



Brant Haldimand Norfolk
Catholic District School Board

Minutes

Catholic Education Centre
322 Fairview Drive
Brantford, ON N3T 5M8

Committee of the Whole
Tuesday, October 19, 2010 7:00 pm
Boardroom

Trustees:

Present: June Szeman (Chair), Joe McPherson (Vice Chair), Dennis Blake, Cliff Casey, Dan Dignard, Bonnie McKinnon, Alyna Poremba (Student Trustee)

Absent:

Senior Administration:

Cathy Horgan (Director of Education), Wally Easton (Associate Director, Corporate Services & Treasurer), Bill Chopp, Trish Kings and Chris Roehrig (Superintendents of Education)

1. Call to Order

1.1 Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Joe McPherson.

2. Routine Matters

2.1 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon
Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda for the October 19, 2010 meeting.

Carried

2.2 Declaration of Interest: Nil

2.3 Approval of Minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 21, 2010

It was noted that point "v", which was added to the motion for Item 4.6, Honoraria for Board Members, at the September 28, 2010 Board Meeting, was not noted in the Committee of the Whole minutes. This revision will be reflected in the official Board Meeting minutes.

Moved by: Cliff Casey
Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes from the September 21, 2010 meeting.

Carried



2.4 Business Arising from Minutes: Nil

3. Presentations and Delegations: Nil

4. Committee and Staff Reports:

4.1 Building Blocks for Education

Director Cathy Horgan provided a brief overview of last month's "Building Blocks for Education" summit, hosted by Premier Dalton McGuinty, which focused on "whole system reform".

Education leaders from around the world reviewed and dialogued about the principles of effective school systems. Director Horgan highlighted the criteria that our Board continues to use as measures of our own effectiveness and as focused guidelines for moving us forward.

Moved by: Joe McPherson

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the report on Building Blocks for Education – An Overview.

Carried

4.2 Teaching and Learning in the 21st Century

At the request of the Chair, Director Horgan introduced and welcomed Greg Reeves, Superintendent of Education, and Sean Heuchert, Manager of Information Technology, from the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board, as well as Anne Saftich, National Teaching and Learning Manager (K-12) for IBM Canada. Superintendent Reeves made a presentation on their Board's journey over the last few years in bringing technology to every teacher and classroom in their system and the professional development provided to staff to ensure the effective use of this technology.

Following a question and answer period with the presenters, Superintendent Trish Kings presented a proposal for a five-month pilot project involving primary teachers in two existing school networks (seven schools in total). This pilot, with a focus on primary reading, will address the specific goals of the District Student Achievement Team, which are: 1) enhanced teacher practice, 2) student engagement in their learning, and 3) improved student achievement. The long term plan is that by the end of Year 3, all primary teachers across the system will have received a netbook and have been trained on the effective use of the Destination Reading Software, which links directly with our existing Nelson Literacy Program. Working with netbooks to enhance teaching practice will also help meet the expectations of all strategic goals of the Board and School Improvement Plans.

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves:

1. the "Teaching and Learning in the 21st Century" Plan subject to future budget considerations, and;
2. the pilot project for 2010-11 in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

Carried



4.3 Unapproved Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2010

Committee Chair Dennis Blake reviewed the minutes from the SEAC meeting of October 13, 2010.

Moved by: Dennis Blake
Seconded by: Cliff Casey

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the unapproved minutes from the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting of October 13, 2010 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

4.4 Unapproved Faith Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2010

Committee Chair June Szeman reviewed the minutes from the Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of September 23, 2010.

Moved by: Joe McPherson
Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the unapproved minutes from the Faith Advisory Committee meeting of September 23, 2010 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

4.5 Unapproved Catholicity Committee Meeting Minutes of September 29, 2010

Committee Chair June Szeman reviewed the minutes from the Catholicity Committee Meeting of September 29, 2010.

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon
Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the unapproved minutes from the Catholicity Committee meeting of September 29, 2010 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

4.6 Primary Class Size

Associate Director Wally Easton reviewed the compliance report submitted to the Ministry regarding class sizes. We continue to consistently meet the 90% Primary Classes 20 and Under Ministry target.

Moved by: Cliff Casey
Seconded by: Joe McPherson

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Primary Class Size report.

Carried



4.7 OCSTA – Annual Membership Fees

Director Cathy Horgan reported that the annual membership fees for the Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association reflects the same fee structure that has been used for the past three years.

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the continued membership with the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association and remit the annual fee of \$46,781 for the 2010-11 school year.

Carried

5. Information and Correspondence:

Chair Szeman read a thank you card from a teacher who enjoyed and appreciated the Storefront Workshops event last month.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the information and correspondence items since the last meeting.

6. Notices of Motion: Nil

7. Trustee Inquiries:

8. Business In-Camera

Moved by: Joe McPherson

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: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Joe McPherson

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.



Brant Haldimand Norfolk
Catholic District School Board

Minutes

Catholic Education Centre
322 Fairview Drive
Brantford, ON N3T 5M8

11. Moment of Silent Reflection

12. Adjournment

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the meeting of October 19, 2010.

Carried

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 16, 2010, 7:00 pm - Boardroom