

*Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board
Meeting of the Committee of the Whole – Tuesday, October 21, 2008*

PRESENT AT MEETING:

Trustees: Dennis Blake, Cliff Casey, Dan Dignard
Bonnie McKinnon, Joe McPherson and June Szeman

Student Trustee: Chris Radojewski

Administration: Cathy Horgan, Director of Education; Wally Easton,
Associate Director; Bill Chopp, Trish Kings and Chris Roehrig,
Superintendents of Education and Claire Dodgson, Recording Secretary

A. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by June Szeman.

OPENING PRAYER: The meeting was opened with a prayer.

B. ROUTINE MATTERS:

Resolved:

On the motion of Joe McPherson and Bonnie McKinnon, that the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board, approve the agenda, as amended, for the October 21, 2008 meeting.

CARRIED

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Nil

Resolved:

On the motion of Joe McPherson and Bonnie McKinnon, that the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board, approve the Minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting of September 16, 2008 meeting.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nil

C. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS: Nil

D. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

D.1 UNAPPROVED ACCOMMODATION COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 8, 2008

Trustee Cliff Casey reviewed the minutes from the October 8, 2008 Accommodations Committee meeting. Approval was requested for the following recommendation:

That the Accommodations Committee recommends that the Committee of the Whole approves and refers to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval the following priority for future capital projects:

1. South West Brantford School
2. St. John's College Replacement School
3. St. Pius X/St. Bernard Schools, Brantford Replacement School

Resolved:

On the motion of Joe McPherson and Bonnie McKinnon, that the Committee of the Whole receives the unapproved minutes from the Accommodation Committee Meeting from October 8, 2008.

On the motion of Joe McPherson and Bonnie McKinnon, that the Committee of the Whole approves and refers the recommendations from the Accommodation Committee Meeting of October 8, 2008, to the Board.

CARRIED

D.2 UNAPPROVED POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 16, 2008

Trustee Bonnie McKinnon, Chair of the Policy Committee, reviewed the minutes from the October 16, 2008 meeting. Approval was requested for the following recommendation:

THAT the Policy Committee recommends that the Committee of the Whole approves the Policy: School Operating Budget and refers it to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

Resolved:

On the motion of Bonnie McKinnon and Dennis Blake, that the Committee of the Whole receive the unapproved minutes from the Policy Committee Meeting from October 16, 2008.

On the motion of Bonnie McKinnon and Dennis Blake, that the Committee of the Whole refer the recommendations from the Policy Committee Meeting of October 16, 2008, to the Board for approval.

CARRIED

D.3 UNAPPROVED SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 10, 2008

Dennis Blake, trustee representative on the Special Education Advisory Committee, reviewed the minutes from the September 10, 2008 meeting.

Resolved:

On the motion of Dennis Blake and Bonnie McKinnon, that the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receive unapproved minutes from the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting from September 10, 2008.

CARRIED

D.4 PRIMARY CLASS SIZE

Associate Director Wally Easton reviewed the primary class size as regulated by the Ministry. The Board is in compliance with the target.

Resolved:

On the motion of Joe McPherson and Bonnie McKinnon, that the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldmand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receive the Primary Class Size report.

CARRIED

D.5 PATHWAYS TO STUDENT SUCCESS CONSULTANT

Superintendent of Education Chris Roehrig reviewed a proposal for a Pathways to Student Success Consultant, financed by Student Success and Specialist High skills Major grants.

Resolved:

On the motion of Bonnie McKinnon and Joe McPherson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approve the position of Pathways to Student Success Consultant until June 2009.

CARRIED

D.6 NAMING OF SCHOOL

Superintendent of Education Trish Kings reviewed the process and committee structure to propose a name for the replacement school for St. Jean de Brebeuf and Our Lady of Fatima schools. Trustees voted on the four names presented and will recommend that the Board approve Jean Vanier Catholic Elementary School.

Discussion occurred regarding the rationale for choosing Jean Vanier as the name for the new school. As a renowned bilingual Canadian Catholic, Jean Vanier provides a positive role model of a lay person who actively lives his faith. His life's work has been supporting the marginalized and building community; which makes him a tremendous example for our children. Jean Vanier is a living role model of what it means to be a lay Catholic who provides a model of servant leadership.

Resolved:

On the motion of Joe McPherson and Bonnie McKinnon, that the Committee of the Whole recommends Jean Vanier Catholic Elementary School to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval as the name of the new replacement school.

CARRIED

D.7 ELEMENTARY IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2008-09

Superintendent of Education Trish Kings reviewed the Elementary Improvement Plan for 2008-09. Trish outlined areas of focus and who each school will revise their individual plans to reflect the Board's Plan.

Resolved:

On the motion of Bonnie McKinnon and Joe McPherson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receive the report on the Elementary Improvement Plan for 2008-09.

E. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Director of Education Cathy Horgan requested approval to move the date of the annual meeting to Monday, December 1 from Tuesday, December 2, 2008 due to the unavailability of a Bishop.

Resolved:

On the motion of Joe McPherson and Dennis Blake, that the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board move the Annual Meeting of the Board to Monday, December 1, 2008 to Tuesday, December 2, 2008.

CARRIED

Resolved:

On the motion of Joe McPherson and Bonnie McKinnon, that the Committee of the Whole receive the information and correspondence since the last meeting.

CARRIED

F. NOTICES OF MOTION: Nil

G. TRUSTEE INQUIRIES:

Trustee Bonnie McKinnon advised trustees about a presentation held in Caledonia with the parents from both St. Patrick and Notre Dame schools regarding Internet Safety. Bonnie suggested that this would be a great presentation at the Regional School Council meeting.

Trustee Cliff Casey questioned whether or not students were being taught cursive writing and multiplication tables in elementary schools. The director was going to have a conversation with Trustee Casey after the meeting.

Student trustee Chris Radojewski thanked Bill Chopp for including him in the conference regarding Coaching to Inclusion. Chris found the conference and workshops very informative.

H. BUSINESS IN-CAMERA:

Resolved:

On the motion of Joe McPherson and Bonnie McKinnon, that the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board move to an in-camera session.

CARRIED

I. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION:

Resolved:

On the motion of Bonnie McKinnon and Dennis Blake, that the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board, approve the business of the in-camera session.

CARRIED

J. FUTURE MEETINGS

K. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

L. ADJOURNMENT

Resolved:

On the motion of Bonnie McKinnon and Joe McPherson, that the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board, adjourn the meeting of October 21, 2008.

CARRIED