

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

April 5th, 2016 – 10:00 a.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 April 5th, 2016 meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 10:03 a.m.

Chair Judy Muir, Trustees, Jim Hailes, Sherry Jeffreys, Albert Schalm, Robyn O'Neill, 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.

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

Trustee Jim Govenlock participated via Video-feed.

Trustee Cindy Granley arrived for the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

MLA Todd Loewen, Grande-Prairie-Smoky, entered the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Appointments and Delegations

B. Appointments and Delegations

Chair Muir welcomed MLA Todd Loewen to the meeting and introductions were made.

The following agenda items were reviewed with MLA Loewen:

- a) Capital Priorities
- b) The need for School Playgrounds to be Funded
- c) Impact of Economic Downturn on Division/Constituency
- d) Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environment
 - Legislation versus guidelines
 - Public reaction
 - NGPS Draft Response
- e) Budget 2016
- f) Provincial Teacher Contract Negotiations
- g) Other

MLA Todd Loewen, Grande-Prairie-Smoky, left the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

B. 1:00 p.m. – Jennifer Ferguson/Debbie Vance – Dual Credit Update and Stephanie Damery – Wellness Grant

Acceptance of Agenda

3. Acceptance of Agenda

3302-16

Moved by Trustee Schalm – that the agenda for the April 5th, 2016 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

**Draft Minutes of the
March 15th, 2016
Regular Board Meeting**

3303-16

**C. Draft Minutes of the March 15th, 2016
Regular Board Meeting**

Moved by Trustee Hailes – that the draft minutes of the March 15th, 2016 Regular Board Meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

**Draft Minutes of the
March 29th, 2016
Special Board Meeting**

3304-16

**C. Draft Minutes of the March 29th, 2016
Special Board Meeting**

Moved by Trustee Steinke – that the draft minutes of the March 29th, 2016 Special Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

Action Items

**Locally Developed
Course**

3305-16

D. Action Items

Locally Developed Course

Moved by Trustee Hailes – that the Board reauthorize the use of the following Locally Developed Course acquired from Parkland School Division No. 20 from September 1st, 2016 – August 31st, 2020: Literature and Composition (AP) 25 (3 credits). Resources used to teach the course are listed in the Learning Resources of the Course Details.

Motion Carried

Additional Action Items

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Nil

Information/Reports

E.

Information Reports

ASBA/PSBAA Update

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ASBA

Nil

PSBAA

Nil

Superintendent's Report

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Written report provided for information.

Technology update – Jason Yaremchuk, Director of Information Technology to present update at a future Board Meeting.

Pat Hardy Primary School was vandalized with a number of windows being broken. Surveillance cameras will be reviewed.

C2 Report
(Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent)

As of March 31, 2016 all 75 priorities have been responded to on the template. All templates were sent to administrators for review on April 4, 2016. The C2 Committee will have one last meeting to finalize the project.

Finance

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Site Finance Report provided for information.

Municipal School Reserve

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Lac Ste. Anne County has requested the Board to relinquish their interest in the MSR designation for NE 16-55-3-W5M.

Basically with Budget cutbacks the maintenance of some of their properties has become too costly. They have parties interested in leasing and maintaining the land and they cannot do that with the MSR designation on title.

Administration will respond that the Board is researching their options on this and will not be making a decision at this time.

Trustee Cindy Granley entered the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

ASBIE Annual Report 2015

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Report provided for information.

Buffalo Trail Public Schools Letter

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Letter provided for information.

Jennifer Ferguson, Debbie Vance and Stephanie Damery, Learning Service Coordinators, entered the meeting at 12:58 p.m.

Appointments and Delegations

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Dual Credit Update - Jennifer Ferguson and Debbie Vance

In the 2015-2016 school year, 71 of the 1360 high school students in Northern Gateway Public Schools participated in a Dual Credit endeavor. At 5.2% of the high school population, it would demonstrate the commitment of Northern Gateway Public Schools to its Learner Pathways model as participation is considered to other jurisdictions, such as the 0.48% involvement of high school students with the Calgary Board of Education.

