



Brant Haldimand Norfolk
Catholic District School Board

Minutes

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

Committee of the Whole
Tuesday, February 18, 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 and Jamie McKinnon (Superintendents of Education)

1. Opening Business

1.1 Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Trustee McKinnon.

1.2 Attendance – As noted above.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Rick Petrella

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the February 18, 2014 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 January 21, 2014 meeting.

4.2 THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the unapproved minutes of the Catholic Education Advisory Committee Meeting of January 16, 2014 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 Mental Health Leadership Team Meeting of January 29, 2014 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

4.4 THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the educational field trip summary report the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Moved by: Dennis Blake

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 Pathways Update

Superintendent McKinnon advised that Pathways is one component of the Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and much progress has been made in providing diversified program offerings and building awareness with students and parents regarding pathways and career opportunities. He introduced Peter Svec, Student Achievement Consultant for Pathways, who provided an overview and update on the various pathways initiatives. Mr. Svec advised that Individual Pathways Plans, which is currently done in Grades 7-12, will be expanded to include JK to Grade 6 students in September 2014.

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

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

Carried

5.2 Information and Communication Technology Operation Plan Update

Superintendent Grice advised that the original three-year Information and Communication Technology Operation Plan has been updated and revamped to meet the demands in the area of technology on a go-forward basis for 2014-2017. He commented that the Plan focuses on consolidating and exploring existing resources, rather than adding new infrastructure. He introduced Norm Cicci, Manager of Information Technology and Brian Englefield, Student Achievement Consultant – 21st Century Learning who provided an overview of the various components of the plan. They emphasized how information and communication technology is being used to enhance teacher practice, improve student engagement and student achievement, as well as meet the needs of the 21st century learner. Discussion ensued and responses given to trustee questions. Trustee Casey commended staff on developing a thorough and forward thinking Plan.

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Information and Communication Technology Operation Plan Update report to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried



5.3 Strategic Plan 2012-2015 – Communications Update

Superintendent Grice provided a mid-year update on the many initiatives in the area of Communications that are embedded in the 2012-2015 Strategic Plan. Initiatives showcase the Board's commitment to implementing innovative ways of communicating with staff, school communities and the public, revamping school websites to facilitate and increase usage, and increasing public participation opportunities through online discussions and surveys.

Moved by: Rick Petrella

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the 2012-2015 Strategic Plan – Communications Update report to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

5.4 Integration Committee Report: Blessed Sacrament and St. Anthony Daniel

Superintendent Chopp reported on the first meeting of the Integration Committee. Items of discussion included the process for staffing Blessed Sacrament School for September 2014, transportation routes and times, artifact preservation, and the many joint activities that have been planned to positively integrate students and staff.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Integration Committee Report – Blessed Sacrament and St. Anthony Daniel Schools to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

6. Information and Correspondence

A number of items were distributed and shared, as follows:

- A letter from the Director of the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario requesting that all Boards consider becoming member Board of the Catholic Board Council, a branch of the Ontario Student Trustees' Association.
- Elementary and secondary enrolment comparisons as at October 31 from 1999 to 2013.
- A letter from Marino Gazzola, President of OCSTA, outlining the proposed OCSTA Amended and Restated By-Law Number 2014-01. Trustee feedback will be received at the March Committee of the Whole meeting.
- A resource produced by the Ontario Education Services Corporation titled, *Running for Election as a School Board Trustee: Guide for Candidates and Communities*.
- March 2014 issue of *Professionally Speaking*, the magazine of the Ontario College of Teachers.
- A memorial mass card is being sent to the family of Nancy Anderson, trustee with the Wellington Catholic District School Board.

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Rick Petrella

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 Trustee Casey's inquiry, Superintendent Grice explained the process that is followed for determining an inclement day.

Trustee Blake requested that a report on how the Board handles the annual Christmas card contest be included on the March Committee of the Whole agenda.

Trustee Blake requested that trustees engage in a discussion regarding attendance at conferences at the March Committee of the Whole meeting.

Trustee Blake inquired when semester one secondary school report cards would be issued. Superintendent McKinnon will confirm the status tomorrow.

9. Business In-Camera

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Committee of the Whole of 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

Attention was drawn to the revised listing of 2013-14 meetings and events for trustees.

12. Closing Prayer

A closing prayer was recited in unison.

13. Adjournment

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: Rick Petrella

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the meeting of February 18, 2014.

Carried