRIMARY LITERACY PROJECT COSTING

	PROJECTED COSTING			
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
# Students	400	793	793	1,986
# Teachers	20	40	40	100
# Coaches *	6	12	13	31
Destinations Software				
Licensing	21,000	41,650	41,650	104,300
Training and support	22,400	12,900	12,900	48,200
Professional Development				
Support Team Release Time *	12,960	25,920	28,080	66,960
Classroom Teacher Release Time	19,200	38,400	38,400	96,000
Trainer Costs	100,440	77,280	77,280	255,000
Total Program Costs	176,000	196,150	198,310	570,460
Technology upgrades	60,000	120,000	120,000	300,000
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	236,000	316,150	318,310	870,460

* The teacher coaches are included in the costs for training purposes but it has not been determined if it is necessary to provide training to these teachers.

**REPORT TO THE BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Prepared by: Cathy Horgan, Director of Education & Secretary
Presented to: Committee of the Whole
Submitted on: October 19, 2010
Submitted by: Cathy Horgan, Director of Education & Secretary

**ONTARIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES'
ASSOCIATION – ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES**

Public Session

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) continues to be a strong guiding and unifying force for Catholic education in our province. On a yearly basis, we have remitted a membership fee.

DEVELOPMENTS:

The annual fee for the 2010-11 school year is calculated on a base amount of \$8,000 plus a cost of \$3.485 per student. This is the same fee structure as the past few years and has not been increased. Based on our student enrolment of 10,383 ADE (Average Daily Enrolment) for the 2009-10 school year, our fee for this year is \$46,781. This amount also includes a special levy for the promotion and protection of Catholic education at a cost of 25 cents per student.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the continued membership with the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association and remit the annual fee of \$46,781 for the 2010-11 school year.

REPORT TO THE BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Prepared by: Alyna Poremba, Student Trustee
Presented to: Board of Trustees
Submitted on: October 26, 2010
Submitted by: Cathy Horgan, Director of Education & Secretary

STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

Public Session

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The first meeting of the Student Senate was held on Tuesday, September 30. Members from all three secondary schools were present, were welcomed to the Senate and briefed on the expectations of their role. They were given a short lesson on the role of the Senate within the school board, and Superintendent Roehrig also explained the governance of school boards.

DEVELOPMENTS:

The Student Senate elected the Student Senate Cabinet members for the year. St. John's College Senator Marissa Evans was elected Alternate Trustee, and Michelle Ratko, also of St. John's, was elected Secretary. Student Senators will be brainstorming ideas for themes for next spring's Student Leadership Symposium and have begun researching options for keynote speakers. They will also be developing goals to accomplish over the course of the year.

Student Trustee Poremba, Senator Marissa Evans, and St. John's College student Claudia Volpe assisted with a mass that was part of the Hamilton Diocese Celebration of Catholic Education held in Oakville, alongside board members and staff.

SCHOOL NEWS:

Assumption College students heard from motivational speaker Andy Thibodeau who talked about self-confidence and encouraged them to become involved in their school community. The school also sent Grade 12 students on P.U.S.H. retreats in preparation for their last year of secondary school. As well, a special prayer service was held to mark the anniversary of the deaths of ACS students Ciaran Milmine and Shawn McLaughlin.

Holy Trinity students worked hard during the first month of the school year to prepare for the Norfolk County Fair. Several school teams participated in the fair's Young Canada Day, cheered on by many of their peers. The school placed second overall and won both the cheerleading and road race competitions. Holy Trinity also had its first school mass of the year.

St. John's College students donated hundreds of canned goods as part of their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. The week after Thanksgiving, they celebrated their homecoming week, including a pep rally and the selection of a homecoming king and queen. The school also had a donor drive in support of leukemia-stricken student Jamie McGibbon, sending dozens of student volunteers aged 17 and over to be swabbed for bone marrow donation and to give blood.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Student Trustee Report for October 2010.



