

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

January 30th, 2018

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 January 30th, 2018, meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 5:02 p.m.

Chair Judy Muir, Trustees, Diane Hagman, Sarah Healy, Sherry Jeffreys, Barb Maddigan, Gerry Steinke, Ethan Thesen, and Administrators Kevin Andrea, Superintendent, Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent, Leslee Jodry, Assistant Superintendent, Michael Gramatovich, Secretary-Treasurer, and Wendy Robertson, Recording Secretary, were present at this time.

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

Trustees Anita Portsmouth and Linda Wigton were absent for the meeting.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Addition:

E.1: Tab 14) Change PSBAA Meeting Request to PSBAA Meeting Report

I.2.a) Personnel Item

Acceptance of Agenda

3717-18

3. Acceptance of Agenda

Moved by Trustee Healy– that the agenda for the January 30th, 2018 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

Appointments and Delegations

B. Appointments and Delegations

Nil

Minutes of the December 12th, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

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C. Minutes of the December 12th, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

Moved by Trustee Hagman– that the minutes of the December 12th, 2017 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Correction: Page 2879 – 2nd bullet: remove “not” from the sentence.

Motion Carried

Action Items

D. Action Items

Field Trips

Field Trips

3719–18

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys – that the Board approve in principle the following field trips as presented:

Fox Creek School international field trip to Scotland, Ireland, England and Paris, scheduled from April 19th, 2019 – May 1st, 2019.

Hilltop High School international field trip to Spain (Cordoba, Costa del Sol, Granada, Toledo, Madrid and Barcelona) scheduled for April 17th, 2019 to April 28th, 2019.

Hillside High School international field trip to England, scheduled for April 19th, to April 26th, 2019.

Hillside High School international field trip to Ecuador, scheduled for April 9th, 2020 to April 19th, 2020.

Onoway High School international field trip to Seattle (Musical Theater Workshop), scheduled for April 19th, 2018 to April 23rd, 2018.

Motion Carried

**Hilltop High School
International Field Trip**

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Hilltop High School International Field Trip

Moved by Trustee Thesen– that the Board approve in full the Hilltop High School international field trip to The Ancient Mediterranean (Italy and Greece), scheduled for April 1st, 2018 to April 10th, 2018.

Motion Carried

Advocacy Committee Meeting Record

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3721-18

Moved by Trustee Healy – that the Board accept the January 18th, 2018 Advocacy Committee Meeting Record as presented.

Motion Carried

Advocacy Plan for 2017 - 2018

Advocacy Plan for 2017-2018

3722-18

Moved by Trustee Healy – that the Board accept the 2017 – 2018 Advocacy Plan as presented.

Motion Carried

Board Meetings Start Time

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No action taken. Review at the August 2018 Board Meeting.

Holy Family CRD No. 37 Meeting Request

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3723-18

Moved by Trustee Steinke – that the Board approve to meet with the Board of Trustees of Holy Family Catholic Division No. 37 to discuss items of mutual interest on March 27th, 2018 commencing at 12:00 noon.

Two items for the agenda:

1. Full Time Kindergarten in Valleyview
2. Public Schools Language Identity

Motion Carried

Information/Reports

ASBA/PSBAA Update

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E. Information Reports

ASBA/PSBAA Update

ASBA President's Email: (Chair Judy Muir reported)

- ASBOA has been working with the Government to develop these briefs
- School Boards are not being consulted
- this is just another step in the removal of school boards
- ASBOA is doing this at the request of the Government
- Boards need to voice their concern over these actions/write a letter to the Minister this practice needs to end

Moved by Trustee Steinke – that the Board write a letter of protest to the Minister regarding the commissioning of ASBOA to create a report on High School Funding without the involvement of ASBA.

Motion Carried

PSBAA 2018 Awards Nomination Package:

For information only.

Language of Identity for PSBAA:

Powerpoint presentation by Trustee Steinke – see attached.

