



**Policy Committee
Wednesday, October 10, 2012 4:00 p.m.
Haldimand Room**

Trustees:

Present: June Szeman (Chair), Dennis Blake, Cliff Casey, Bonnie McKinnon, Rick Petrella

Absent: Dan Dignard

Senior Administration:

Chris N. Roehrig (Director of Education & Secretary), Tom Grice (Superintendent of Business & Treasurer), Jamie McKinnon and Leslie Telfer (Superintendents of Education)

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

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Rick Petrella

THAT the Policy Committee approves the agenda of the October 10, 2012 meeting.

Carried

1.4 Approval of the Policy Committee Meeting Minutes – April 23, 2012

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

THAT the Policy Committee approves the minutes of the April 23, 2012 meeting.

Carried

2. Committee and Staff Reports

2.1 Admission of Students 200.14 (revised)

Director Roehrig presented a proposed revision to the Admission of Students policy that includes an adjudication process for applications from non-Catholic families. A number of pre-determined criteria would need to be met, the most important being the motivation to obtain a Catholic education and to participate in the Religion & Family Life program, as well as school-based religious activities and celebrations. Revisions were made to ensure that Superintendents make the final decision on the applications after a consultation with school principals.



Moved by: Rick Petrella
Seconded by: Dennis Blake

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.

Carried

2.2 Fundraising 700.05 (revised)

Superintendent Grice explained that the Fundraising in Elementary Schools Policy 700.05 and Fundraising in Secondary Schools Policy 700.06 have been merged into one policy and amended to comply with the Ministry of Education's Fundraising Guidelines, issued in May 2012. The revised Fundraising policy supports fundraising activities that are complementary to Catholic education, voluntary, safe, accountable and transparent.

Moved by: Rick Petrella
Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

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.

Carried

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.

Carried

2.3 Supervised Alternative Learning 200.06

Director Roehrig informed trustees that the Supervised Alternative Learning Policy is consistent with the Ontario Regulation 374/10 of the Education Act, which came into effect in 2011. The policy supports the implementation of programs to re-engage young people (ages 14-17) who are not attending school regularly. Supervised Alternative Learning is a method that can help at risk students obtain a secondary school diploma or reach other educational/life goals, and is consistent with Catholic social teaching.

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon
Seconded by: Dennis Blake

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.

Carried

2.4 Information and Communication Technology Use 600.02 (revised)

Superintendent Grice reviewed the primary revisions made to the Information and Communication Technology Use policy (formerly known as the Use of Computers and Computer Systems policy) that address the significant changes in technology, clarify the expectations regarding privacy, and better define the responsibility of the end user based on their role within the organization. Minor revisions were made to clarify some of the language.



Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

THAT the Policy Committee recommends that the Committee of the Whole refers the Information Technology Policy 600.02 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

Carried

2.5 Religious Accommodation 200.04

Superintendent Telfer reviewed the key areas of the Religious Accommodation policy, which is in compliance with the Ministry's Equity and Inclusive Education guidelines, Policy/Program Memorandum No. 119, and the Ontario Human Rights Code. The policy takes all reasonable steps to provide religious accommodations within the legal rights afforded to the Catholic school system.

Moved by: Rick Petrella

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Policy Committee recommends that the Committee of the Whole refers the Religious Accommodation Policy 200.04 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

Carried

3. Discussion Items - Nil

4. Adjournment

Moved by:

Seconded by:

THAT the Policy Committee adjourns the meeting of October 10, 2012.

Carried