



**BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK
Catholic District School Board**

Minutes

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

**ACCESSIBILITY STEERING COMMITTEE
May 4, 2021 – 1:00 p.m. – Teams Meeting**

Members: Kevin Greco (Chair), Bill Chopp (Trustee), Terri-Lynn Zakrzewski (Secretary), Lou Citino, Dave Buist, Leslie Brown, Christine Dragojlovich, Kerri Chartrand, Anah Figueiredo, Carlo Fortino, Scott Keys, Debbie King-Bonifacio, Philip Kuckyt, Tom Laracy, Carmen McDermid, John McDermid, Terre Slaght, Dianne Wdowczyk, Guo Wu, Rita Raposo, Rachel Moreau

1. Opening Business

1.1 Welcome, Land Acknowledgment and Opening Prayer Kevin Greco

1.2 Approval of the Minutes – February 2, 2021
Moved: Deb King
Seconded: Carmen McDermid
THAT the Accessibility Steering Committee approves the minutes of the February 2, 2021 meeting.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda – May 4, 2021
Moved: Phil Kuckyt
Seconded: Anah Figueiredo
THAT the Accessibility Steering Committee approves the agenda of the May 4, 2021 meeting.

2. Committee and Staff Updates

2.1 Audit Update Lou Citino

Lou Citino has been working with a company who has completed their audit. We are awaiting the results of the audit.

3. Compliance Reporting

Kevin Greco

A report was given to the Board regarding our accessibility compliance. Our Ministry Accessibility report is due December 31, 2021. Currently we are in compliance in all areas, the last barriers that need to be addressed are underway. Specific projects that needed to be done, often address other issues that come up as well.

Approximately \$115,000 invested in Accessibility Compliance in 2019-20 and 220,000 invested in Accessibility Compliance in 2020-21.

Right to Read Inquiry - The Human Rights Commission of Ontario had launched a survey looking at whether School Boards have everything they need in place to support reading and writing for all learners in an accessible environment. The information has been collected, and we are awaiting the results. All Boards will be obliged to be in compliance with their findings.



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Accessibility in our workforce is being looked at. In October we will be surveying staff across the system, and we will be looking at the data. We are hoping for 100% participation to get a clear picture of our workforce and what the needs may be. We want to support our employees equally.

Superintendent Greco asked the group if they foresee any issues as we move forward and looking towards getting back to school in September.

Rita Raposo shared that her non-English speaking parents find it difficult to use google translate on our website. The forms also need to be available for translation, as parents want to be able to read and understand what they are signing. Norm Cicci shared that I.T. will look at a platform for translating to work better for the website.

Carmen McDermid shared that the intake meetings are helping to identify needs that we can address for the next school year. We have seen an increase in out-of-town families coming to our Board, and some families need more support, whether language or otherwise.

Norm Cicci shared that there were more device requests than ever before. He shared that parents asked for devices for students who had not been identified, and they needed additional supports/assistive technology. Carmen McDermid asked that they should be directed to the Spec Ed team.

Deb Kings shared that there may be students who need aerosol procedures, and she is being proactive to prepare for this if needed.

Superintendent Greco shared that we may need to train staff on the new nasal spray diabetic medication, especially if any of our students will require this.

4. Closing Remarks/Adjournment

Kevin Greco

Superintendent Greco thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a good summer.
See you back in the fall.

Next meeting date, time, location: TBD (October)