

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

February 7th, 2017

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 February 7th, 2017 meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 10:09 a.m.

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

Milly McGregor, Assistant Secretary Treasurer and Lisa Bakos, Communications Officer were present at this time.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

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E.15.a) Letter from Foothills School Division

Acceptance of Agenda

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3. Acceptance of Agenda

Moved by Trustee Hailes– that the agenda for the February 7th, 2017 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

Minutes of the
January 24th, 2017
Regular Board Meeting

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C. Minutes of the January 24th, 2017
Regular Board Meeting

Moved by Trustee Govenlock– that the minutes of the January 24th, 2017 Regular Board Meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

Action Items

D. Action Items

Nil

Additional Action Items

Additional Action Items

Nil

Information/Reports

E. Information Reports

ASBA/PSBAA Update

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Trustee Hailes passed around a booklet entitled: "Education is Our Buffalo" – A Teachers' Resource for First Nations, Metis and Inuit Education in Alberta.

The goal of the publication is to increase the awareness and understanding among Alberta's teachers of First Nations histories, cultures, worldviews and current perspectives.

Direction Required:

Administration requested the Board's direction on Motion No. 3446-16 and Motion No. 3447-16.

- Letter drafted to be sent out to ASBA Member Boards to see if they would be willing to take to their Zone.
- They may respond back to Chair Muir with comments.

PSBAA

Council Meeting scheduled for February 9th – 11th, 2017.

Superintendent's Report

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Written report provided for information.

Finance

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Reports provided for information.

Invitation to ASCA Conference

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Provided for information.

**Town of Onoway
Letter**

Town of Onoway Letter

Provided for information.

**School Name Changes/
Alberta Government
Letter**

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Letter**

The Alberta Government has approved the Board's request to re-name the following schools:

- Northern Gateway Division Outreach #1157 to Gateway Academy Valleyview #1157
- Fox Creek Talent Development Centre #1389 to Gateway Academy Fox Creek #1389
- Hilltop Outreach #1552 to Gateway Academy Whitecourt #1552
- Onoway Outreach #1551 to Gateway Academy Onoway #1551

**Community Lunch Box
Society**

Community Lunch Box Society

Provided for information.

**Summary of Educational
Governance Report
Commissioned by the
Government of
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of Saskatchewan**

The purpose of this paper is to provide options in response to the question "What system of governance and structure is needed in Saskatchewan's K-12 education sector to achieve the outcomes established by the Saskatchewan Plan for Growth and the Education Sector Strategic Plan (ESSP)?"

While this report is specifically related to the Saskatchewan education system, the fact is that Alberta's and Saskatchewan's school systems are the most similar in Canada.

Graduation Schedule

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Provided for information.

Enrolment Report

Enrolment Report

Provided for information.

Suspension Report

Suspension Report

Provided for information.

Board Annual Work Plan

Board Annual Work Plan

Provided for information.

Motion Review Cycle

Motion Review Cycle

Provided for information.

Arlene Hrynyk, President and Mary Lynne Campbell, Executive Director, PSBAA, entered the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

In-Camera Items

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G. In-Cameral Items

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys – that the Board go in-camera at 11:05 a.m. and that Kevin Andrea, Michael Gramatovich, Michelle Brennick, Milly McGregor, Lisa Bakos and Wendy Robertson be invited to remain.

Motion Carried

Debbie Vance, David Quick and High School presenters entered the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

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Moved by Trustee Govenlock – that the Board come out of in-camera at 1:05 p.m.

Motion Carried

Appointments and Delegations

B. Appointments and Delegations

Dual Credit student(s) from each of the five high schools presented to the Board of Trustees about their Dual Credit Program and experience as a Dual Credit student. A video documentary by students answered the following questions:

- Before Dual Credit, were you considering attending some type of post-secondary program when you finished high school? Why or why not?
- Why did you choose to take this Dual Credit course/program?
- What makes a Dual Credit course/program different than a regular high school course?
- How has this opportunity prepared you for work and/or your future?
- Would you recommend Dual Credit to other students? Why or why not?

- Do you intend to work in this program area?
Why or why not?

Below are the Dual Credit opportunities Northern Gateway Public School students have participated in:

- Onoway High School – Administrative Office Professional Certificate, Health Care Aide Certificate.
- Mayerthorpe High School – Health Care Aide Certificate, Medical Terminology, Safety Dual Credit 7 Credentials.
- Hilltop High School – Harley Davidson Certificate, Water and Wastewater Management Certificate.
- Fox Creek School – Power Engineering, Welding, Water and Wastewater Management Course.
- Hillside High School – PSYC1040, Veterinary Terminology Course.

Debbie Vance, David Quick and other presenters left the meeting at 1:53 p.m.

Information/Reports

E. Information Reports

Direction Required:

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Moved by Trustee Steinke – that the Board decline in writing Edmonton Public School Board’s invitation to meet jointly with the Minister regarding issues related to withdrawal from the ASBA.

Motion Carried

Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent, left the meeting at 1:59 p.m.

Trustee Reports

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Terry Slemko

Trustee Slemko attended the Onoway Elementary School's Winter Carnival on January 30, 2017.

Onoway High School is looking for volunteers to supervise the high school dance on February 24th.

Cindy Granley

Trustee Granley attended the Wellness Committee meeting on January 18th, 2017. Nine Schools submitted "asks" – all schools were given what was asked for.

Sherry Jeffreys

Trustee Jeffreys attended the Shaping the Future Conference held in Kananaskis on January 26th – 28th, 2017.

The 2017 conference brings together individuals from school communities and organizations across Alberta and beyond working to achieve optimal health, wellness and ideal learning environments for all students.

Albert Schalm

Mayerthorpe High School and Elmer Elson School are now holding their Parent Council meetings on the same day – one at 6:00 p.m and then at 7:00 p.m.. It is working well.

Jim Hailes

Trustee Hailes suggested ways to increase the lack of response from parents on the surveys from Alberta Education.

Additional Report Items

Foothills School Division Letter

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Topics for Future Discussions

Requests for Information

Additional Report Items

Foothills School Division Letter

Provided for information.

Moved by Trustee Hailes – that the Board write a letter supporting ASBA’s active role in areas of Labour Relations communication and sharing.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Trustee Slemko– that the Board accept Information/Reports E1- E15 (a) as information.

Motion Carried

F. Topics for Future Discussions

1. Incentives for Increasing Survey Responses
2. Process for ThoughtStream Results
3. Attendance at NSBA

G. Requests for Information

Nil

Trustee O’Neill left the meeting at 2:27 p.m.

Meeting Highlights

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1. Dual Credit Presentation
2. Re-naming of Schools
3. PSBAA Meeting

Adjournment

I. Adjournment

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Moved by Trustee Schalm- that the meeting be adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Motion Carried

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer