



**BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK
Catholic District School Board**

Minutes
Tuesday, September 22, 2009
Committee of the Whole
Catholic Education Center
322 Fairview Drive
Brantford, ON N3T 5M8

PRESENT AT MEETING:

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Joe McPherson.

1.1 OPENING PRAYER:

The meeting was opened with a prayer. June Szeman, Chair of the Board welcomed staff and trustees back after the summer break. She thanked all staff involved in planning a very successful board-wide faith day and the special education professional activity day.

1.2 ATTENDANCE

Trustees: Dennis Blake, Cliff Casey, Dan Dignard, Bonnie McKinnon,
Joe McPherson and June Szeman
Student Trustee: Chris Radojewski
Administration: Cathy Horgan, Director of Education and Secretary, Wally Easton,
Associate Director and Treasurer; Bill Chopp, Trish Kings, Chris
Roehrig, Superintendents of Education and Claire Dodgson,
Recording Secretary

2. ROUTINE MATTERS

2.1 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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 approve the agenda of the September 22, 2009 meeting.

CARRIED

2.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Nil



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**2.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE –
JUNE 16, 2009**

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 approve the Minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 16, 2009.

CARRIED

2.4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nil

3. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS: Nil

4. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

4.1 START-UP ENROLMENT AND SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

Superintendent of Education Chris Roehrig thanked staff for the groundwork that went into preparing for the 2009-10 school organizations.

Chris reviewed the school organizations prepared through the Barragar system and stated that class size is being scrutinized on a regular basis. Enrolment statistics indicate that there are 66 students fewer than projected in elementary and secondary was close to the projection as of September 22.

Resolved:

On the motion of Bonnie McKinnon and June Szeman, that the Committee of the Whole receive the start-up enrolment and school organization report.

CARRIED

4.2 BOARD AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING SCHEDULE 2009-10

Chair of the Board June Szeman reviewed the need to change meeting dates in December 2009 and March 2010. It was noted that the Board by-laws were changed to reflect all board and committee of the whole meetings have a start time of 7:00 p.m.



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Resolved:

On the motion of Bonnie McKinnon and June Szeman, that the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approve the following Board and Committee of the Whole Meeting Schedule 2009-10 as follows:

A Board meeting be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 with no Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled in December 2009.

A Committee of the Whole be held on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 and the Board meeting be held on Tuesday, March 30, 2010.

CARRIED

4.3 EQAO RESULTS FOR PRIMARY, JUNIOR AND GRADE 9

Superintendent of Education Trish Kings reviewed the EQAO results in reading, writing and mathematics for Grades 3 and 6 and indicated that there has been steady improvement over time.

Mrs. Kings stated that we have the data to identify students who are at risk of not achieving the provincial goal of level three or four. Supports are in the schools to assist and focus on these students. Specific supports are put in schools where results are lower.

Superintendent of Education Chris Roehrig reviewed the EQAO results in mathematics at the secondary level. At the secondary panel, schools are building capacity and a targeted use of resources is being applied to provide a focused intervention where required.

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 receive the report on the EQAO Primary, Junior and Grade 9 results for 2008-09.

CARRIED

5. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

Trustees raised questions regarding Bill 177 and its implications. Chair June Szeman stated that OCSTA is currently involved in reviewing the information and responding to it. Current information will be sent to the trustees as well as an update of activity to date from OCSTA.



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Chair of the Board June Szeman stated that the OCSTA Regional Meeting will take place at the CEC on October 16, 2009. Details will be forwarded to trustees.

Chair of the Board June Szeman expressed congratulations to those involved in the building of Sacred Heart School and those involved planning the opening/blessing of the school.

Chair of the Board June Szeman advised trustees of the dates of the When Faith Meets Pedagogy event from October 22-24, 2009 in Toronto. Information has been sent to trustees. A reminder was given to let Claire Dodgson know if they plan on attending.

Director of Education Cathy Horgan will look into the date of the second reading for Bill 177 and advise trustees.

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 receive the information and correspondence items since the last meeting.

CARRIED

6. NOTICES OF MOTION: Nil

7. TRUSTEE INQUIRIES:

Trustee Dennis Blake inquired about the activity around the H1N1 virus. Director of Education Cathy Horgan advised that schools have received information from the Ontario Medical Officer of Health as well as the local health officer. Principals did meet on this issue and have been trained with the information received from the Ministry. All teachers' desks will have hand sanitizers on them, provided by funding through the ministry. Information is available on the board website for parents.

Trustee Cliff Casey inquired about the results posted on our website for drinking water test results. He requested that schools be identified by name rather than a number. He stated that results are not clear and asked if this could be rectified. Associate Director Wally Easton responded that the report formats are standard but that he would investigate to see if more details could be posted.



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8. BUSINESS IN-CAMERA:

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 move to an In-Camera session.

CARRIED

9. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION:

Resolved:

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

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receive the report on the revised Elementary Principal and Vice Principal Assignments, effective September 2009.

CARRIED

10. FUTURE MEETINGS

Trustees were invited to look over the Meetings and Events that were included in the agenda package. It was agreed that all meetings Trustees are involved in will be listed.

11. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

12. ADJOURNMENT

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 adjourn the meeting of September 22, 2009.

CARRIED