



Brant Haldimand Norfolk
Catholic District School Board

Minutes

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

Committee of the Whole
Tuesday, May 20, 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, Jamie McKinnon and Leslie Telfer (Superintendents of Education)

1. Opening Business

1.1 Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Trustee Dignard.

1.2 Attendance – As noted above.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Cliff Casey

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 20, 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 April 15, 2014 meeting.

4.2 THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the unapproved minutes of the Budget Committee meeting of April 23, 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 Special Education Advisory Committee meeting of May 12, 2014 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 Budget Committee meeting of May 13, 2014 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 Joint Use of Facilities Agreement with the Grand Erie District School Board and the Corporation of the City of Brantford

Superintendent Grice presented a revised Joint Use of Facilities Agreement, which will replace the current agreement that dates back approximately 25 years. He provided an overview of the main revisions, some of which are as a result of the Ministry of Education's Community Use of Schools initiative that was introduced approximately five years ago. Trustee questions with respect to the use and maintenance of indoor and outdoor facilities, Joint Use Committee and Advisory Group membership, and next steps with respect to developing similar agreements with the Brant, Haldimand, and Norfolk counties were addressed by Superintendent Grice. Chair Szeman expressed the Board's appreciation to Superintendent Grice and staff for their work and diligence through the lengthy and detailed revision process.

Moved by: Rick Petrella

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the Joint Use Agreement with the Grand Erie District School Board and the Corporation of the City of Brantford.

Carried

5.2 School Cash Online

Superintendent Grice provided an update on the School Cash Online initiative, which was introduced with three pilot schools two years ago, and has since been expanded to include all schools. School Cash Online offers parents a secure and convenient method of making online payments for their child(ren)'s school expenses and has been relatively well received across the system. Promotional efforts continue with the goal of increasing the usage over the course of the next year.

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

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

Carried



5.3 Leadership Update – Cognitive Coaching Training

Superintendent McKinnon provided an update on the eight-day Cognitive Coaching training program that a large number of school principals, one teacher and one manager have taken over the course of this year. The program, which focuses on improving thinking skills, leadership performance, and personal growth planning, ties in well with the provincial leadership framework and has been recognized at the provincial level.

Moved by: Rick Petrella

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Leadership Update: Cognitive Coaching Training report to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

5.4 Student Achievement Leadership Training (SALT) 2014

Superintendent McKinnon reviewed the highlights of this spring's five-session Student Achievement Leadership Training program, a voluntary professional development series designed to build leadership capacity to improve student achievement and offered to staff system-wide. The program complemented the Board Leadership Development Strategy (BLDS).

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Student Achievement Leadership Training (SALT) 2014 report.

Carried

5.5 Excursion – Northern Italy

Superintendent Chopp presented a request from Assumption College School for approximately 31 Senior Art-History students to travel to Northern Italy in order to gain a deeper understanding into the rich art, culture, faith and history of that area.

Moved by: Rick Petrella

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the request from Assumption College School for an excursion to Northern Italy from Friday, March 13 to Sunday, March 22, 2015.

Carried

5.6 Excursion – Brooklyn, NY

Superintendent Chopp presented a request from Assumption College School for approximately eight students to represent Canada at the Empire New York's World Championship Mock Trial. Participants will learn about the rules of law, experience different legal systems, and meet fellow young people from diverse countries and cultural backgrounds.

Moved by: Dennis Blake

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 for an excursion to Brooklyn, New York from Thursday, October 23 to Monday, October 27, 2014.

Carried



5.7 Excursion – London, Paris and Barcelona

Superintendent Chopp presented a request from St. John's College for approximately 30 Grades 10-12 students to travel to London, Paris and Barcelona to gain a deeper understanding into the rich art, culture and history of these major cities.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

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 London, Paris and Barcelona from Saturday, March 14 to Sunday, March 22, 2015.

Carried

5.8 Excursion – New York City, NY

Superintendent Chopp presented a request from St. John's College for approximately 45 students to visit New York City and experience the creative power of live theatre in terms of staging and performance.

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 St John's College for an excursion to New York City, New York from Saturday, March 14 to Tuesday, March 17, 2015.

Carried

6. Information and Correspondence

Chair Szeman expressed appreciation from Michael Salvatore to trustees for the opportunity to present an update on the work of the Ontario College of Teachers to the Board last month. She also commented on several recent system and school events that she and other trustees have recently attended including school anniversary and closing celebrations, the Province Wide Student Mass, Celebration of the Arts, the Catholic Student Leadership Awards, and Breakfasts of Champions held at all three secondary schools.

Director Roehrig provided trustees with a copy of the YouCat Prayer Book, which is an excellent resource for daily prayer. He also drew attention to an online poll (BayToday.ca) with respect to the one-school system controversy.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

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

Trustee Petrella received confirmation that there will be two Policy Committee meetings: May 27 and June 24, 2014. He expressed his concern over the number of consecutive meetings scheduled on May 27, which was noted as a consideration for future scheduling.

9. Business In-Camera

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

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

The list of upcoming meetings was reviewed.

12. Closing Prayer

A closing prayer was recited in unison.

13. Adjournment

Moved by: Rick Petrella

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the meeting of May 20, 2014.

Carried