



Committee of the Whole
Tuesday, April 19, 2011 7:00 pm
Boardroom

Trustees:

Present: Cliff Casey (Chair), June Szeman (Vice Chair), Dennis Blake, Dan Dignard, Bonnie McKinnon, Rick Petrella, Ayna Poremba (Student Trustee)

Absent:

Senior Administration:

Wally Easton (Associate Director, Corporate Services & Treasurer), Bill Chopp, Trish Kings and Chris Roehrig (Superintendents of Education), Tom Grice (Assistant Superintendent of Business)

1. Opening Business

1.1 Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Cliff Casey.

1.2 Attendance – As noted above.

1.3 Approval of the Consent Agenda

It was requested that Item 3.3 (Financial Report as of February 2011) and Item 3.5 (Unapproved Accommodations Committee Meeting Minutes – March 22, 2011) be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Moved by: June Szeman

Seconded by: Rick Petrella

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the amended Consent Agenda of the April 19, 2011 meeting.

Carried

1.4 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the Agenda of the April 19, 2011 meeting.

Carried

1.5 Declaration of Interest - Nil



2. Presentations and Delegations - Nil

3. Consent Agenda

Items 3.3 and 3.5 were asked to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

- 3.1** THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes from the March 22, 2011 meeting.
- 3.2** THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Board Enrolment Update report for March 31, 2011.
- 3.4** THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the approved minutes from the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting of March 9, 2011 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.
- 3.6** THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the unapproved minutes from the Regional Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of March 24, 2011 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves all reports and motions under the Consent Agenda.

Carried

Items Removed from Consent Agenda

- 3.3** THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Financial Report as of February 2011.

Clarification was sought regarding specific expenditures on the quarterly Financial Report. Associate Director will forward details to trustees.

- 3.5** THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the unapproved minutes from the Accommodations Committee Meeting of March 22, 2011 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

There were no inquiries regarding the minutes of the Accommodations Meeting of March 22, 2011.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the reports under Items 3.3 and 3.5.

Carried



4. Committee and Staff Reports

4.1 Education Funding for 2011-12

Associate Director Easton reported on the Ministry of Education's recently announced Grants for Student Needs (GSN) for 2011-12 and discussed the impact of some of those changes on the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board. Chair Casey will communicate trustees' concerns regarding the impact of funding decreases in Director and Supervisory Officer grants and executive offices as input to OCSTA's financial brief to the Ministry.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Education Funding for 2011-12 report.

Carried

4.2 Strategic Plan Update: Catholicity

Director Horgan provided trustees with a status update on the Catholic Strategic Commitment of the Board's Strategic Plan and shared examples of various publications and communiqués that address those commitments. Director Horgan also expanded on the ratepayer project that will be initiated in the near future, as well as the baptismal postcard initiative that aims to introduce and welcome young families to the Catholic education system.

Moved by: Rick Petrella

Seconded by: June Szeman

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the monitoring report on the Strategic Commitment: Catholicity to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

4.3 Catholic Education Week 2011

Trish Kings, Superintendent of Education, reported that "Catholic Education: Celebrating the Spirit" is the theme of this year's Catholic Education Week, being observed from May 1-6, 2011. Students in all schools will be involved in many special activities and prayer celebrations. The annual Board Art Exhibit (April 27-29) will lead up to Catholic Education Week, and the annual Celebration of the Arts will be held at the Sanderson Centre on May 3, 2011.

Moved by: June Szeman

Seconded by: Rick Petrella

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Catholic Education Week 2011 report to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

4.4 Technological Pathways Plan

Chris Roehrig, Superintendent of Education, presented trustees with a technological pathways plan that endorses a vision of the future that is consistent with the provincial strategy on science and technology, that meets the needs of the 21st century learner, and that is fiscally responsible and sustainable. The plan supports post elementary pathways to technology programs, apprenticeships, and technology-based post secondary destinations. It is proposed that this new course of action replace the current Grade 8 Design and Technology/Family Studies program.



It was suggested that more time is required in order to inform stakeholder groups, for example, the Regional Parent Involvement Committee, of this vision and proposed program change.

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the Technological Pathways Plan, including the closing of the Design and Technology/Family Studies Program, effective June 30, 2011.

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Committee of the Whole postpones the Technological Pathways Plan motion until the May 17, 2011 Committee of the Whole meeting in order to communicate with parents at St. Patrick's School (Caledonia) and answer their questions.

Carried

4.5 Unapproved Policy Committee Meeting Minutes & Recommendations – March 30, 2011

Trustee Blake, Chair of the Policy Committee, reported on the committee's March 30, 2011 meeting. Trustee Blake commented that the group had a discussion on the traits of good policies and the overall process of policy development. The committee reviewed revisions to two policies and suggested minor changes. Trustee Blake requested approval of the following recommendations:

THAT the Policy Committee recommends that the Committee of the Whole refers the Educational Field Trips and Excursions Policy 500.01 (revised) to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

THAT the Policy Committee recommends that the Committee of the Whole refers the Volunteer and Trip Drivers Policy 200.21 (revised) to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the unapproved minutes from the March 30, 2011 Policy Committee Meeting to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the recommendations from the Policy Committee Meeting of March 30, 2011 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

Carried



4.6 Unapproved Audit Committee Meeting Minutes & Recommendations – March 30, 2011

Trustee Petrella, Chair of the Audit Committee, reported on the newly-formed committee's initial meeting of March 30, 2011 and put forward the following recommendation for approval:

THAT the Audit Committee recommends that the Committee of the Whole refers to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval that Audit Committee meetings be held in closed sessions.

Moved by: Dan Dignard
Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the unapproved minutes from the March 30, 2011 Audit Committee Meeting to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the recommendation from the Audit Committee Meeting of March 30, 2011 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

Carried

4.7 Unapproved Budget Committee Meeting Minutes & Recommendations – April 1, 2011

Trustee Petrella, Chair of the Budget Committee, reported on the Committee's meeting of April 1, 2011. Approval was requested for the following recommendations:

THAT the Budget Committee recommends that the Committee of the Whole refers the Goals for 2011-12 Budget report to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

THAT the Budget Committee recommends that the Committee of the Whole refers to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval that senior staff include the reduction of program and costs saving measures as a major consideration, which will drive the expenditure lines.

Moved by: Rick Petrella
Seconded by: June Szeman

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the unapproved minutes from the April 1, 2011 Budget Committee Meeting to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the recommendations from the Budget Committee Meeting of April 1, 2011 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

Carried



5. Information and Correspondence

5.1 OCSTA Update

Chair Casey commented on the front page story on OCSTA's website regarding our Catholic Student Leadership Awards recipients. He expressed his pride in seeing our students' accomplishments acknowledged province-wide and congratulated Vice-Chair Szeman for her exemplary work with this event.

5.2 Trustee Information Flyer (revised)

Trustees reviewed the revised Trustee Information Flyer and suggested a couple of minor revisions.

5.3 Trustee Meetings with Bishop Crosby

Director Horgan requested that trustees add a couple of Diocese of Hamilton event dates to their calendars.

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

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.

Carried

6. Notices of Motion – Nil

7. Trustee Inquiries - Nil

8. Business In-Camera

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board moves to an in-camera session.

Carried

9. Report on the In-Camera Session

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

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



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

12. Adjournment

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the meeting of April 19, 2011.

Carried

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 7:00 pm - Boardroom