



**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, November 26, 2013 ♦ 7:00 pm**  
**Boardroom**

**Trustees:**

**Present:** June Szeman (Chair), Rick Petrella (Vice Chair), Dennis Blake, Cliff Casey, Dan Dignard, Bonnie McKinnon, Georgia Athanasiou (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)

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**1. Opening Business**

**1.1 Opening Prayer**

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Trustee Blake.

**1.2 Attendance – As noted above.**

**1.3 Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by: Rick Petrella

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the November 26, 2013 meeting.

**Carried**

**1.4 Declaration of Interest – Nil**

**2. Presentations**

Chair Szeman extended the Board's congratulations to John Silvestri, Information Technology System Education Resource Teacher, recipient of the 2013 Champion of Inclusion Award. This award is presented annually to an educator who "lives, breathes and implements" inclusive education.

Chair Szeman welcomed Rob Campbell, Principal of St. John's College, who explained the work done by teachers of the Mathematics Department over the past several years that has led to significantly improved results in the Grade 9 Mathematics EQAO assessments. Through collaborative teaching, use of innovative technology and modelling of new pedagogy, the dedication and hard work of the staff was recently recognized by EQAO when St. John's College was awarded the Dr. Bette M. Stephenson Recognition of Achievement Award. Chair Szeman extended the Board's congratulations and presented certificates of achievement to the individual teachers and to Principal Campbell.



Superintendent McKinnon introduced Peter Svec, Student Achievement Consultant: Pathways and Specialist High Skills Major Lead and presented him with the Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC) Innovative Management Award for his leadership in the Specialist High Skills Major program since the program began in 2008. He added that the program, available in all three secondary schools, currently has over 500 students enrolled in 21 programs that span nine different sectors.

Trustee Dignard commented that these types of awards are testimony to the success of our programs and the caliber of our staff, and applauded senior administration for planting the seeds of innovation and for their ongoing leadership.

**3. Delegations – Nil**

**4. Consent Agenda**

**4.1** THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the October 22, 2013 meeting.

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

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 Unapproved Minutes and Recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 19, 2013**

Trustee Petrella reviewed the business of the November 22, 2013 Committee of the Whole meeting and brought forward the following recommendations for approval:

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the 2014 insurance renewal premium, payable to the Ontario School Boards' Insurance Exchange, in the amount of \$207,738, plus PST.

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board advises the Grand Erie District School Board that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board has no interest in the following property:

- Former Doverwood Public School, 108 Hamilton Plank Road, Port Dover, Ontario

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the request from Assumption College School, Holy Trinity Catholic High School and St. John's College for an excursion mission trip to Staten Island, NY from Saturday, January 25 to Friday, January 31, 2014.



Moved by: Rick Petrella

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School receives the unapproved minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of November 19, 2013.

**Carried**

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School approves the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting of November 19, 2013.

**Carried**

## **5.2 Student Trustee Report**

Student Trustee Athanasiou reported that Student Senators are preparing for the February retreat for student leaders, which will focus on love for self, love for others, and love for the world. School chaplains will organize various seminars. She reported that it is semi-formal season at all secondary schools. In addition, Assumption College and St. John's students have been busy fundraising to support local area families during the Christmas season, while Holy Trinity students are purchasing gifts for children at Sick Kids Hospital in London.

Moved by: Rick Petrella

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Student Trustee report.

**Carried**

## **6. Information and Correspondence**

Chair Szeman distributed a copy of a letter from the Ontario College of Teachers and requested feedback from trustees.

Moved by: Rick Petrella

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

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

**Carried**

## **7. Notices of Motion – Nil**

## **8. Trustee Inquiries - Nil**

## **9. Business In-Camera**

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Rick Petrella

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

**Carried**



**10. Report on the In-Camera Session**

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

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.

**12. Closing Prayer**

A closing prayer was recited in unison.

**13. Adjournment**

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the meeting of November 26, 2013.

**Carried**