



Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 25, 2014 ♦ 7:00 pm
Boardroom

Trustees:

Present: June Szeman (Chair), Rick Petrella (Vice Chair), Dennis Blake, Cliff Casey, Dan Dignard, Georgia Athanasiou (Student Trustee)

Absent: Bonnie McKinnon (Trustee)

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 prayer led by Chair Szeman.

1.2 Attendance – As noted above.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the March 25, 2014 meeting, as amended.

Carried

1.4 Declaration of Interest – Nil

2. Presentations

Retirement Recognition – deferred to a future Board meeting.

Superintendent Chopp presented a pictorial overview of the successful fourth annual “Souper Bowl” fundraiser. \$2,834.50 in cash donations and 19,838 cans of soup and non-perishable food items were collected by staff, students and community partners and distributed between the St. Vincent de Paul organizations in Brantford, Simcoe, Caledonia and Dunnville, as well as eight community food banks across Brant, Haldimand and Norfolk. Chair Szeman presented the SouperBowl “overall winner” trophy to St. Joseph’s School in Simcoe and awarded certificates to student representatives from St. Mary’s (Hagersville) and Our Lady of Fatima (Courtland) schools for collecting the most food items in their respective “conferences”. Our Lady of Providence School was the Brant conference winner. Representatives from the various charities accepted cheques and offered their appreciation to staff and students for their ongoing and enthusiastic support of those in need. Trustee Casey expressed the Board’s thanks for Superintendent Chopp for organizing and promoting this annual event.



3. Delegations – Nil

4. Consent Agenda

- 4.1** THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the February 25, 2014 meeting.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

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 Unapproved Minutes and Recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 18, 2014

Vice-Chair Petrella reviewed the business of the March 18, 2014 Committee of the Whole meeting and presented the following recommendations:

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the following:

1. THAT, for purposes of the 2014 election, the number of trustees is determined to be six.
2. THAT, for purposes of the 2014 election, the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board has not designated any low population areas within its jurisdiction.
3. THAT, for the purposes of the 2014 election, the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board has determined the distribution of trustees to be two trustees for the City of Brantford, two trustees for the County of Norfolk, one trustee for the County of Brant, and one trustee for the County of Haldimand.

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the request from St. John's College for an excursion to Glasgow, Scotland from Friday, March 14, 2015 to Sunday, March 23, 2015.

Moved by: Rick Petrella

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the unapproved minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of March 18, 2014.

Carried

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting of March 18, 2014.

Carried



5.2 Marker School Project

Superintendent Telfer brought trustees up to date on the Marker School Project, which began last year with six schools, and has been expanded to twelve school for 2013-14, representing approximately 60% of all elementary students. She explained that each Marker School has selected a specific focus in the areas of mathematics or literacy, and has identified key strategies and instructional tools to address the identified learning needs of their students. Focused monitoring, regular teacher collaboration, and ongoing sharing of best practices and experiences with administrators across the system are key components of this initiative. Superintendent Telfer introduced Don Backus (Principal), Bill Acres (Vice Principal), Julie Long and Shawn Weiler (Grades 5/6 teachers) from St. Joseph's school; as well as Neil Chopp (Principal), Janine Fedeiruk (Gr. 6/7 teacher) and Emily Huculak (Gr. 1 /2 teacher) from Holy Cross School who provided an overview of the specific foci they are working on, and shared their experiences, student growth, success stories and challenges. Discussion ensued and trustee inquiries in the areas of student feedback, measuring improved student achievement, diagnostic assessments, and next steps were addressed by school and Board staff. Trustee Dignard congratulated everyone involved in the Marker School Project for their outstanding work and Chair Szeman expressed the Board's appreciation to the presenters for their informative presentations.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Rick Petrella

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Marker School Project report.

Carried

5.3 Committee of the Whole and Board Meetings Schedule – March 2015

Director Roehrig advised that with March Break 2015 being one week later next year, staff recommends scheduling the Committee of the Whole and Board meetings on the 4th and 5th Tuesdays of that month, rather than the standard 3rd and 4th Tuesdays as specified in the Board By-Laws.

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Rick Petrella

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves an altered Board meetings schedule for March 2015, as follows:

Tuesday, March 24, 2015 – Committee of the Whole Meeting

Tuesday, March 31, 2015 – Board Meeting

Carried

5.4 Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Athanasiou advised that the Winter Retreat was a great success and that feedback received will be used to expand the program in the future. She reported that plans are underway for the province-wide secondary students mass scheduled for May 7, 2014, as well as for the May Student Leadership Symposium. Included in her school news, Student Trustee Athanasiou shared that all secondary schools are currently working with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in support of several of their programs including the Bed for Every Child campaign, Lenten food drives and the purchase of toiletries and necessities.



Moved by: Dennis Blake
Seconded by: Rick Petrella

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

Carried

6. Information and Correspondence

Director Roehrig distributed copies of a quick reference, “Key Concepts”, which connects the new Religion and Family Life curriculum K-12 with existing resources. This is an interim measure until the new textbooks are available.

Chair Szeman informed trustees that she has been invited to make a presentation at the OCSTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) regarding shared facilities.

Chair Szeman advised that she has forwarded electronically the Resolutions for the upcoming OCSTA AGM.

Chair Szeman requested that agenda items for the upcoming OCSTA Regional meeting be forwarded to her.

Moved by: Dennis Blake
Seconded by: Dan Dignard

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

As a follow-up to the Marker Schools presentations, Trustee Dignard inquired if there was a way that the excellent work that teachers are doing in their classrooms could be publicized/showcased and celebrated. Director Roehrig advised that this could be done via the portal, website and/or via Twitter.

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: Rick Petrella

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

Carried



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Minutes

Catholic Education Centre
322 Fairview Drive
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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: Cliff Casey

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the meeting of March 25, 2014.

Carried