



Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 11, 2012 7:30 pm
Boardroom

Trustees:

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

Absent:

Senior Administration:

Chris N. Roehrig (Director of Education & Secretary), Tom Grice (Superintendent of Business & Treasurer), Bill Chopp, Jamie McKinnon and Leslie Telfer (Superintendents of Education)

1. Opening Business

1.1 Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by June Szeman.

1.2 Attendance – As noted above.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the December 11, 2012 meeting.

Carried

1.4 Declaration of Interest – Nil

2. Presentations

Trustee Petrella extended the Board's congratulations to Laurel Campbell, a Grade 11 student at Assumption College School, for her winning design of the 2012 Board Christmas card.

Chair Szeman expressed the Board's appreciation to Cliff Casey for his time and efforts in moving the board forward during his two-year term as Chair of the Board, December 2010 to 2012.

3. Delegations – Nil



4. Consent Agenda

- 4.1 THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes from the November 27, 2012 meeting.
- 4.2 THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes from the Annual Meeting of the Board of December 4, 2012 meeting.
- 4.3 THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the unapproved minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting of November 14, 2012.

Several questions of clarification regarding Item 4.3 were responded to.

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: Rick Petrella

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

Carried

5. Committee and Staff Reports

5.1 21st Century Teaching and Learning Project

The Board received an update on the final phase of the 21st Century Teaching and Learning Project, which includes every Grade 4 to Grade 8 teacher, as well as kindergarten and FSL teacher, receiving a netbook and initial inservicing on its use in the classroom. Superintendent Telfer introduced Michelle Sauve and Martin Koprowski, junior/intermediate teachers at Jean Vanier school, who demonstrated how they incorporate the new technology in delivering mathematics instructions in their classrooms to better engage students and to support learning.

Moved by: Rick Petrella

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the 21st Century Teaching and Learning Project report.

Carried

5.2 Financial Statements – Year Ended August 31, 2012

Vice Chair Petrella, Chair of the Audit Committee, reported that Cameron Johnston of Millard, Rouse and Rosebrugh had reviewed the financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2012 with the Audit Committee and that the Committee recommended approval of the Statements. He noted that Board Auditors found no accounting issues or internal control problems.

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the Financial Statements – Year Ended August 31, 2012.

Carried



5.3 Faith Animator

Director Roehrig reported that Paul Tratnyek, a retired Superintendent of Education with the Waterloo Catholic District School Board, has been hired as a temporary part-time Faith Animator until the end of June. Mr. Tratnyek will be responsible for developing and implementing the initial stages of the faith formation aspects of the Board's strategic plan.

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Faith Animator report.

Carried

5.4 Parent and Family Literacy Centres (PFLCs)

Superintendent Telfer advised that the Ministry of Education has identified and approved two Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board sites for housing Parent Family Literacy Centres - Christ the King and Jean Vanier schools. Aimed at parents and children 0-6 years, this drop-in school-based program will offer play-based learning activities that will focus on the optimal development of the child and early acquisition of literacy and numeracy skills. The target date for opening the new centres is February 2013.

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the report on Parent and Family Literacy Centres (PFLCs).

Carried

5.5 Strategic Plan – Draft Initiatives and Goals

As an update to the ongoing development of the 2012-2015 Strategic Plan, Director Roehrig presented a set of draft initiatives and goals and highlighted several key areas of focus. The next step is to develop targets and performance measurements for each of the focus areas – Catholicity, Student Achievement, Leadership and Communications. Trustee Casey commented that a lot of thought has gone into developing a cohesive multi-year plan and commended Director Roehrig for his vision and leadership.

Moved by: Rick Petrella

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Strategic Plan - Draft Initiatives and Goals report.

Carried

6. Information and Correspondence

Director Roehrig circulated a letter from the Chair of the St. Clair Catholic District School Board to the Minister of Education expressing their disappointment with respect to labour relations.

Trustee Casey advised that Board Chairs had received communication from the Minister of Education on December 10, 2012 advising that school board amalgamations are not being considered at this time.



Trustee McKinnon congratulated the St. Patrick's Caledonia staff and students, and in particular teacher Jim Durka, for the impressive community volunteer appreciation event recently held at the school. The "Patches from Heaven 1000th Blanket Celebration" recognized all the knitting volunteers and local businesses that have supported this ongoing school project over the past 17 years.

Moved by: Rick Petrella

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

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

Carried

7. Notices of Motion - Nil

8. Trustee Inquiries

The question was raised as to the start time of Board meetings. Discussion ensued and it was decided that Director Roehrig would survey and compile practices from Catholic boards across the province for trustee consideration.

Chair Szeman requested and received feedback regarding trustee membership on Board committees.

Chair Szeman would welcome trustee input as to what other business/activities could be included on Board meeting evenings.

Trustee Blake was advised that staff are still working on the crossing guard concern in Norfolk County.

9. Business In-Camera

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

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

Carried

10. Report on the In-Camera Session

Chair Szeman and trustees Casey and Dignard declared a conflict of interest in item 3.3 of the in-camera session and left the room. They did not take part in the consideration or discussion of, or vote on any question with relation to this item.

Moved by: Rick Petrella

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

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

Carried

11. Future Meetings

A listing of upcoming meetings and events was reviewed, and a Policy Committee meeting was scheduled for January 21, 2013.



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Minutes

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

12. Closing Prayer

A closing prayer was recited in unison.

13. Adjournment

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the meeting of December 11, 2012.

Carried