PSBAA Meeting Report:

- met with the President and Executive of PSBAA
- good meeting
- talked about one inclusive education system
- Bylaw Review – looking for committee members

- Public School/Publicly Funding Schools discussed
- Report on the Theodore Case
- Discussion on special levy to support Theodore Case
- PSBAA's mandate compared to ASBA's mandate

Superintendent's Report

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Written report provided for information.

Finance

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Reports provided for information.

DRAFT School

DRAFT School Calendars (2018-19 & 2019-20)

For information only. Will be sent out to stakeholders for feedback. Will come back to the Board at the February 20th Board meeting.

LAPP Board reduces member and employer costs

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Provided for information.

Board Legal Name Change

Board Legal Name Change

- can be done at anytime
- becomes effective when Minister approves
- has to be done by a Bylaw approved by the Board
- Minister will assign a new number to name
- administration to proceed with process

General Election
Letter

General Election Letter

Provided for information. Administration to proceed with process.

Lac Ste. Anne County
Library Board

Lac Ste. Anne County Library Board

Provided for information.

Budget Survey

Budget Survey

Provided for information.

Draft ESA Agreement

Draft ESA Agreement

Provided for information.

2017/18 Stakeholder
Satisfaction Telephone
Surveys

2017/18 Stakeholder Satisfaction
Telephone Surveys

Provided for information.

EDC Deputy Minister
Discretionary Spending

EDC Deputy Minister – Discretionary
Spending

Provided for information.

Results Review Discussion

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- need clarity of contract services
- reporting on surplus funds – what does the line “carryover forward surplus funds” mean

- on last slide – the asks for the Trustees – are trustees supposed to act on these.
Administration to compile this information and forward to trustees.

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.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Reports

Diana Hagman

Trustee Hagman reported from the Elmer Elson Parent Council meeting that 75% of parents had reviewed the online report card system – no negative or positive comments on it.

Barb Maddigan

Trustee Maddigan and Wigton attended the four parent council meetings – 2 each.

Some parents are unhappy with the transportation fan out system. Also,

volunteers having to have the S Endorsement to transport students. The Director of Transportation advised if two or more people want to take the course, he could arrange for a weekend session.

Trustee Maddigan advised some parents were asking what was being painted at Division Office, Administration responded that offices were being repainted due to normal wear and tear.

Sarah Healy

Trustee Healy asked why the Grade 10 surveys were not online. Administration advised they must be in hard copy and has nothing to do with Northern Gateway, but it is what the Ministry wants.

Sherry Jeffreys

Trustee Jeffreys said she had lots of questions on the "run or not to run" practice. There is a article on the Northern Gateway webpage as follows on the link below:

<http://www.ngps.ca/about-us/news/post/to-run-or-not-to-run#.WnN6l65KthF>

Additional Report Items

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Additional Report Items

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys– that the Board accept Information/Reports E1 – E18 as information.

Motion Carried

Topics for Future
Discussions

F. Topics for Future Discussions

Nil

Requests for
Information

G. Requests for Information

Nil

Meeting Highlights

H. Meeting Highlights

1. All Field Trips
2. Draft School Calendars
3. Advocacy Plan
4. Budget Survey
5. Accountability Survey

In-Camera Items

I. In-Cameral Items

3726-18

Moved by Trustee Maddigan – that the Board go in-camera at 8:15 p.m. and that Kevin Andrea, Michael Gramatovich, Michelle Brennick Leslee Jodry and Milly McGregor be invited to remain.

Motion Carried

Judy Muir, Ethan Thesen and Gerry Steinke, left the room at 8:25 p.m. due to a conflict of interest.

Vice-Chairperson, Barb Maddigan took over the chair.

Chair Judy Muir returned to the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

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Moved by Trustee Jeffreys—that the Board
come out of in-camera at 9:08 p.m.

Motion Carried

Adjournment

I. **Adjournment**

3728-18

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys- that the meeting
be adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Motion Carried

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer