



**Committee of the Whole
Tuesday, March 23, 2010 7:00 pm
Boardroom**

Present: Trustees:

Joe McPherson (Chair, Committee of the Whole), Dennis Blake, Cliff Casey, Dan Dignard, Bonnie McKinnon, June Szeman, Chris Radojewski (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)

Absent:

1. Call to Order

1.1 Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Joe McPherson, Chair of the Committee of the Whole.

2. Routine Matters

2.1 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: June Szeman

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda for the March 23, 2010 meeting.

Carried

2.2 Declaration of Interest: Nil

2.3 Approval of Minutes from the Committee of the Whole from February 16, 2010.

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: June Szeman

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes from the February 16, 2010 meeting.

Carried

2.4 Business Arising from Minutes: Nil



3. Presentations and Delegations:

Chair, Joe McPherson, welcomed Olivia Pomponio and Halle Sitarski and their families. Olivia, who placed first in the junior public speaking contest in the St. John's College Family of Schools competition, presented her speech on *Winning the Lottery*. Halle, who placed first in the Intermediate public speaking contest in the St. John's College of Schools competition, presented her speech on *Books*.

4. Discussion Items

4.1 Approved Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2010

Trustee Dennis Blake, representative on the Special Education Advisory Committee, reviewed the minutes from the meeting of February 10, 2010.

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: June Szeman

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the minutes from the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting of February 10, 2010.

Carried

4.2 Unapproved Budget Committee Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2010

Dennis Blake, Chair of the Budget Committee, reviewed the minutes from the meeting of February 23, 2010. Trustee Blake requested that if Trustees have budget goals they want considered, to please submit them to him prior to the next Budget Committee meeting. Associate Director Wally Easton reviewed the budget process procedures, including public consultation methods and timelines.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

THAT the Budget Committee recommends the Committee of the Whole refer the unapproved minutes from the Budget Meeting of February 23, 2010 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

THAT the Budget Committee recommends the Committee of the Whole refer the recommendation from the Budget Meeting of February 23, 2010 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

THAT the Budget Committee recommends the Committee of the Whole refer the Budget Planning Report to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval of the budget procedures as outlined in the Budget Procedures Manual.

Carried



4.3 Unapproved Policy Committee Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2010

Bonnie McKinnon, Chair of the Policy Committee, reviewed the minutes from the meeting of March 9, 2010.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Policy Committee recommends that the Committee of the Whole refer the unapproved minutes from the Policy Committee Meeting of March 9, 2010 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

4.4 2010-11 School Year Calendar

Superintendent of Education Bill Chopp reviewed highlights of the 2010-11 School Year Calendar report, including the designation of September 2, 2010 as a *System Faith Day* Professional Activity Day prior to Labour Day to meet the Ministry requirement of 194 school days in a school year. Trustees raised concern regarding the impact of Friday the 13th events in Port Dover (May 13, 2011) and requested that staff present possible solutions at the March 30 Board Meeting.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: June Szeman

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the report to Senior Administration for review and defers approval of the 2010-11 School Year Calendars for Elementary and Secondary Schools until the March 30, 2010 Board Meeting.

Carried

4.5 Trustee Determination & Distribution – 2010 Elections

Associate Director Wally Easton reviewed the process used for trustee determination and distribution for the October 25, 2010 election as outlined in Regulation 412/00 of the *Education Act*. Concerns were expressed about the declining Catholic electoral population and suggestions made about how best to reach and help ensure that all Catholic voters are registered as Catholic school supporters. Trustees were in agreement that funds should be allocated in the budget to support this endeavour.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: June Szeman

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approve the following:

1. THAT, for purposes of the 2010 election, the number of trustees is determined to be six.
2. THAT, for purposes of the 2010 election, the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board has not designated any low population areas within its jurisdiction.



3. THAT, for the purposes of the 2010 election, the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board has determined the distribution of trustees to be two trustees for the City of Brantford, two trustees for the County of Norfolk, one trustee for the County of Brant and one trustee for the County of Haldimand.

Carried

4.6 Student Trustee Report – March 2010

Student Trustee Chris Radojewski reviewed the Student Trustee Report for March, 2010. He highlighted the 10th Annual Leadership Symposium, *Working Together and Going Forward*, scheduled for May 25, 2010 and updated the Board on events taking place at the secondary schools.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: June Szeman

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Student Trustee Report - March 2010 report to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

5. Information and Correspondence

Chair of the Board June Szeman reviewed acknowledgment letters received from outgoing Minister of Education Kathleen Wynne and incoming Minister Leona Dombrowsky. She also provided highlights from a letter received from Leona Dombrowsky regarding the 2010/11 Grants for Student Needs (GSN) and the Ministry's ongoing commitment to implementing the Early Learning Program and supporting the Provincial Discussion Table agreements, as well as a letter from the District School Board of Niagara regarding trustee remuneration.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Committee of the Whole receives the information and correspondence since the last meeting.

Carried

6. Notices of Motion: Nil

7. Trustee Inquiries:

Trustee Dignard reiterated concerns regarding the decreasing number of Catholic school supporters and wanted confirmation that specific actions are being taken to address this. Director Horgan reviewed the mandate for the Catholicity Committee and explained that the Committee is adopting some of the strategies being developed at a provincial level. A Catholicity Committee report summarizing the specific local actions being taken will be presented at the May 18, 2010 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Trustee Blake inquired about the status of a meeting for Trustees to be updated on the Board's Transportation policy, as well as Transportation Consortia procedures. Associate Director Easton will follow up on this request.



8. Business In-Camera

Moved by: Dan Dignard
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: Dan Dignard
Seconded by: Cliff Casey

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.

11. Moment of Silent Reflection

12. Adjournment

Moved by: Dan Dignard
Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the meeting of March 23, 2010.

Carried