2010-11 Trustee Meetings and Events

Date	Time	Meeting/Event
October 26, 2010	7:00 pm	Board Meeting
November 1, 2010		PA Day (system-wide)
November 2, 2010	1:00 pm	Executive Council Mtg.
November 5, 2010	1:00 pm	STSBHN Governance Mtg.
November 10, 2010	7:00 pm	SEAC Meeting @ FRC
November 11, 2010	1:30 pm	Faith Advisory Committee Mtg.
November 12, 2010	Full day	Trustee Orientation Session (Milton) hosted by Ministry of Education
November 16, 2010	3:00 pm	Policy Committee Mtg.
November 16, 2010	7:00 pm	Committee of the Whole
November 23, 2010	7:00 pm	Board Meeting
December 1, 2010	1:30 pm	Catholicity Committee Mtg.
December 7, 2010	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Inaugural Mass Inaugural Board Meeting
December 8, 2010	7:00 pm	SEAC Meeting @ FRC
December 14, 2010	7:00 pm	Board Meeting
December 20 – 31, 2010		CHRISTMAS BREAK
January 10, 2011		PA Day (elementary only)
January 12, 2011	7:00 pm	SEAC Meeting @ FRC
January 14-15, 2011	TBD	OCSTA New Trustee Seminar
January 18, 2011	7:00 pm	Committee of the Whole
January 25, 2011	7:00 pm	Board Meeting
February 3, 2011		PA Day (system-wide; not St. Cecilia's)
February 9, 2011	7:00 pm	SEAC Meeting @ FRC
February 15, 2011	7:00 pm	Committee of the Whole
February 15, 2011	1:00 pm	STSBHN Governance Mtg.
February 22, 2011	7:00 pm	Board Meeting
February 24, 2011	1:30 pm	Faith Advisory Committee Mtg.
March 2, 2011	1:30 pm	Catholicity Committee Mtg.
March 9, 2011	7:00 pm	SEAC Meeting @ FRC
March 14 – 18, 2011		MARCH BREAK
March 22, 2011	7:00 pm	Committee of the Whole
March 29, 2011	7:00 pm	Board Meeting
April 7, 2011	5:00 pm	Catholic Leadership Awards (ACS; with Bishop Fabbro)
April 8, 2011		PA Day (secondary only)
April 13, 2011	7:00 pm	SEAC Meeting @ FRC
April 19, 2011	7:00 pm	Committee of the Whole
April 26, 2011	7:00 pm	Board Meeting
April 28 – May 1, 2011		OCSTA AGM (Royal York, Toronto)
May 1 – 6, 2011		Catholic Education Week
May 3, 2011	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Celebration of the Arts (Sanderson Centre) – art viewing Celebration of the Arts - performances

Date	Time	Meeting/Event
May 4, 2011	TBD (eve)	St. Bernard (B) 50 th Anniversary
May 5, 2011	1:30 pm	Faith Advisory Committee Mtg.
May 11, 2011	7:00 pm	SEAC Meeting @ FRC
May 13, 2011		PA Day (St.Cecilia's only)
May 17, 2011	7:00 pm	Committee of the Whole
May 17, 2011	1:00 pm	STSBHN Governance Mtg.
May 24, 2011	7:00 pm	Board Meeting
May 25, 2011	1:30 pm	Catholicity Committee Mtg.
May 26, 2011	6:00 pm	OECTA Retirement Dinner (Brantford Golf & Country Club)
June 2-5, 2011		CCSTA Convention (Regina)
June 6, 2011		PA Day (elementary only)
June 8, 2011	7:00 pm	SEAC Meeting @ FRC
June 21, 2011	7:00 pm	Committee of the Whole
June 27, 2011	4:45 pm	Assumption College Graduation
June 28, 2011	7:00 pm	Board Meeting
June 29, 2011		Last Day of Classes
June 29, 2011	7:00 pm	St. John's College Graduation – Sanderson Centre
June 29, 2011	7:00 pm	Holy Trinity Graduation
June 30, 2011		PA Day (system-wide)

TO BE SCHEDULED:

Executive Council Meetings – January to June, 2011

Policy Committee Meetings – January to June, 2011

Budget Committee Meetings - at the call of the Chair