

Minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting of Northern Gateway Public Schools

December 9th, 2014 - 10:00 a.m.

Board Room of the Division Office in Whitecourt, AB

Opening

A. Opening

**Call to Order
and Roll Call**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The December 9th, 2014 meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 10:03 a.m.

Chair Judy Muir, Trustees Cindy Granley, Jim Hailes, Sherry Jeffreys, Albert Schalm, Terry Slemko, Gerry Steinke, and Administrators Kevin Andrea, Superintendent, Michael Gramatovich, Secretary-Treasurer, and Wendy Robertson, Recording Secretary, were present at this time.

Milly McGregor, Assistant Secretary Treasurer, was present at this time.

Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent and Trustees Jim Govenlock and Beverly Smith, were absent from the meeting.

**Additions/Deletions
to the Agenda**

2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

D.4.a) Draft 2016-17 and 2017-18 School Calendars

E.10.a) Yellowhead Regional Library Report

E.10.b) Innovation Grant Project Approvals

Acceptance of Agenda

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3. Acceptance of Agenda

Moved by Trustee Hailes – that the agenda for the December 9th, 2014 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

Appointments & Delegations

B. Appointments & Delegations

Nil

Draft Minutes of the November 25th, 2014 Regular Board Meeting

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C. Draft Minutes of the November 25th, 2014 Regular Board Meeting

Moved by Trustee Granley– that the draft minutes of the November 25th, 2014 Regular Board Meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

Action Items

D. Action Items

Mayerthorpe High School Field Trip

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Mayerthorpe High School Field Trip

Moved by Trustee Schalm – that the Board approve in principle the Mayerthorpe Jr./Sr. High School’s Vimy 2017 field trip scheduled for April 6th – 17th, 2017.

Motion Carried

Hillside High

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Hillside High School Field Trip

Moved by Trustee Steinke – that the Board approve in full the Hillside High Band field trip to Carleton Place, Ontario, scheduled for February 3rd – 9th, 2015.

Motion Carried

**Amended Draft
2015-2015 School
Year Calendar**

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Amended Draft 2015-2016 School Year Calendar

Moved by Trustee Steinke – that the Board approve the draft 2015-2106 School Calendar as amended.

Motion Carried

**Draft 2016-17 and
2017-18 School
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Presented for information. To be posted on the NGPS web site for feedback.

Lisa Bakos, Communications Officer, entered the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

Information/Reports

E. Information/Reports

ASBA/PSBAA Update

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ASBA

No report. The December 4th, 2014 ASBA Zone 2/3 meeting was cancelled due to weather conditions.

ASBA Advocacy Plan

The Board reviewed the ASBA Advocacy Plan, Strategic Plan 2015-2018 and ASBA Budget 2015-2016 and completed the strategic plan survey.

Administration to respond with the completed survey to ASBA.

PSBAA

Concern was raised over the events related to Bill 202 and Bill 10 and disappointment that no consultation was ever done with school boards regarding these Bills.

The Board would like to have an opportunity to meet with the MLAs to discuss these concerns.

Letters expressing the Boards' concerns will be sent to ASBA, PSBAA, George VanderBurg, MLA and Everett McDonald, MLA.

Superintendent's Report

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Written report provided.

Additional report items:

Loren Rosen has been appointed to the position of Deputy Minister of Education, effective January 12th, 2015.

A report on fees collected by schools will be coming to a January Board meeting for information.

Finance

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Michael Gramatovich reviewed the following reports:

- Site Finance Reports
- Bank Statements as at October 31st, 2014
- Accumulated Surplus/Reserves
- Re-cap of SGF 2013-2014

NCTCA Trustee

NCTCA Trustee Luncheon

The North Central Teachers' Convention Association (NCTCA) will be holding its annual convention on February 5th and 6th, 2015 in Edmonton. An invitation has been extended to trustees to attend the Partners in Education Luncheon on Friday, February 6th, 2015 from 11:30 to 13:30 a.m. at the Westin Edmonton Hotel. Trustees are to advise administration if attending.

Advocacy Meeting

Advocacy Meeting Record

Provided for information. No changes made.

Communications Meeting Record

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Committee Chair Sherry Jeffreys reviewed the record.

2978-14	Policy 8 – Committees of the Board
	Moved by Trustee Jeffreys – that the first bullet in section 3.1 of Policy 8 be deleted.
	Motion Carried
Board Annual Work Plan	Board Annual Work Plan
	Provided for information.
Enrolment Report	Enrolment Report
	Provided for information.
Suspension Report	Suspension Report
	Provided for information.
Additional Report Items	Additional Report Items
Yellowhead Regional Library Report	Yellowhead Regional Library Report
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Met on December 8th, 2014 - Audit is taking place December 8th – 10th, 2014 - Modest surplus is expected - Some of the surplus from last year went to schools. YRL received a letter from a student from the Thorsby area stating that books take him/her to heaven. - GST Rebate – CRA made a ruling on this after three years. Will hear on the ruling at a later date. - New plan of Service: How we communicate and what do member boards want in services. - Two summer Villages asking to withdraw: Sandy Beach and Sunrise Beach.

Update on Innovation Grant

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Handouts provided for information.
Applications have been reviewed and 16 school proposals have been approved. Two proposals from Learning Services are pending approval.

Topics for Future Discussions

F. Topics for Future Discussions

1. Alternate School Year
2. Meeting with First Nations
3. First Nations Representation on the Board

Requests for Information

G. Requests for Information

Meeting Highlights

H. Meeting Highlights

1. 2015-16 School Year Calendar
2. School Field Trips
3. Innovative Project Grant Approvals
4. Bill 202, Bill 10 and GSAs
5. Christmas Board/Staff Lunch

In-Camera Items

G. In-Camera Items

Nil



Adjournment

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I. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Granley – that the meeting be adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

Motion Carried

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer