

*Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board  
Meeting of the Committee of the Whole – Tuesday, March 24, 2009*

**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 and Treasurer;  
Bill Chopp, Trish Kings and Chris Roehrig, Superintendents of Education and  
Linda Luciani, Recording Secretary

**A. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Joe McPherson. Vice-Chair McPherson welcomed Michael Pin, Elementary Program Consultant: Arts and Maureen Wills, Principal of Program: Elementary to the meeting.

**OPENING PRAYER:** The meeting was opened with a prayer.

**B. ROUTINE MATTERS:**

**Resolved:**

On the motion of Dan Dignard and Cliff Casey, that the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approve the agenda of the March 24, 2009 meeting.

CARRIED

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Nil.**

**Resolved:**

On the motion of Dan Dignard and Cliff Casey, 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 February 17, 2009.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nil.**

**C. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS: Nil.**

## **D. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

### **D.1 APPROVED MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING FROM FEBRUARY 11, 2009**

Trustee Dennis Blake reviewed the minutes from the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting held on February 11, 2009. Results of Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test (CCAT) testing for Grade 3 students will be distributed to parents and schools soon. The 2004 Special Education Plan will be reviewed, amended and updated in the coming months.

#### **Resolved:**

On the motion of June Szeman and Bonnie McKinnon, that the Committee of the Whole receive the approved minutes from the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting from February 11, 2009.

CARRIED

### **D.2 UNAPPROVED MINUTES FROM THE ACCOMMODATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING FROM MARCH 10, 2009**

Trustee Cliff Casey reviewed the minutes from the March 10, 2009 meeting. The overall cost to construct the day care at St. Michael's School, Dunnville is \$9,000 more than budgeted. The Board has asked Norfolk Best Start to share in the cost of the overrun. Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary School opened its doors to students on Monday, March 23, 2009. Discussions are ongoing regarding the design of the joint South West School, Brantford. Interviews regarding the Request for Proposal (RFP) for architectural services for the addition to St. John's College will take place on Thursday, March 26, 2009. The Committee discussed a possible change in attendance boundaries for secondary schools in Brantford. A further report will be brought to the Board regarding the matter.

Approval was requested for the following recommendations:

THAT the Accommodations Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receive the Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary School report.

THAT the Accommodations Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receive the Joint South West School, Brantford report..

THAT the Accommodations Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receive the St. John's College Addition report.

THAT the Accommodations Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receive the Overview of Capital Funding report.

**Resolved:**

On the motion of Dan Dignard and Cliff Casey, that the Committee of the Whole receive the unapproved minutes from the Accommodations Committee Meeting from March 10, 2009.

On the motion of Dan Dignard and Cliff Casey, that the Committee of the Whole approve and refers the recommendations from the Accommodations Committee Meeting of March 10, 2009, to the Board.

CARRIED

Trustees Cliff Casey asked that the following motion be tabled until the Board Meeting of March 31, 2009 so that Administration can seek approval from Norfolk Best Start to share in the cost of the overrun.

On the motion of Dan Dignard and Bonnie McKinnon, that the Accommodations Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approve an additional \$9,000 for the construction of the daycare at St. Michael's School in Dunnville.

TABLED

**D.3 ARTS EDUCATION UPDATE: ELEMENTARY**

Superintendent of Education, Trish Kings, reported that grants had been received to enhance existing programs or offer new programs in the Arts, Physical Education and/or Outdoor Education. Initial discussions have begun with Nipissing University to develop a partnership which will focus on specific Arts programs as part of the Teacher Education Program for 2009-10. Superintendent Kings reported that the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of the Arts has been planned for Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Sanderson Centre and will, once again, focus on the talents of students and staff. Superintendent Kings introduced Michael Pin and Maureen Wills who provided an update on teacher in-services, central workshops and modelling lessons in Music and Visual Arts. Mr. Pin reported that the Recorder Program has been expanded to include more schools and include some Grade 5 students. The Board Art Exhibit will take place at Glenhyrst Gardens, Haldimand Museum and the Old Town Hall, Waterford.

**Resolved:**

On the motion of Cliff Casey and Dan Dignard, that the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receive the Arts Education Update: Elementary report.

CARRIED

**D.4 SURPLUS ACCOMMODATIONS – GRAND ERIE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

Associate Director and Treasurer, Wally Easton reported that the Board is not in need of this accommodation at this time.

**Resolved:**

On the motion of Dan Dignard and Cliff Casey, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board advise the Grand Erie District School Board that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board has no interest in the property known as the former North Public School, Simcoe.

CARRIED

**D.5 2009-10 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR**

Superintendent of Education, Bill Chopp explained that as per Regulation #304 of the Education Act, the school year must include 194 school days of which two days must be designated as professional development days. The remainder are instructional days. The Calendar Committee membership consisted of a trustee, union and association representatives, a member of the Regional School Council and members of the Curriculum and Special Education Departments. Every effort was made to coordinate the Board's School Year Calendar with the Grand Erie District School Board to achieve efficiencies in transportation. He explained that Board personnel will return to work on September 1 and 2, 2009 for professional development activities and students will return to school on Tuesday, September 8, 2009.

Student Trustee, Chris Radojewski asked that his vote be included in the motion.

**Resolved:**

On the motion of Dan Dignard and Bonnie McKinnon, that the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approve the 2009-10 School Year Calendar for elementary and secondary schools as presented.

CARRIED

**E. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

Chair June Szeman asked that trustees peruse the information package regarding the 2008 OCSTA AGM which will be held on Friday, May 8, 2009. Director of Education, Cathy Horgan noted that a package of information, including reservations, etc. will be distributed at the March 31, 2009 meeting.

Trustee Cliff Casey asked that some time be set aside at the April Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss items included in the information package. Associate Director and Treasurer, Wally Easton advised he will investigate the terms and report at the meeting.

Chair June Szeman noted that that the Catholic Leadership Awards will be held on Thursday, March 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's College. Dinner with the leadership candidates will begin at 5:30 p.m.

**Resolved:**

On the motion of Dan Dignard and Cliff Casey, the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receive the information and correspondence items since the last meeting.

CARRIED

**F. NOTICES OF MOTION: Nil.**

**G. TRUSTEE INQUIRIES:**

Trustee Dennis Blake asked if any further meeting has been held by the Student Transportation Services of Brant Haldimand Norfolk (STSBHN) Committee. Associate Director and Treasurer, Wally Easton reported that a meeting was held on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 and draft minutes have been circulated to members of the Consortia for comment. He noted that the unapproved minutes will be included in the April Committee of the Whole agenda.

Vice-Chair Joe McPherson asked if a date had been scheduled for the Official Opening of Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary School. Superintendent of Education, Trish Kings reported that she will discuss the matter with the parties involved and report back to trustees.

**H. BUSINESS IN-CAMERA:**

**Resolved:**

On the motion of Bonnie McKinnon and June Szeman, 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 June Szeman and Bonnie McKinnon, 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**

Trustees were invited to look over the 2008-09 Meetings and Events that were included in the agenda package.

**K. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**

## **L. ADJOURNMENT**

### **Resolved:**

On the motion of Bonnie McKinnon and June Szeman, that the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourn the meeting of March 24, 2009.

**CARRIED**