

***Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board
Meeting of the Committee of the Whole – Tuesday, April 21, 2009***

PRESENT AT MEETING:

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

Student Trustee: Chris Radojewski

Administration: Wally Easton, Associate Director and Treasurer;
Bill Chopp, 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.

OPENING PRAYER:

The meeting was opened with a prayer.

B. ROUTINE MATTERS:

Resolved:

On the motion of Dan Dignard and Bonnie McKinnon, that the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approve the agenda of the April 21, 2009 meeting.

CARRIED

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Nil.

Resolved:

On the motion of Dan Dignard 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 March 24, 2009.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nil.

C. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS:

Vice-Chair, Joe McPherson introduced Celine Atkins and Ryan Meevis and their families to the Meeting. Celine, who placed first in the Junior Holy Trinity Catholic School Family Speech Competition, presented her speech about *Walt Disney*. Ryan, who placed first in the Intermediate St. John's College School Family Speech Competition, presented his speech about *Pet Peeves*.

D. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

D.1 APPROVED MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING FROM MARCH 11, 2009

Superintendent Bill Chopp reviewed the minutes from the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting held on March 11, 2009. A tracking system for students who use the Kurzweil 3000 system has been developed. Special Education Department staff have developed an Individual Education Plan (IEP) Guide for parents which will be posted on the Board's website. Department staff met with staff from Haldimand-Norfolk REACH to discuss programs and services currently being offered.

Resolved:

On the motion of Dan Dignard and Bonnie McKinnon, that the Committee of the Whole receive the approved minutes from the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting from March 11, 2009.

CARRIED

D.2a UNAPPROVED MINUTES FROM THE CATHOLICITY COMMITTEE MEETING FROM MARCH 31, 2009

Chair June Szeman reported that a Diocesan Mass will be held on Friday, October 15, 2009 in Formosa, Ontario. New teachers and their mentors will be invited to attend. A Board-wide Faith Day will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2009. The speaker will be Fr. Tony Ricard and Bishop Wingle will celebrate the Mass.

Resolved:

On the motion of Dan Dignard and June Szeman, that the Committee of the Whole receive the unapproved minutes from the Catholicity Committee Meeting from March 31, 2009.

CARRIED

D.2b UNAPPROVED MINUTES FROM THE FAITH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING FROM APRIL 1, 2009

Chair June Szeman reported the Committee has reviewed various character education materials from other school boards so that the Board can develop a document which addresses virtues in education.

Resolved:

On the motion of Dan Dignard and June Szeman, that the Committee of the Whole receive the unapproved minutes from the Faith Advisory Committee Meeting from April 1, 2009.

CARRIED

D.3 UNAPPROVED MINUTES FROM THE ACCOMMODATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING FROM APRIL 14, 2009

Trustee Cliff Casey reported that the Sacred Heart School property is no longer required for purposes of the Board and will be disposed of in the prescribed manner as outlined in the *Education Act*.

An Accommodation Review will be conducted on St. Pius X, St Bernard and St. Mary Schools in Brantford. Trustees will be provided with a copy of the Preliminary Report on the proposed Accommodation Review. Trustees asked if three separate Accommodation Review Committees should be organized rather than one large Committee. Associate Director & Treasurer, Wally Easton explained that Ministry guidelines state that two or more schools must be reviewed at one time for comparison purposes. St. Pius X and St. Bernard Schools will be reviewed together, leaving St. Mary School. Wally Easton will investigate the issue and it will be discussed at the next Accommodations Committee Meeting.

Draft plans for the South West Brantford School will be finalized by the end of April 2009.

Resolved:

On the motion of Bonnie McKinnon and June Szeman, that the Committee of the Whole receive the unapproved minutes from the Accommodations Committee Meeting from April 14, 2009.

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 declare that the former Sacred Heart School property in Paris, Mident #757098, is not required for purposes of the Board.

THAT the Accommodations Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approve the Preliminary Report for a Pupil Accommodation Review of St. Mary, St. Pius X and St. Bernard Schools in Brantford.

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

THAT the Accommodations Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves and refers the recommendations from the Accommodations Committee Meeting of April 14, 2009 to the Board.

CARRIED

D.4 UNAPPROVED MINUTES FROM THE STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OF BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK (STSBHN) MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 2009.

Associate Director & Treasurer, Wally Easton reported that the STSBHN Committee is comprised of members from our Board, the Grand Erie District School Board and the Conseil Scolaire de District Catholique Centre-Sud Board.

As part of an Efficiency and Effectiveness (E & E) Review, which will be conducted by the Ministry, Consortia's have been asked to harmonize their Walking Distances policies. Serious consideration and study must be given to harmonizing walking distances of 1.6 kilometres in the elementary panel and 3.2 kilometres at the secondary level before September 2010. A report will be brought to the Board regarding this issue, including the impact on each of the regions and the costs associated with the change.

As part of the Administrative Services Agreement for the STSBHN, the Grand Erie District School Board will pay for all administrative costs associated with the Consortia. Our Board and the French Board will then be invoiced for their proportionate share of these expenses. Trustees will be provided with the copy of the Administrative Services Agreement.

Resolved:

On the motion of Bonnie McKinnon and June Szeman, that the Committee of the Whole receive the unapproved minutes from the Student Transportation Services of Brant Haldimand Norfolk (STSBHN) Meeting of February 24, 2009.

Approval was requested for the following recommendations:

THAT the Student Transportation Services of Brant Haldimand Norfolk Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approve that the Administrative Services Agreement of the STSBHN become effective April 1, 2009.

