

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

October 2nd, 2014 - 1:00 p.m.

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 2nd, 2014 meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 1:02 p.m.

Chair Judy Muir, Trustees Jim Govenlock, Cindy Granley, Jim Hailes, Sherry Jeffreys, Albert Schalm, Terry Slemko, Beverly Smith, Gerry Steinke, and Administrators Kevin Andrea, 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.

Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent, was absent from the meeting.

**Additions/Deletions
to the Agenda**

2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

D.a) Awards Committee

Acceptance of Agenda

3. Acceptance of Agenda

2918-14

Moved by Trustee Govenlock – that the agenda for the October 2nd, 2014 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried



**Draft Minutes of the
September 16th, 2014
Regular Board Meeting**

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**Appointments &
Delegations**

Action Items

**Trustee Request to
miss Board Meetings**

2920-14

**Hilltop High School
Field Trip**

2921-14

**C. Draft Minutes of the September 16th, 2014
Regular Board Meeting**

Moved by Trustee Granley– that the draft minutes of the September 16th, 2014 Regular Board Meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

B. Appointments & Delegations

Nil

D. Action Items

Trustee Request to miss Board Meetings

Moved by Trustee Govenlock – that the Board approve Trustee Slemko’s request to potentially miss three consecutive Board meetings; October 14th, October 28th, and possibly November 12th, 2014.

Motion Carried

Hilltop High School Field Trip

Moved by Trustee Govenlock – that the Board approve in principle Hilltop High School’s French 10/20/30 field trip to participate in the Quebec Immersion Tour scheduled for February 5th – 10th, 2015.

Motion Carried

**Fox Creek School
International Field
Trip**

2921-14

Fox Creek School International Field Trip

Moved by Trustee Hailes – that the Board approve in principle Fox Creek School’s Educational Tours international field trip to London, Paris and Rome, scheduled for: Option A – April 2nd – 10th, 2015, or Option B – April 4th – 12th, 2015.

Motion Carried

Additional Action Items

Awards Committee

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Additional Action Items

Awards Committee

Moved by Trustee Hailes – that the Board strike an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of 4 trustees and administration to review all Board sponsored awards and report recommendations back to the Board.

Motion Carried

2923-14

Moved by Trustee Steinke – that the Ad Hoc Awards Committee members consist of Trustees Jim Hailes, Cindy Granley, Sherry Jeffreys and Beverly Smith.

Motion Carried

Information/Reports

ASBA/PSBAA Update

E. Information/Reports

ASBA/PSBAA Update

ASBA

Trustee Hailes reported from the September 26th, Zone 2/3 meeting:

1. Board Sharing – There was a request for information regarding a Transportation audit. More information will be sent to Divisional Offices. Do we have issues with the SuperNet? A number of Boards are experiencing difficulties and are approaching the Department for improvements to the system. The ASBA is investigating having a separate fee for those members who just wish to attend the business session of the AGM.
2. President's Report – A consulting firm has been contracted to conduct the search for an Executive Director. Sunday night of the AGM there will be a farewell for David and his Executive Assistant who have both retired. The Provincial Association will be focusing this year on advocacy.
3. Executive Director's Report – There is no date for the release of the Education Act's Regulations. There has been no word from Government this summer in regards to a Bargaining Model. The ASBA will still be working on the process in anticipation that the new Minister will be revising the format.
4. Director's Report – ASBA is looking for input into the Associations Strategic Plan.
5. Zone Reports – Proposed changes for the Zone 2/3 Bylaws will be sent out. Most of the changes reflect current practice.
6. Alberta Education Report – "Despite all the changes life goes on".

7. Jim Gibbons – Did a presentation on Results Based Budgeting.

PSBC Report

No report.

Superintendent’s Report

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Written report provided.

Administration provided a handout on the Student Enrolment dated September 30th, 2014. The report reflects the final student count as of September 30th, 2014.

Cheryl Lovich, Health & Safety Services Coordinator, entered the meeting at 1:54 p.m.

Committee of the Whole Meeting

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Review of Administrative Procedures from the Committee of the Whole meeting agenda resumed, commencing with AP 325 – Child Abuse and Neglect.

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Additional Report Items

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Alberta Health Services

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Letter provided for information.

Cheryl Lovich, Health & Safety Services Coordinator reported:.

The Alberta Ministry of Health has announced the expansion of the human papillomavirus (HPV) immunization program from grade five girls only to also include males in grade 5 beginning in September 2014.

Alberta Health Services will be sharing or have already shared this information with school principals. HPV immunization is voluntary and the signed consent of a parent or guardian is required before the immunization can occur at the school. Northern Gateway Public Schools is only the facilitator of the Alberta Health Services program.

Cheryl Lovich, Health & Safety Services Coordinator, left the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Enrolment as of September 30th, 2014

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Report provided for information only.

Student Learning Assessment Update

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Administration provided an update on the Student Learning Assessment (SLA) pilot.

Teachers have expressed continuing concerns with respect to the pilot administration of the Student Learning Assessments (SLAs). The concerns have focused on workload implications related to administration, marking and reporting and have been actively reported to Provincial Executive Council.

The Minister sent a letter to school Boards dated September 24th announcing the two week extension, adjusting the deadline for administration of the SLAs to October 24th, 2014.

Trustee Steinke requested a presentation on the SLA content/questions, at the October 14th, 2014 Board Meeting.

Board Annual Work Plan

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Board Annual Work Plan reviewed.

Meeting Highlights

F. Meeting Highlights

1. PSBAA Presentation
2. Approval of Field Trips
3. Student Enrolments
4. Expansion of Alberta's HPV Immunization Program
5. Review of Division Sites

Adjournment

G. Adjournment

2924-14

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys – that the meeting be adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Motion Carried

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer