

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

October 3rd, 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 October 3rd, 2017, meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 5:03 p.m.

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

Leslee Jodry, Assistant Superintendent and Jason Yaremchuk, Director of Information Technology, were present at this time.

Trustees Robyn O'Neill and Cindy Granley, were absent from the meeting.

**Additions/Deletions
to the Agenda**

2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Addition:

- D.1) Board Response to Vegas Shooting
- D.2.a) Policy 1

Acceptance of Agenda

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3. Acceptance of Agenda

Moved by Trustee Govenlock– that the agenda for the October 3rd, 2017 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

**Minutes of the
September 19th, 2017
Regular Board Meeting**

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**C. Minutes of the September 19th, 2017
Regular Board Meeting**

Moved by Trustee Schalm– that the minutes of the September 19th, 2017 Regular Board Meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

**Appointments and
Delegations**

B. Appointments and Delegations

Technology Overview:

Jason Yaremchuk, Director of Information Technology, presented his technology overview to the Board of Trustees.

Shared Services: Jason briefly reviewed the shared firewall Northern Gateway and other jurisdictions are a part of. The cost savings for Northern Gateway went from \$18,000 a year to \$4,800 a year.

Summer Work and Changes: Staff changes over the summer went from 3 techs to hiring 2 new techs. These two positions are based out of Division Office and will be servicing the schools as needed. Please welcome Travis and Glenn to the Division.

2303 Chromebooks were purchased over the summer. Northern Gateway Public Schools benefited from significant savings by purchasing as a division rather than individual schools.

The Active Directory to GSuite (formerly Google Apps) user and password sync is now completed. This is a large milestone for NGPS. We are now officially one password across NGPS technology services. Account creation process happens only once.

Evergreening: Currently investigating evergreen possibilities – looking at 5-year student devices.

Piloting: Research and Innovation around what a Chrome only classroom would look like and identifying possible barriers. Using large screen TVs that are much cheaper than current smartboards. Also, looking at paperless classroom, and how much can be saved.

Jason Yaremchuk, completed his report at 5:50 p.m. and left the meeting.

Action Items

D. Action Items

Board Response to Vegas Shooting

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Moved by Trustee Steinke– that the Board extend condolences to the St. Stephens School community in response to the death of Jessica Klymchuk.

Motion Carried

Policy 1 - Divisional Identity and Foundational Statements

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Moved by Trustee Hailes – that the Board accept Board Policy 1 – Divisional Identity and Foundational Statements as proposed policy.

Motion Carried

Information/Reports

ASBA/PSBAA Update

E. Information Reports

ASBA/PSBAA Update

ASBA:

ASBA Zone 2/3 meeting was held on Sept. 29, 2017.

- ASBA staffing – 16% vacancy rate in their office.
- Northern Gateway's Policy Proposal regarding Language of Identity for ASBA was rejected. Trustee Hailes did assure them the Board would have a response after this October 3rd Board meeting.
- There was an interesting presentation by Microsoft on Holographic Glasses.
- Other presentations on "Comprehensive School Health Policy and "Formation of Catholic School Division".

PSBAA:

- PSBAA FGM is coming up November 15th – 17th, 2017.

ASBA Language of Identity – written letter provided for information – was sent to the Board of Directors who voted against it. The next step is

for it to go to the Extraordinary Motion Process.

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Moved by Trustee Steinke – that the Board give notice to ASBA that the policy position on Language of Identity for ASBA be placed on the Fall General Meeting agenda as an Extraordinary Motion.

Motion Carried

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Moved by Trustee Hailes – that the Board express disappointment in the process of Northern Gateway resolution not going to ASBA from Zone 2/3.

Motion Carried

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Moved by Trustee Hailes – that the Boards' Zone 2/3 representative request the Zone Chair to send a letter to ASBA in support of Notice of Motion.

Motion Carried

Superintendent's Report

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Written report provided for information.

**Report on School Act/
Fee Consultations**

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Trustees Gerry Steinke and Jim Govenlock reported on the School Act/Fee Consultation session.

- all attendees were of a different opinion
- some common issues
- people want to deal with the topics in very different ways

- inequity between Boards
- 5 topics discussed:
 - Transportation and walking distance
 - Age of Access
 - Age of Entrance
 - Educational Service Agreements
 - Bill 1 – School Fees

Nomination Results

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Provided for information.

Draft Results Review Schedule

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Provided for information.

Appreciation Evening

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This past Friday, NGPS employees from Valleyview, Fox Creek, Whitecourt, Mayerthorpe, Sangudo, Darwell, Rich Valley, Onoway and Alberta Beach, gathered together in Whitecourt to recognize some very special people, our NGPS staff!

From their first ever service award of 5 years, on up to our 35 and 40 year employees, and our retirees who are embarking on a new adventure, we value and appreciate your commitment to Northern Gateway Public Schools and the students we serve.

Board Workshop Location

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Date: December 7 & 8, 2017

Location: Double Tree West Edmonton

Report on Staggered Entry Practices

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How many of NGPS are doing this:
8 out of 16 schools are doing the staggered entry.

5 schools were Kindergarten
3 schools were Grade 6, 9 & 8/9

There is no impact on instructional hours or
assigned time for teachers.

Enrolment Report

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Based on the September 29th, 2017 count,
enrolment across the Division was at 4720
student FTE. Enrolment across the Division
has fallen by 10.5 student FTE compared to last
year, but was higher than spring 2017 projections.

Yellowhead Regional Library Report

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Trustee Slemko reported from the September
15th, 2017 meeting:

- Reviewed the 2018 Budget
- Requisitions to Schools/Municipalities will stay the same.
- Projected surplus of \$42,000.00
- Budget will be ratified in November by the new Board.
- The Infrastructure grant to all Regional Libraries – those recommendations should be followed through. The 1.3 million grant to YRL- YRL is not sure how they will spend the funds yet.

Board Annual Work Plan

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Provided for information.

Motion Review Cycle

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Provided for information.

Additional Report Items

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Nil

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Moved by Trustee Hailes– that the Board accept Information/Reports E1 – E13 as information.

Motion Carried

Topics for Future Discussions

F. Topics for Future Discussions

AP 400 – Staff Employment: Recruitment, Selection and Appointment

Requests for Information

G. Requests for Information

Nil

Meeting Highlights

H. Meeting Highlights

1. Technology Overview
2. Appreciation Evening
3. Division Identity and Foundational Statements
4. Enrolment Report
5. Last Board Meeting

In-Camera Items

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I. In-Cameral Items

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys – that the Board go in-camera at 7:44 p.m. and that Kevin Andrea, Michael Gramatovich, and Milly McGregor, be invited to remain.

Motion Carried

Trustee Hailes left at 7:56 p.m. due to conflict.

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Moved by Trustee Govenlock–that the Board come out of in-camera at 8:17 p.m.

Motion Carried

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Moved by Trustee Slemko – that the Board ratify the CUPE Mediators Recommendations as a basis for a Collective Agreement.

Motion Carried

Adjournment

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I. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Slemko- that the meeting be adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Motion Carried

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer