

# Minutes of the Special Board of Trustees Meeting of Northern Gateway Public Schools

March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – 10:00 a.m.

Board Room of the Division Office in Whitecourt, AB

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## Opening

### A. Opening

## Call to Order and Roll Call

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 10:04 a.m.

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

Trustee Gerry Steinke participated by phone and called in at 10:02 a.m.

Lisa Bakos, Communications Officer, was present at this time.

Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent and Milly McGregor, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, were absent from this meeting.

## Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

### 2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Nil

**Acceptance of Agenda**

3299-16

**Discussion**

**AP 160 "Welcoming, Safe, Caring, Respectful"**

**3. Acceptance of Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Schalm – that the agenda for the March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Special Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

**C. Discussion**

**AP 160 "Welcoming, Safe, Caring, Respectful,**

Administration reviewed the Draft AP 160 "Welcoming, Safe, Caring, Respectful and trustees provided feedback:

- 5.1 – who is providing the funding for these supports?
- the biggest cost will be accommodating the washrooms/change rooms. No accommodation made towards this even in new school builds.
- one of the concerns with this AP is who is identifying a child struggling with this – how do they know what a child is thinking.
- need to identify what our parents are thinking/ wanting to happen.
- there is no manual for principals to follow.
- we must use common sense – step by step, case by case.
- what we do in the first case may set precedence over all other cases.
- there will definitely be challenges as we move forward.
- there was a lot of acceptance of AP 160 from the Valleyview community.
- 5.5.1 – when requested to change gender on the official student record, do they have to provide legal proof ? Administration to check with legal on this.
- 5.7 – is it necessary to make this point, can we leave this up to the teacher to determine?
- 5.7.1 – the wording "consistently asserted" may

- cause issues – wording should line up with 5.5.1.
- 5.8.1 – shouldn't the principal make the final decision in all school matters not just athletic teams?
  - 5.10 – refers to "Aboriginal learning" – should broaden to all aspects of learning and other diversity.
  - how does this align with a councillors' profession – is this a medical or psychological issue?

Trustee Steinke left the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

- focus on this AP is quite narrow.
- content does not reflect what the title states.
- some of the points in this AP we may not be able to deliver on.
- AP 160 cannot cover all issues that may arise.

## Appointments and Delegations

### B. Appointments and Delegations

MLA Oneil Carlier, Whitecourt-Ste. Anne and Epiphany Dober, Constituency Assistant, entered the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

Chair Muir did the welcome and introductions were made.

The following agenda items were reviewed for MLA Carlier:

- a) Top Capital Priorities
- b) The need for School Playgrounds to be Funded
- c) AP 160 (Draft)– Welcoming, Caring, Respectful
  - a. NGPS Draft Response
  - b. Public reactions/feedback received
- d) Budget 2016

- a. Impact of Economic Downturn on Division/Constituency
- b. Education funding in Budget 2016
- c. Provincial Teacher Contract Negotiations
- e) Draft Municipal Government Act and potential implications for school jurisdictions.

MLA Oneil Carlier, Whitecourt-Ste. Anne and Epiphany Dober, Constituency Assistant, left the meeting at 12:06 p.m. and were invited to stay for lunch.

**AP 160 "Welcoming, Safe, Caring, Respectful"**

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Administration reviewed the amendments to AP 160:

- 5.7.1 – remove "consistently asserted"
- 5.8.1 – "must be principal" – leave as is
- 5.10 – administration to revise wording
- 5.14 - remains the same
- Title - remains the same

**AP 350 "Student Code of Conduct"**

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No changes made at this time.

3300-16

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys – that the Board accept AP 160 and AP 350 as information.

Motion Carried

**Adjournment**

**I. Adjournment**

3301-16

Moved by Trustee Govenlock - that the meeting be adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

Motion Carried

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Board Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer