



Committee of the Whole
Tuesday, October 16, 2012 7:30 pm
Boardroom

Trustees:

Present: June Szeman (Vice Chair), Dennis Blake, Dan Dignard, Bonnie McKinnon,
Rick Petrella, Ryan Catrysse (Student Trustee)

Absent: Cliff Casey (Chair)

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 June Szeman

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 October 16, 2012 meeting.

Carried

1.4 Declaration of Interest – Nil

2. Presentations

Superintendent Chopp introduced the Elementary Athletic Coordinators, Lyle Goulding, Cam Sinnesael, MariLynne Tota and Karen Vitalis, who gave an informative presentation on the benefits and goals of the elementary sports program, as well as outlined their roles as coordinators and what system-wide sporting events are offered every year. A schedule of 2012-13 tournaments and sporting events was distributed and trustees invited to attend and distribute awards when their schedules permit.

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 September 18, 2012 meeting.



- 4.2 THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the unapproved minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of September 12, 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 Catholicity Committee Meeting of October 10, 2012 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

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 – October 10, 2012

Trustee Blake reported that several new and revised policies were reviewed at the October 10, 2012 Policy Committee meeting. Trustee Petrella made a minor revision to the Information and Communications Technology Use Administrative Procedures. The following recommendations were brought forward by the Committee for consideration:

THAT the Policy Committee recommends that the Committee of the Whole refers the Admission of Students Policy 200.14 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

THAT the Policy Committee recommends that the Committee of the Whole refers the rescinding of the Fundraising in Secondary Schools Policy 700.06 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

THAT the Policy Committee recommends that the Committee of the Whole refers the Fundraising Policy 700.05 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

THAT the Policy Committee recommends that the Committee of the Whole refers the Supervised Alternative Learning Policy 200.06 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

THAT the Policy Committee recommends that the Committee of the Whole refers the Information and Communications Technology Use policy to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

THAT the Policy Committee recommends that the Committee of the Whole refers the Religious Accommodations 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 October 10, 2012 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

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

Carried

5.2 Primary and Junior/Intermediate Class Size

Superintendent Grice reported that the Board met the Ministry's primary class size mandate of 20 or fewer pupils in 90% of classrooms, as well as the new requirement for Grades 4 to 8 classes to have no more than 25.60 students. The actual average class size for junior/intermediate classes was 25.18 students as of compliance date.

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon
Seconded by: Rick Petrella

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Primary and Junior/Intermediate Class Size report.

Carried

5.3 Strategic Planning

Superintendent McKinnon reported that as a follow-up to the spring 2012 public consultations regarding the 2012-2015 Strategic Plan, several common themes were identified. He reviewed the strengths, challenges and opportunities in each of the four strategic commitment areas - Catholicity, student achievement, leadership, and communications – and commented that specific strategies to support the suggested areas of focus will be developed in the coming weeks.

Moved by: Dan Dignard
Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Strategic Planning report to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

5.4 Leadership Development

Superintendent McKinnon reported that new developments in the Ministry's Ontario Leadership Strategy require system and school leaders to develop Personal Leadership Resources, specifically in the areas of problem solving, emotion management and optimism. In the coming months, administrators will participate in several professional development opportunities that will focus on problem solving and having courageous conversations. In response to Trustee Petrella's inquiry, training costs are fully funded through the Ministry's Leadership initiative.



Moved by: Rick Petrella
Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Leadership Development report to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

5.5 Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association – Annual Membership Fees

Vice Chair Szeman reported that the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) has revised its fee structure to compensate for decreasing enrolment. OCSTA has not had a fee increase in the past ten years. A two percent increase over last year's rates has been imposed. Discussion ensued regarding the benefits of membership and OCSTA's strategic direction. A request was made that a meeting be arranged between OCSTA representatives and trustees to address questions and concerns.

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 continued membership with the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association and remits the annual fee of \$45,708 for the 2012-13 school year.

Carried

Moved by: Rick Petrella
Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board contacts OCSTA and requests a meeting with the Executive Director, President and Regional Representative to answer questions from trustees regarding the benefits of membership and future direction. The letter is to be shared with trustees prior to being sent to OCSTA.

Carried

5.6 Excursion – Italy and Greece (revised)

Superintendent Chopp advised that due to a change in aircraft type being used by Alitalia Airlines, the airline can no longer accommodate a Sunday return flight for the Italy and Greece excursion by Assumption College School students during the 2013 March Break. The excursion will now return one day later than previously scheduled. There will be no additional costs to the students.

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon
Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the revised request from Assumption College School for an excursion to Italy and Greece from Friday, March 8, 2013 to Monday, March 18, 2013.

Carried



6. Information and Correspondence

Trustee Petrella provided an update on the OCSTA Fall Regional Meeting that he and trustee Blake attended on October 16, 2012. It was suggested that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board submits a resolution at the OCSTA Annual General Meeting regarding representation by every Board on the OCSTA Board of Directors.

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 - Nil

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: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

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

Carried

11. Future Meetings

The list of future meetings and events for trustees was reviewed.

12. Closing Prayer

A closing prayer was recited in unison.

13. Adjournment

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Rick Petrella

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the meeting of October 16, 2012.

Carried