



Brant Haldimand Norfolk
Catholic District School Board

Minutes

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

Committee of the Whole
Tuesday, April 17, 2012 7:30 pm
Boardroom

Trustees:

Present: Cliff Casey (Chair), June Szeman (Vice Chair), Dan Dignard, Bonnie McKinnon, Rick Petrella, Maxine Smitiuch (Student Trustee)

Joined Meeting: Dennis Blake (Item 5.2)

Absent:

Senior Administration:

Cathy Horgan (Director of Education), Tom Grice (Superintendent of Business & Treasurer), Bill Chopp, Trish Kings and Chris Roehrig (Superintendents of Education)

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: Rick Petrella

Seconded by: June Szeman

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the Agenda of the April 17, 2012 meeting.

Carried

1.4 Declaration of Interest – Nil

2. Presentations – Nil

3. Delegations - Nil

4. Consent Agenda

4.1 THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the March 20, 2012 meeting.

4.2 THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the 2011-12 Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk Annual Report to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.



- 4.3** THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the unapproved minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of March 21, 2012 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: June Szeman

THAT the Committee of the Whole of 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 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes and Recommendations – April 10, 2012

Vice Chair Szeman, Chair of the Policy Committee, reported that the Committee had reviewed the Equity and Inclusive Education policy at their April 10, 2012 meeting. She commented that the policy adheres to Ministry directives and includes all eight identified areas of focus for the implementation of equity and inclusive education. She presented the following recommendation for approval:

THAT the Policy Committee recommends that the Committee of the Whole refers the Equity and Inclusive Education Policy to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: June Szeman

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the unapproved minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of April 10, 2012 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the recommendation from the Policy Committee Meeting of April 10, 2012 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

Carried

5.2 Education Funding for 2012-13

Superintendent of Business Grice reviewed the highlights of the Grants for Student Needs (GSN) for 2012-13 and their potential impact on the Board. The impact from the current Provincial Discussion Table (PDT) process, which will establish a framework for negotiating local collective agreements, is still not known. Superintendent Grice also reviewed the impact that various other measures that have been incorporated into the GSN will have on the Board. Several questions of clarification and a general discussion of financial issues followed.



Moved by: Dan Dignard
Seconded by: Rick Petrella

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the report on Education Funding for 2012-13.

Carried

5.3 Financial Report as of February 2012

Superintendent of Business Grice presented the quarterly Board Expenditure Report as of February 29, 2012. He reported that overall, there are few significant variances to report with 49.3% of the total budget spent at the half-way point in the school year.

Moved by: Dan Dignard
Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Financial Report as of February 2012 report.

Carried

5.4 Strategic Plan Update: Student Achievement

Superintendent Roehrig reported on the status of some of the newer innovative initiatives related to the student achievement section of the Strategic Plan including the latest phase of the implementation of the 21st Century Learning project in the primary division, the introduction of the Collaborative Inquiry for Mathematics (CIL-M) pilot project, the initiation of the robotic program and technology visits for the intermediate division, and the creation of Student Achievement Teams at the secondary level. Trustees McKinnon and Szeman congratulated staff on the positive results and comments they have received related to the 21st Century Learning and robotics programs.

Moved by: June Szeman
Seconded by: Rick Petrella

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the update of the Strategic Action Plan – Student Achievement.

Carried

5.5 Board Enrolment Update as of March 31, 2012

Superintendent of Business Grice reported March 31 enrolment figures. The Average Daily Enrolment (ADE) numbers are used by the Ministry of Education for grant purposes. Although actual enrolment numbers are very close to the numbers that were projected in June 2011, he pointed out that the Board has experienced a notable decline in 2011-12 enrolment. A general discussion regarding reasons for enrolment decline in various areas of the board, the region and province ensued.

Moved by: Rick Petrella
Seconded by: June Szeman

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Board Enrolment report.

Carried



5.6 Children's Aid Society Protocol

Superintendent Chopp reported that the previous Children's Aid Society (CAS) Protocol struck approximately ten years ago required updating to reflect current needs. The addition of a partnership agreement between the CAS and the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board as Appendix F-2 to the Protocol provides a framework for establishing a positive approach to having CAS worker in our schools and focuses on student wellness.

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Children's Aid Society Protocol report to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

5.7 Catholic Education Week 2012

Superintendent Kings reported that the theme for this year's Catholic Education Week, which takes place from May 6-12, 2012, is "Catholic Education: Walking in the Light of Christ". A school resource kit, developed by the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association, will be used by schools to assist in planning activities and prayer celebrations, many of which will involve parents and community members. New this year is an elementary Student Conference being held at Laurier University providing Grades 5-6 students with strategies to promote safe school climates at their schools.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Catholic Education Week 2012 report to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

6. Information and Correspondence

Chair Casey commented that the Ontario Catholic School Trustees; Association Annual General Meeting will be held in Kingston from April 26-28, 2012. Trustee McKinnon congratulated Superintendent Chopp on a very-well organized and informative Parent Engagement Symposium held last month. Director Horgan reported that at last week's Strategic Planning Committee meeting, plans were finalized for a public consultation process to help gather input towards developing the Board's 2012-2015 multi-year Strategic Plan.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: June Szeman

THAT the Committee of the Whole of 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

In response to an inquiry by Trustee Blake, Director Horgan confirmed that Minister of Education Broten is visiting St. Basil/Walter Gretzky schools the morning of Friday, May 11, 2012.



9. Business In-Camera

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

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: Rick Petrella

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

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

Carried

11. Future Meetings

Upcoming meetings and events were reviewed.

12. Closing Prayer

A closing prayer was recited in unison.

13. Adjournment

Moved by: June Szeman

Seconded by: Rick Petrella

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the meeting of April 17, 2012.

Carried