THAT the Student Transportation Services of Brant Haldimand Norfolk Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board that the BHCNDSB host Consortia meetings for the 2009-09 school year and the GEDSB host Consortia meetings for the 2009-10 school year.

THAT the Student Transportation Services of Brant Haldimand Norfolk Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves and refers the recommendations from the Student Transportation Services of Brant Haldimand Norfolk Committee Meeting of February 24, 2009 to the Board.

CARRIED

D.5 UNAPPROVED MINUTES FROM THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING FROM APRIL 14, 2009

Trustee Bonnie McKinnon reported that all policies are now posted on the Board website. Four policies are to be rescinded as they are outdated and no longer applicable. The Policy Committee is proposing that Committee of the Whole and Board Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.

On the motion of Bonnie McKinnon and June Szeman, that the Committee of the Whole receive the unapproved minutes from the Policy Committee Meeting of April 14, 2009.

Approval was requested for the following recommendations:

THAT the Policy Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approve the following policies to be rescinded:

- 200.23 Catholic School Councils.
- 300.2 Junior and Senior Kindergarten Allocation.
- 300.3 Elementary Staff Allocations.
- 300.4 Secondary Staff Allocations.

THAT the Policy Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approve the change to the start time of Board Meetings to 7:00 p.m. as noted in the Board By-Laws, Section 9.1.1, Schedule and Location of Meetings.

THAT the Policy Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves and refers the recommendations from the Policy Committee Meeting of April 14, 2009 to the Board.

CARRIED

D.6 BOARD ENROLMENT

Superintendent of Education, Chris Roehrig noted that the enrolment report had been revised from its original version to include the column, Projected Average Daily Enrolment (ADE) 2008-09, as this information is used for budget purposes.

Resolved:

On the motion of Bonnie McKinnon and June Szeman, that the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receive the Board Enrolment report for March 31, 2009.

CARRIED

D.7 EDUCATION FUNDING FOR 2009-10

Associate Director and Treasurer, Wally Easton provided a summary of the Grants for Student Needs (GSN) announcement made by the Ministry on March 27, 2009. The majority of the grant monies are to be used to fulfill the requirements of the Provincial Discussion Table (PDT) salary framework.

Resolved:

On the motion of Bonnie McKinnon and June Szeman, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receive the Education Funding for 2009-10 report.

CARRIED

D.8a EXCURSION: ASSUMPTION COLLEGE SCHOOL AND ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE MODERN LANGUAGES TRIP TO FRANCE AND ITALY

Superintendent of Education, Chris Roehrig explained that the trip will occur over the 2009-10 March Break. Special permission was granted to the schools for students to be absent from school for one day (the Friday before the March Break). Mr. Roehrig reported that a proviso for the excursion was made that students were not permitted to participate in any fundraising activities to subsidize the cost of the trip. Superintendent Roehrig will inquire if Holy Trinity Catholic High School students were invited to participate in the excursion.

Resolved:

On the motion of June Szeman and Bonnie McKinnon, that the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approve the request from Assumption College School and St. John's College for an excursion to France and Italy from Thursday, March 11, 2010 to Sunday, March 21, 2010.

CARRIED

D.8b EXCURSION: ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE RUGBY TEAM TO HAWAII

Superintendent of Education, Chris Roehrig explained that the trip will occur over the 2009-10 March Break. Mr. Roehrig reported that a proviso for the excursion was made that students were not permitted to participate in any fundraising activities to subsidize the cost of the trip.

Resolved:

On the motion of June Szeman and Bonnie McKinnon, that the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approve the request from St. John's College for an excursion to Hawaii to compete in an international athletic competition from Saturday, March 13, 2010 to Sunday, March 21, 2010.

CARRIED

D.9 PATHWAYS TO STUDENT SUCCESS CONSULTANT

Superintendent of Education, Chris Roehrig reported that the position will be extended for another term until June 2010 to support the Student Success program. Grant monies received from the Ministry for this position are enveloped and must be used for the intended purpose. Some trustees expressed concern in approving this position as the Ministry has not confirmed that grant monies will be forthcoming. They felt that this position should be approved subsequent to Budget Committee discussions.

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 approve the position of Pathways to Success Consultant until June 2010, subject to budget consideration.

DEFEATED

Resolved:

On the motion of June Szeman and Bonnie McKinnon, that the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approve the position of Pathways to Success Consultant until June 2010, subject to notification of grant monies to be received.

CARRIED

E. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Trustee Cliff Casey presented a plaque from the Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions awarding the Board with an Order of Merit Award for 2007.

Chair June Szeman expressed congratulations to Assumption College School's Mock Trial Team for placing first in the Bar Association's Secondary School Mock Trial provincial competition in Toronto.

Vice-Chair Joe McPherson noted that copies of the book, *We Remember, We Believe; A History of Toronto's Catholic Separate School Boards, 1841 to 1997* by Robert T. Dixon are available if trustees would like a copy.

Trustee Bonnie McKinnon reminded trustees of the Board's second annual Art Exhibit - Outside the Lines. The exhibit will display student artwork at Glenhyrst Gallery in Brantford, the Old Town Hall in Waterford and the Haldimand Museum in Cayuga from Wednesday, April 29, 2009 to Friday, May 1, 2009.

Trustee Cliff Casey, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, congratulated Joe McPherson on his nomination as Regional Director, Region 4, to the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Board of Directors.

Resolved:

On the motion of Bonnie McKinnon and June Szeman, 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: Nil.

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 Dan Dignard, 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 Dan Dignard and June Szeman, that the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourn the meeting of April 21, 2009.

CARRIED