



Brant Haldimand Norfolk
Catholic District School Board

Minutes

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

Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 23, 2010 7:00 pm
Boardroom

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

Absent: Dennis Blake

Senior Administration:

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

1. Call to Order

1.1 Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with prayer led by June Szeman. Chair Szeman read a memorial statement for Sylina Cutler, student at St. John's College, Brantford.

2. Routine Matters

2.1 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: Joe McPherson

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the Agenda of the November 23, 2010 meeting.

Carried

2.2 Declaration of Interest

Trustee Szeman declared a conflict of interest on Item 4.1 – Retreat/Conference Attendance.

2.3 Approval of Minutes from the Board Meeting of October 26, 2010

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the Minutes from the October 26, 2010 meeting.

Carried



2.4 Business Arising from Minutes - Nil

3. Presentations and Delegations

On behalf of the Board, Chair Szeman congratulated Dave Szuty, IT Consultant with the Special Education Department, who was awarded the *Champion of Inclusion Award* at the recent Coaching to Inclusion Conference. Dave was commended as an individual who is inclusive in every aspect of his work and involvement with both students and staff Board wide.

Ian Carson, Chair of School Council for St. Mary School, Brantford, made a presentation regarding the St. Mary Accommodation Review report presented at the November 16, 2010 Committee of the Whole meeting.

4. Committee and Staff Reports

4.1 Unapproved Minutes and Recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 16, 2010

Vice Chair Joe McPherson reviewed the unapproved minutes and recommendations to the Board from the November 16, 2010 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. A request was made to address separately the recommendations regarding the "Accommodation Review – St. Mary, St. Bernard and St. Pius X Schools", as well as the "Retreat/Conference Attendance". Approval was requested for the following:

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Joe McPherson

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the unapproved minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 16, 2010.

Carried

Moved by: Joe McPherson

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the implementation of the Early Learning Kindergarten Program for September 2012, subject to Ministry of Education approval, at the following schools:

- 1) St. Joseph's School, Simcoe
- 2) St. Frances Cabrini School, Delhi
- 3) Notre Dame School, Brantford
- 4) St. Cecilia's School, Port Dover
- 5) South West Brantford School, Brantford
- 6) St. Peter School, Brantford
- 7) St. Theresa School, County of Brant
- 8) Resurrection School, Brantford

Carried



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THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the 2011 insurance renewal premium, payable to the Ontario School Board's Insurance Exchange, in the amount of \$213,439, plus PST.

Carried

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the formation of an Audit Committee and approves the Audit Committee Guidelines.

Carried

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the request from Assumption College School for an excursion to Boston, MA from Thursday, April 28, 2011 to Sunday, May 1, 2011.

Carried

THAT the Policy Committee recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board rescinds the following policies:

200.02 – Transportation of Students – Inclement Weather

200.15 – Entering School – An Inclusive Approach

400.10 – Transportation of Students – Expectations and Responsibilities

400.13 – Transportation of Students – Accident/Incident Reporting

Carried

Following a brief discussion regarding the Accommodation Review for St. Mary School in Brantford, the following motion was made:

Moved by: Joe McPherson

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

THAT the recommendation that the "Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the closure of St. Mary School, Brantford, effective June 30, 2012 and transfers the students of St. Mary School to Holy Cross School, subject to additional public input" be postponed until the January 18, 2011 Board meeting.

Carried

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Joe McPherson

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board closes St. Bernard School and St. Pius X School in Brantford and builds a new school on the St. Pius X school site to accommodate the students of both schools, effective September 1, 2013, provided the Ministry of Education allocates funding for this purpose, subject to additional public input.

Carried



Vice Chair Joe McPherson assumed the Chair for the following item and declared his intention to vote.

Moved by: Dan Dignard
Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the attendance of June Szeman at the “Loving the Two Halves of Life: The Further Journey” Conference, with expenses not to exceed \$1,000.

Carried

4.2 Unapproved Policy Committee Meeting Minutes and Recommendations from November 16, 2010

Trustee McKinnon, Chair of the Policy Committee, reviewed the minutes from the November 16, 2010 meeting and requested approval of the following recommendations:

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon
Seconded by: Joe McPherson

THAT the Policy Committee recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the Facility Partnerships Policy.

Carried

THAT the Policy Committee recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board rescinds the Workplace Violence Prevention Policy (Interim) and approves the Workplace Violence Prevention Policy 300.20.

Carried

THAT the Policy Committee recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board rescinds Policy 200.13 *Student Assault on Board Personnel*.

Carried

THAT the Policy Committee recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board rescinds the Workplace Harassment Policy (Interim) and approves the Workplace Harassment Policy 300.01.

Carried

THAT the Policy Committee recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board:

- rescinds the Safe Schools Policy (Interim) and approves the Safe Schools Policy 200.26
- rescinds the Student Discipline Policy (Interim) and approves the Student Discipline Policy 200.27
- rescinds the Bullying Prevention & Intervention Policy (Interim) and approves the Bullying Prevention & Intervention Policy 200.28.

Carried



THAT the Policy Committee recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the Equity and Inclusive Education Policy (Interim).

Carried

4.3 Unapproved Faith Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes from November 11, 2010

Trustee Szeman, Chair of the Faith Advisory Committee, updated trustees on the Committee's recent activities.

Moved by: Joe McPherson

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the unapproved minutes from the Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of November 11, 2010.

Carried

4.4 Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Alyna Poremba provided an update on Student Senate plans and activities, with a focus on increasing the cooperation between the three secondary school councils. A brief overview of recent community outreach and secondary school activities was also provided.

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Student Trustee Report for November 2010.

Carried

5. Information and Correspondence:

Trustee Casey provided a brief update on the recent Trustee Orientation Session facilitated by the Ministry of Education. The session focused on Bill 177, an Act that amends the Education Act with respect to student achievement, school board governance and certain other matters.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT 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:

Trustee McPherson reiterated his concern regarding the number of Catholic voters who are not listed as Catholic voters and requested that the Board be diligent in pursuing the Ministry of Education and the Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association (OCSTA) regarding the issues with the MPAC Catholic Voters List. Trustee Casey will take this request forward to the OCSTA executive.



8. Business In-Camera

Moved by: Dan Dignard
Seconded by: Joe McPherson

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

Carried

9. Report on the In-Camera Session

Moved by: Dan Dignard
Seconded by: Joe McPherson

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the business of the in-camera session.

Carried

10. Future Meetings and Events

Chair June Szeman drew trustee attention to list of upcoming meetings and events.

11. Moment of Silent Reflection

12. Adjournment

Prior to adjourning, Chair Szeman, on behalf of the Board, staff, students and school communities, presented Vice-Chair Joe McPherson with a gift of appreciation for his seven years of leadership and dedicated service and support to Catholic education as a Trustee, Board Chair and Vice-Chair. Vice-Chair McPherson expressed his sincere appreciation for the opportunity of being a part of the success of students across the system, witnessing and being a part of many wonderful events over the years, and reiterated his commitment to continuing to promote and defend Catholic education.

Moved by: Joe McPherson
Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

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

Carried