



Brant Haldimand Norfolk
Catholic District School Board

Minutes

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

Committee of the Whole
Tuesday, September 17, 2013 ♦ 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)

1. Opening Business

1.1 Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Vice Chair Petrella.

1.2 Attendance – As noted above.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Dan Dignard
Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the September 17, 2013 meeting.

Carried

1.4 Declaration of Interest – Nil

2. Presentations

Superintendent Chopp introduced System SERTs Patti Mitchell and Joanne Freund who gave a presentation on the First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation Retreats for Special Education students that they developed and deliver annually. Through hands-on faith-filled learning activities, and with the assistance of parish priests, special needs students have the opportunity to participate as fully as possible in the sacraments of the church. Trustees commended the presenters on their initiative and quality programs.

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 June 18, 2013 meeting.
- 4.2** THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the unapproved minutes of the Accommodations Committee Meeting of September 11, 2013 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

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 Continuing Education – St. Mary Catholic Learning Centre Update

Superintendent McKinnon provided an update on the former St. Mary elementary school which was converted into a Continuing Education centre last year. Under the leadership of Continuing Education Principal, Terre Slaght, Superintendent McKinnon commented that the St. Mary Catholic Learning Centre provides continued learning in a lifelong manner for the young and old. Current, planned and future program offerings were highlighted and trustee inquiries regarding various programs were responded to.

Moved by: Rick Petrella

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Continuing Education – St. Mary Catholic Learning Centre Update report to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

5.2 Savings Analysis: Holy Cross and St. Mary Schools Consolidation

Superintendent Grice provided a summary of the savings realized from the consolidation of St. Mary and Holy Cross school communities at Holy Cross. The analyses included the savings had St. Mary School been closed entirely, as well as the cost savings realized with St. Mary being utilized as a Continuing Education Centre. Discussion arose regarding the noted one-time costs, whether any students did not transfer to Holy Cross, and staff savings. Trustee Dignard received confirmation that the anticipated savings as a result of the Accommodation Review Committee's decision to merge the two school communities have been and will continue to be realized.

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 Savings Analysis: Holy Cross and St. Mary Schools Consolidation report.

Carried



5.3 Start-Up Enrolment and School Organizations

Superintendent McKinnon distributed information regarding elementary enrolment and school organizations as of September 17, 2013. He commented that elementary enrolment is approximately 70 students higher than projected enrolment and that class size compliance has been met.

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Start-Up Enrolment and School Organizations update.

Carried

5.4 Integrated Accessibility Plan Annual Report 2013-14

Superintendent Chopp provided an overview of the objectives to be achieved during the 2013-14 school year with respect to the 2013-2017 Integrated Accessibility Plan.

Moved by: Rick Petrella

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Integrated Accessibility Plan Annual Report 2013-14 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

5.5 CEFO Catholic Student Award Recipients/Father Fogarty Awards Dinner

Superintendent McKinnon advised that the Board's recipients of the annual Catholic Education Foundation of Ontario's *Catholic Student Award*, Emily Gill (Assumption College School), Ryan Cattrysse (Holy Trinity) and Danielle Tuori (St. John's College) will be honoured at the Father Patrick Fogarty Awards Dinner in Toronto on October 26, 2013.

Moved by: Rick Petrella

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the information regarding the recipients of the 2013 Catholic Student Award and the Father Patrick Fogarty Awards Dinner.

Carried

5.6 Excursion - Italy

Superintendent Chopp presented a request from Holy Trinity School for approximately 21 Grade 9-12 students to participate in an excursion to Italy during March Break 2014 in order to witness first-hand many of the things that they have studied in scripture and textbooks.

Moved by: Rick Petrella

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the request from Holy Trinity Catholic High School for an excursion to Italy from Friday, March 7 to Sunday, March 16, 2014.

Carried



6. Information and Correspondence

6.1 Trustee Conduct at Board Meetings

Chair Szeman provided a reminder regarding trustee conduct at meetings. In the event of outbursts, the trustee will be asked to remove himself/herself from the meeting. If the trustee is not agreeable, a recess will be called. As a final recourse, the meeting may be adjourned.

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

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: Rick Petrella

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

Trustee attention was drawn to the 2013-14 list of meetings and events.

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 September 17, 2013.

Carried