



**Policy Committee  
Tuesday, April 23, 2012 4:00 p.m.  
Haldimand Room**

**Present:** June Szeman (Chair), Dennis Blake, Cliff Casey, Dan Dignard, Cathy Horgan, Rick Petrella

**Absent:** Bonnie McKinnon

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**1. Opening Business**

**1.1 Opening Prayer**

The meeting opened with a prayer led by June Szeman.

**1.2 Attendance**

As noted above.

**1.3 Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was amended to add Item 2.1 – update on media situation.

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Policy Committee approves the agenda of the April 23, 2012 meeting, as amended.

**Carried**

**1.4 Approval of the Policy Committee Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2012**

Moved by: Rick Petrella

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

THAT the Policy Committee approves the minutes of the April 10, 2012 meeting.

**Carried**

**2. Committee and Staff Reports**

**2.1 Update on Media Situation**

Director Horgan provided an update regarding recent media coverage of a school incident.

**2.2 Aboriginal Self-Identification**

Superintendent Kings informed trustees that this new policy allows for voluntary, confidential self-identification of First Nation, Métis and Inuit ancestry by parents and students. The policy and administrative procedures meet the goals of the Policy Framework provided by the Ministry of Education.



Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

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.

**Carried**

### **3. Discussion Items**

#### **3.1 Review of Board By-Laws**

Trustees completed their review and updating of the Board by-laws. Director Horgan will provide expanded language regarding conflict of interest. A final review of the amended by-laws document will be undertaken at the next Policy Committee meeting.

#### **3.2 An Overview of Student Admission Policies**

A summary of how student admissions are handled by various boards across the province was provided to trustees. Amendments to the Board's existing Admission of Students Policy were suggested. A draft revised version of the policy will be reviewed at the next meeting.

#### **3.3 BHN Education Foundation Proposal**

A discussion regarding a proposal to establish a Catholic Education Foundation for our Board took place. The following motion was made:

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Secondary by: Dan Dignard

THAT a Steering Committee be struck to examine the viability of establishing a charitable foundation.

**Carried**

### **4. Adjournment**

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Policy Committee adjourns the meeting of April 23, 2012.

**Carried**