



**Brant Haldimand Norfolk  
Catholic District School Board**

**Minutes**

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

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**Committee of the Whole  
Tuesday, May 15, 2012 7:30 pm  
Boardroom**

**Trustees:**

**Present:** Cliff Casey (Chair), Dennis Blake, Dan Dignard, Bonnie McKinnon, Rick Petrella,  
Maxine Smitiuch (Student Trustee)

**Absent:** June Szeman (Vice Chair)

**Senior Administration:**

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

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**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: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the Agenda of the May 15, 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 April 17, 2012 meeting.

**4.2** THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the unapproved minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of April 18, 2012 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 Budget Committee Meeting of April 30, 2012 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.
- 4.4 THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the unapproved minutes of the Accommodations Committee Meeting of May 10, 2012 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: Rick Petrella

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 Recommendation – April 23, 2012

Trustee Petrella reviewed the business of the last Policy Committee meeting, including a new policy on Aboriginal Self-Identification. The committee is bringing forward the following recommendation for approval:

THAT the Policy Committee recommends that the Committee of the Whole refers the Aboriginal Self-Identification Policy to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the unapproved minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of April 23, 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 23, 2012 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

**Carried**

### 5.2 Teaching and Learning in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Project

Superintendent Roehrig drew trustee attention to some of the data that has been collected related to the Phase 2 rollout of the netbook project to all primary teachers across the system in November 2011. He noted that the level of use, as well as comfort level in using technology, has improved significantly. He introduced Nicholas Melfi and Erin Smith, Grade 1 teachers at Our Lady of Providence School who gave a presentation on how netbooks and the Destination Reading software are being integrated into teaching practice. A question and answer period followed. Leslie Telfer, School Effectiveness Principal, added that as the project advances, data regarding the impact of this technology on student achievement will be collected and reported on.



Moved by: Dan Dignard  
Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Teaching and Learning in the 21st Century Project Report.

**Carried**

### **5.3 Strategic Plan Update: Catholicity**

Director Horgan noted that a detailed status update report on the Catholicity commitment of the Board's Strategic Action Plan was provided in the agenda package. Superintendent Kings gave a pictorial presentation to highlight specific areas of focus in the area of Catholicity including the integration of the Board theme, assessment and evaluation in Religious education, equity and inclusive education, student and parent engagement, as well as staff professional learning.

Moved by: Rick Petrella  
Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

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

**Carried**

### **5.4 Excursion: New York City**

Superintendent Roehrig brought forward a request from St. John's College for an excursion to New York City during March Break, 2013. Focused on providing insight into the world of the performing arts, the visit will include an opportunity for students to participate in an actors' workshop.

Moved by: Dan Dignard  
Seconded by: Dennis Blake

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 from Saturday, March 9, 2013 to Wednesday, March 13, 2013.

**Carried**

### **5.5 Excursion: Italy**

Superintendent Roehrig presented a request from Assumption College School and St. John's College for an excursion to Italy during March Break 2013. Students will visit several sites that feature man's highest achievements in terms of art and architecture.

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon  
Seconded by: Rick Petrella

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the request from Assumption College School and St. John's College for an excursion to Italy from Saturday, March 9, 2013 to Sunday, March 17, 2013.

**Carried**



**5.6 Committee of the Whole and Board Meetings Schedule – January 2013**

Due to the timing of the Christmas break, staff recommends that the January 2013 Committee of the Whole and Board meetings be delayed by one week.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves an altered Board meetings schedule for January, 2013 as follows:

Tuesday, January 22, 2013 – Committee of the Whole Meeting

Tuesday, January 29, 2013 – Board Meeting

**Carried**

**6. Information and Correspondence**

Director Horgan reported on the progress being made to renew the Board's multi-year strategic plan. Responses to a recent system/community online survey to gather feedback on the Board's current mission statement, core values and strategic commitments confirms that they are still applicable and timely. Two public participation meetings have been scheduled to gather feedback for the new multi-year plan: May 29, 2012 at Assumption College School in Brantford and May 30, 2012 at Holy Trinity Catholic High School in Simcoe.

Moved by: Rick Petrella

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

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**

THAT trustees are rotated for secondary graduation ceremonies so that each trustee from the area which they represent has the opportunity to bring greetings and congratulations on behalf of the Board at least once every three years.

Moved by: Dennis Blake

This notice of motion will be considered at the June 19, 2012 Committee of the Whole meeting.

**8. Trustee Inquiries - Nil**

**9. Business In-Camera**

Moved by: Dennis Blake

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: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: Rick Petrella

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

**Carried**

**11. Future Meetings**

Upcoming meetings and events were reviewed and recent changes highlighted.

**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 15, 2012.

**Carried**