



**Brant Haldimand Norfolk**  
Catholic District School Board

**Minutes**

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

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**Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 24, 2011 7:00 pm**  
**Boardroom**

**Trustees:**

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

**Absent:**

**Senior Administration:**

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

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**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 Agenda**

Moved by: June Szeman

Seconded by: Rick Petrella

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the Agenda of the May 24, 2011 meeting.

**Carried**

**1.4 Declaration of Interest - Nil**

**2. Presentations and Delegations**

Chair Cliff Casey extended the Board's congratulations to Adam Gesjorskyj, teacher at St. John's College, on being awarded the Ministry of Education's *Premier Award for Teaching Excellence*. This award is presented to outstanding professionals who empower, engage and support Ontario's students on a daily basis.

Chair Cliff Casey extended the Board's congratulations to Lisa Kuyper, Program Consultant: Elementary, recipient of the Consultants/Coordinators' Association of Primary Educators (C.A.P.E.) 2010-11 *Frances Poleschuk Award*. This award is presented to an educator who has made an outstanding impact on the education of young people.



Chair Cliff Casey welcomed the Provincial Mock Trial Champions students from Assumption College School: Toma Chicerman, Chris LeBlanc, Hillary Miller, Emily Sycz, Ellen Vollebregt, as well as their staff advisor, Carissa Weiler. Jennifer Seal and staff advisor Jennifer Tunnicliffe were unable to attend. He congratulated the team on their third consecutive win of the Ontario Bar Association Mock Trial competitions.

### **3. Consent Agenda**

**3.1** THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes from the April 26, 2011 Board meeting.

Moved by: Rick Petrella

Seconded by: June Szeman

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

**Carried**

### **4. Committee and Staff Reports**

#### **4.1 Unapproved Minutes and Recommendations from the Committee of the Whole meeting of May 17, 2011**

Vice Chair Szeman reviewed the unapproved minutes from the May 17, 2011 Committee of the Whole meeting. Trustee Blake requested that Item 4.8 (c), Pupil Accommodation Review Policy, be voted on separately. Vice Chair Szeman presented the following recommendations for approval:

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.

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the position of Program Consultant: Elementary/Secondary for the 2011-12 school year, pending budget deliberations.

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 Years 4 and 5, subject to Ministry of Education approval, at the following schools:

#### **Year 4**

Holy Family Catholic Elementary School, Brant  
Our Lady of Fatima School, Norfolk  
Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary School, Brant  
St. Gabriel Catholic Elementary School, Brant  
St. Leo School, Brant  
St. Mary's School, Haldimand  
St. Michael's School, Norfolk



**Year 5**

Blessed Sacrament School, Brant  
Notre Dame Catholic Elementary School, Haldimand  
Our Lady of LaSalette School, Norfolk  
Our Lady of Providence Catholic Elementary School, Brant  
St. Anthony Daniel School, Brant  
St. Bernard School, Brant  
St. Bernard of Clairvaux School, Norfolk  
St. Mary School, Brant  
St. Patrick School, Brant

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the utilization of non-competitive procurement to allow the continuation of services provided by OSBIE for another five-year term, beginning January 1, 2012.

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board supports in principle the Coalition's Statement of Intent and to formally join the Coalition for Children & Youth Mental Health.

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the recommendations from the Policy Committee Meetings of April 20, 2011 and of May 5, 2011 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

THAT the Policy Committee recommends that the Committee of the Whole refers the Hiring – Academic Staff Policy 300.10 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

THAT the Policy Committee recommends that the Committee of the Whole refers the Hiring – Support Staff Policy 300.11 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

THAT the Policy Committee recommends that the Committee of the Whole refers the Nutrition – Creating a Healthy Environment Policy 200.01 (Interim) to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the recommendations from the Accommodations Committee Meeting of May 4, 2011, to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

THAT the Accommodations Committee recommends that the Committee of the Whole refers to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board a recommendation to contract Watson and Associates Inc. to prepare enrolment projections for all schools in the Board's jurisdiction.



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That the Accommodations Committee recommends that the Committee of the Whole refers to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board that the architect selection for the St. Peter and St. Joseph's Schools Early Learning Kindergarten Program additions be completed by staff and a recommendation for the architect be submitted to Board for approval.

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the position of Principal of Continuing Education pending the successful search for a suitable candidate for a one-year term and on a revenue-neutral basis.

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves Baird Sampson Neuert Architects to design the additions to St. Joseph's and St. Peter Schools.

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: Rick Petrella

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the unapproved minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 17, 2011.

**Carried**

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 17, 2011.

**Carried**

Trustee Blake proposed the following amendment to the Policy Statement of the Pupil Accommodation Review Policy 400.16: "An ARC will be made up of all schools which will be affected in a negative or positive way as a result of the said Pupil Accommodation Review."

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Rick Petrella

Following discussion on the proposed amendment, Trustee Blake requested a recorded vote.

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the proposed amendment to the Policy Statement of the Pupil Accommodation Review Policy.

Trustee Blake – Yes

Trustee Dignard – No

Trustee McKinnon – No

Trustee Petrella – Yes

Trustee Szeman – No

**Defeated**

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Pupil Accommodation Review Policy 400.16 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

**Carried**



**4.2 Excursion – St. John’s College Varsity Boys’ Soccer Team – San Diego and Anaheim**

Superintendent Chris Roehrig presented a request for approximately 18-20 Grades 9-12 male students from St. John’s College to compete in soccer games against teams from the West Coast USA during the 2012 March Break.

Moved by: June Szeman

Seconded by: Rick Petrella

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the request from St. John’s College for an excursion to San Diego and Anaheim, California to participate in local soccer competitions from Friday, March 9, 2012 to Saturday, March 17, 2012.

**Carried**

**4.2 Student Trustee Report**

Student Trustee Alyna Poremba reported on the annual Student Leadership Symposium that brought together the outgoing and incoming student councils from the three secondary schools. The focus was on building school spirit and how to integrate our Catholic faith into student activities. Student Trustee Poremba also reported on the OSTA-AECO AGM, which focused on equity and inclusion and social entrepreneurship. She also updated trustees on local Catholic Education Week activities, recent competitions, annual concerts and theatre production successes.

Moved by: Rick Petrella

Seconded by: June Szeman

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Student Trustee Report for May 2011.

**Carried**

**5. Information and Correspondence**

Trustee Szeman recently participated in an Accelerated OYAP Culinary tasting event at St. John’s College. Thirteen courses were presented by students and enjoyed by guests.

**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**

A trustee requested and received clarification regarding the list of redundant teachers that trustees had received.



**8. Business In-Camera**

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: Rick Petrella

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: Rick Petrella

Seconded by: June Szeman

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. Closing Prayer**

The meeting Closing Prayer was recited in unison.

**12. Adjournment**

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Rick Petrella

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the meeting of May 24, 2011.

**Carried**