



**Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 27, 2014 ♦ 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 prayer led by Trustee McKinnon. A Memorial Statement for Ariane Young, a student of Assumption College School, was offered by Superintendent McKinnon.

In recognition of his last Board meeting, Chair Szeman took the opportunity to extend the Board's sincerest thanks and well wishes for a long and healthy retirement to Superintendent Bill Chopp, who is retiring after 43 years of dedicated service to the Board and support of Catholic education.

**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 May 20, 2014 meeting, as amended.

**Carried**

**1.4 Declaration of Interest – Nil**

**2. Presentations**

Chair Szeman welcomed the 2014 Provincial Mock Trial Champion team from Assumption College School: Students Jaycee Alford, Collin Allardyce, Georgia Athanasiou, Mihai Dumbrava and Katie Vezina, as well as staff advisor, Carissa Engell. Team members Emily Conte and Sonja Vandenenden, official timer Myles LeBlanc, and staff advisor Jennifer Tunnicliffe were unable to attend. Mrs. Szeman congratulated the team on their 13<sup>th</sup> provincial win of the Ontario Bar Association Mock Trial competitions since 1994 and acknowledged the support of Crown attorney George Orsini, defense lawyer Dennis Tousevard, School Resource Officer Jon Hall, and drama teacher Gina Marcella. She congratulated Mihai Dumbrava on being recognized by the judges as the top oralist for this year's competition. The team has been invited to be Canadian representatives at the Empire New York's World Championship in Brooklyn, New York in October 2014.



**3. Delegations – Nil**

**4. Consent Agenda**

**4.1** THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the April 22, 2014 Board meeting.

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 Unapproved Minutes and Recommendations from the Committee of the Whole meeting - May 20, 2014**

Vice Chair Petrella reviewed the business of the May 20, 2014 Committee of the Whole meeting and presented the following recommendations for approval:

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the Joint Use Agreement with the Grand Erie District School Board and the Corporation of the City of Brantford.

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 Northern Italy from Friday, March 13, 2015 to Sunday, March 22, 2015.

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 Brooklyn, New York from Thursday, October 23 to Monday, October 27, 2014.

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the request from St. John's College for an excursion to London, Paris and Barcelona from Saturday, March 14, 2015 to Sunday, March 22, 2015.

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the request from St John's College for an excursion to New York City, New York from Saturday, March 14 to Tuesday, March 17, 2015.



Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the unapproved minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 20, 2014.

**Carried**

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 20, 2014.

**Carried**

## **5.2 Mental Health Strategy**

Superintendent Chopp commented on the government's increased focus on and support of mental health since 2011, noting that one in five children struggles with mental health challenges. He introduced Dianne Wdowczyk, Mental Health Lead, who presented the three-year Board Mental Health Strategy that the Mental Health Leadership Team has developed. The Strategy's main focus is to build environments in schools that is mentally healthy. She noted that the Mental Health Strategy covers seven key areas and outlined the action items that are in use or will be introduced over the next couple of years to support each of the key areas. In response to trustee inquiries, the compassionate care response protocol was outlined by Mrs. Wdowczyk.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Mental Health Strategy report.

**Carried**

## **5.3 Architect Selection – Blessed Sacrament School**

Superintendent Grice distributed copies of his report with respect to the recent Request for Proposal (RFP) that was issued for the addition of one Early Learning Kindergarten Program classroom and the relocation of the administrative offices at Blessed Sacrament School in Burford. Trustee inquiries with respect to the selection process, percentage fee, and next steps were addressed by Superintendent Grice. The lowest bid was submitted by MMMC Inc. Architects.

Moved by: Rick Petrella

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves MMMC Inc.

Architects to design the addition of one Early Learning Kindergarten Program (ELKP) classroom and the relocation of the administrative offices at Blessed Sacrament School in Burford, pending a fully-executed contract with the Board and MMMC Inc. Architects.

**Carried**

## **5.4 Student Trustee Report**

Student Trustee Athanasiou advised that Kim Gubbels of Holy Trinity has been selected as the 2014-15 Student Trustee. She also reported on the successful Student Leadership Symposium held at Blessed Sacrament parish last week. In school news, Student Trustee Athanasiou provided highlights of school proms, recent Gr. 8 orientation activities, and community support activities, in particular the spring food drive at St. John's College for the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and the successful *United in May for United Way* community fundraiser event organized by Holy Trinity, which may become an annual event.



Moved by: Rick Petrella

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

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

**Carried**

**6. Information and Correspondence - Nil**

**7. Notices of Motion**

THAT the Board refers consideration of including Business Arising in its public and in-camera Committee of the Whole and Board agendas to a future Policy Committee meeting as this will require a change to the Board By-Laws, Section 7.1, Order of Business.

Moved by: June Szeman

This notice of motion will be considered at the June 24, 2014 Board meeting.

**8. Trustee Inquiries**

Trustees extended personal reflections on Superintendent Chopp's career and contributions to the students, staff and school communities. He was commended for always having the students' best interests as his number one priority, and was recognized for the extensive work he has done in the area of special education. His sense of humour, people skills, vast knowledge and service to community will be missed.

Trustee Dignard advised that in the near future, trustees will be receiving information from the Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk Consortium to review and to provide feedback on by mid-September.

Trustee Blake commented that he hopes that the EQAO assessment results for the Full Day Kindergarten Program students who are being assessed for the first time this spring will be shared with the Board.

**9. Business In-Camera**

Moved by: Rick Petrella

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

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: Bonnie McKinnon

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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**11. Future Meetings**

A listing of June 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  
May 27, 2014.

**Carried**