Students in NGPS have participated in a variety of experiences facilitated through cross-jurisdictional agreements, community partnerships and post-secondary programs. Full program certifications as well as individual transfer courses have been pursued. Distance learning modules, videoconferencing, online environments and on-site theoretical and practical experiences, have afforded NGPS students to study in the areas of Health Care Aide, Administrative Professional, Power Engineering, Welding, Harley Davidson Technician, Psychology, Educational Assistant, Vet Terminology, Child Development Assistant and Driver's Education.

As NGPS continues to investigate further opportunities to support Learner Pathways for students, the approval of the Career and Technology Foundations Program of Study by Alberta Education offers much excitement. As students in grades 5-9 explore areas of study beyond the core curriculum and are encouraged to make connections between these areas of interest and skill development to various occupational areas, the foundation will be set as students make informed decisions about their futures.

Alberta Healthy School Community Wellness Fund – Stephanie Damery

The Wellness Fund enables school communities to infuse wellness into the culture of their schools by focusing on the provincial priority areas of healthy eating, active living, and positive social environments which includes healthy relationships.

Northern Gateway Public Schools is embarking on a wellness journey with all of our school communities to be imaginative and innovative in meeting their unique health and wellness needs.

Northern Gateway is also looking to establish “The Gateway To Wellness District Committee” with representatives to sit on the committee from the following areas: Alberta Health Services, Northern Gateway Trustees, Learning Services Coordinators, Teachers, Support Staff, Parents, County Recreation Coordinators and Administrators. The Committee is looking for two NGPS trustees to sit on the committee.

Jennifer Ferguson, Debbie Vance and Stephanie Damery, Learning Service Coordinators, left the meeting at 1:36 p.m.

Enrollment Report

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Report provided for information.

Board Annual Work Plan

Board Annual Work Plan

No changes at this time.

Provided for information.

Trustee Reports

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Terry Slemko

The Onoway High Band Program is hosting their 13th Annual Coffeehouse Showcase at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 9th.

During the east end school tours, there will be a walk-through of the new Onoway High School starting at 9:30 a.m. for those interested.

On Saturday May 28th, 2016 there will be one final walk-through of the old Onoway Jr./Sr. High School Building for those interested.

Sherry Jeffreys

The Onoway Child Health and Wellness Fair is to be held on April 29, 2016. Trustee Jeffreys will be manning a table.

Albert Schalm

Mayerthorpe High School Vice-Principal Elizabeth Jager has been nominated for the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award 2016. The nomination is to recognize her dedication to kids in the community through her support, coaching and time volunteered with extracurricular sports activities and for her role on the youth justice committee.

One class of MHS grade nine students were participating in the "Party Program" on Tuesday April 5th, the other grade nine class is scheduled for April 26th.

Cool Camp preparations for grade eight students is well under way and will take place later this month.

3306-16

Moved by Trustee Schalm– that the Board accept Information/Reports E1 – E9 as information.

Motion Carried

Topics for Future Discussions

F. Topics for Future Discussions

Update on Interim School Mark Results

Requests for Information

G. Requests for Information

Nil

3307-16

Moved by Trustee Steinke– that the Board appoint Trustees Sherry Jeffreys and Cindy Granley to sit on the Ad Hoc Wellness District Committee with Trustee Terry Slemko as the alternate, for this year.

Motion Carried

Meeting Highlights

H. Meeting Highlights

1. MLAs meet with the Board
2. Enrolment
3. Alberta Healthy School Community Wellness Fund
4. Dual Credit Update

In-Camera Items

3308-16

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys – that the Board go in-camera at 2:00 p.m. and that Kevin Andrea and Michael Gramatovich and Milly McGregor be invited to remain.

Motion Carried

Trustee Steinke declared a conflict and left the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

3309-16

Moved by Trustee Hailes – that the Board come out of in-camera at 2:57 p.m.

Motion Carried

3310-16

Moved by Trustee Hailes – that the Board approve upon termination, retirement or in the event of death while employed, Northern Gateway Public Schools will pay out members of the Supplementary Executive Retirement Program (SERP) a benefit of a one-time lump sum payment.

Motion Carried

Adjournment

3311-16

Moved by Trustee Schalm - that the meeting be adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

Motion Carried

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer