

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

November 1st, 2016

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 November 1st, 2016 meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 10:10 a.m.

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

Leslee Jodry, Assistant Superintendent and Lisa Bakos, Communications Officer, and Hanna Lawson, Reporter – Whitecourt Start, were present at this time.

Trustees Jim Hailes, Terry Slemko, Robyn O'Neill, Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent and Milly McGregor, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer were absent from the meeting.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

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D. 2 a) Meeting request from PSBAA
E.10 a) Honor Pins
E.10 b) Northern Gateway School Award

Acceptance of Agenda

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3. Acceptance of Agenda

Moved by Trustee Govenlock– that the agenda for the November 1st, 2016 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

**Minutes of the
October 18th, 2016
Organizational Meeting**

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**C. Minutes of the October 18th, 2016
Organizational Meeting**

Moved by Trustee Schalm – that the minutes of the October 18th, 2016 Organizational Meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

**Minutes of the
October 18th, 2016
Regular Board Meeting**

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**Minutes of the October 18th, 2016
Regular Board Meeting**

Moved by Trustee Steinke – that the minutes of the October 18th, 2016 Regular Board Meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

**Appointments and
Delegations**

Appointments and Delegations

Results Review Presentation

Leslee Jodry, Assistant Superintendent presented her power point presentation – “Results Review – Looking Back...Looking Forward...Moving Forward” to the Board.

Power Point presentation attached for information.

Leslee Jodry completed her presentation at 10:50 a.m. and left the meeting.

Council members and administration from the Town of Whitecourt and Woodlands County, entered the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

Northern Gateway Public School Board of Trustees and administration met with Council Members and administration from the Town of Whitecourt and Woodlands County to discuss a number of topics:

- Enrolment trends in Whitecourt Schools
- School Reserve Sites
- Joint Use Agreements, and
- Shared Busing.

The Town of Whitecourt and Woodlands County members left the meeting at 12:18 p.m.

Lisa Bakos, Communications Officer and Hanna Lawson, Reporter Whitecourt Star, left the meeting at 12:18 p.m.

Action Items

Hilltop High School
International Field Trip

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D. Action Items

Hilltop High School International Field Trip

Moved by Trustee Govenlock– that the Board approve in principle the Hilltop Senior Girls Volleyball team’s International Field Trip to Hawaii, scheduled for October 7th – October 15th, 2017.

Motion Carried

Additional Action Items

PSBAA Meeting Request

Board Meeting Date Change

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Additional Action Items

PSBAA Meeting Request

The Public School Board Association is requesting to meet with the Board of Trustees and administration. Administration will respond with suggested dates to meet.

Board Meeting Date Change

Moved by Trustee Steinke – that the December 6th, 2016 Regular Board Meeting be changed to December 13th, 2016.

Motion Carried

Information/Reports

ASBA/PSBAA Update

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Information/Reports

ASBA/PSBAA Update

Trustee Hailes provided a written report from the October 2016 Zone 2/3 Meeting.

1. Chair's report – New executive director has been appointed – Suzanne Polosnik.
2. Financial report – No fee increases this year.
3. Elections – Director #2 – Jennifer Turringa, Edwin Parr Committee – Shelly Porter, Kim Armstrong, and Alice McLaughlin. Advocacy Committee – Michelle Lemair, Jackie Comeau, and Carol Demong. Edmonton Regional Consortium – Justine Wright. Labour Relations – Mandy Scobey.
4. Alberta Ed Report – November 18th deadline for new curriculum input.

5. 2016/17 Advocacy focus, Local Autonomous School Boards and Wrap around services.
6. There was great discussion around the modification of Pembina Hills policy proposal and the dropping of our policy proposal. Vice President Martin was given in no uncertain terms the displeasure of the Zone.

ASBA Policy Process 2016

Chair Muir reviewed the changes ASBA has made to their policy process for a proposed policy position submission.

Heather Tkachuk, ASBA, sent an email outlining the process that needs to be followed. See attached for information.

Trustee Steinke will be resubmitting the proposal on "Kindergarten program alignment with provincial funding framework".

ASBA Policies Bulletin 2016

Provided for information.

PSBAA

PSBAA FGM Report

Chair Muir reported on the PSBAA FGM held on October 19th – 21st, 2016.

Trustee Steinke will provide information on the "Toolbox" presentation for the next Board Meeting.

Superintendent's Report

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Written report provided for information.

Additional report items:

Gravel Pit with Lafarge:

Lafarge has indicated they will provide Northern Gateway with \$50,000.00 to provide an additional bus run during the proposed road closure. Administration will continue discussions and if an agreement is reached, the contract would come to the Board for approval.

AED's:

Alberta Health has identified the schools that need the Automated External Defibrillators. Administration to provide a costing/maintenance upkeep on the AED's to the Board.

LGBTQ:

Toolkit is being provided for Safe and Caring discussions.

Merritt Grant:

The Repeat Boutique in Whitecourt will receive \$250,000 from the Merritt Grant to do building upgrades.

Meeting with Town of Mayerthorpe

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Chair Muir reported on the October 18th, 2016 meeting.

Board did their presentation and discussions were held on:

- Enrolment trends
- Joint Use Agreement
- Capital Plan (Renovations on High School)
- Hwy 22/Hwy 43 Exchange (Support of Traffic Lights)
- Generator outside of Elmer Elson School

Letters to Town of
Whitecourt/Woodlands
County

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Provided for information.

Letter re: Jim Eglinski MP

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Provided for information.

Invitation to meet
Deputy Health
Minister

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Provided for information.
Meeting has been postponed.

Edmonton Public Schools
Letter

Edmonton Public Schools Letter

Provided for information.

Future Ready Survey Link

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The Alberta government is introducing a series of new initiatives to prepare school children for "success in a changing economy".

The initiatives are under an umbrella called Future Ready. Future Ready is described as “a long-term focus on integrating education and training from kindergarten to work, so all Albertans have the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in the changing Alberta and global economy”.

The first step is an online survey to ensure that parents “and other concerned Albertans have their say” during a comprehensive review of the province’s K-12 curriculum in arts, language arts, math, social studies, sciences and wellness.

The online survey will run from October 18, 2016 until November 18, 2016.

For more information go to the Online Curriculum Survey at: <http://bit.ly/2eGbeZY>.

Motion Review Cycle

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Provided for information.

Additional Report Items

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AP 370 – Board Awarded Scholarships:

Honor Pins

Trustee Granley inquired if each school was expected to present honor pins.

Administration stated as in 2.1 under AP 370: “The Board will make available award pins to all students in grade 7 – 12 with honors in academics”. It is the decision of each school whether they wish to present honor pins.

Northern Gateway Public Schools Award

Concern was raised on how the student receiving this award was chosen. Administration to review with school administrators on what process they used for these awards:

- Honor Pins
- Governor General Award
- Northern Gateway Public Schools Award.

Criteria may need to be reviewed and amended.

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Moved by Trustee Granley – that the Board accept Information/Reports E1- E10 as information.

Motion Carried

Topics for Future Discussions

F. Topics for Future Discussions

Requests for Information

G. Requests for Information

Administration to review with school administrators what process they used for the Honor Pins, Governor General Award and the Northern Gateway Public Schools Award.

Meeting Highlights

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1. Town of Whitecourt/Woodlands County Meeting
2. Results Review Presentation
3. Future Ready Survey Link

In-Camera Items

G. In-Cameral Items

Nil

Adjournment

I. Adjournment

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Moved by Trustee Steinke - that the meeting be adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Motion Carried

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer