

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

March 26, 2019

Board Room of the Division Office in Whitecourt, AB

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## Opening

### A. Opening

## Call to Order and Roll Call

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The March 26, 2019, meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 5:08 p.m.

Chair Judy Muir, Trustees, Sherry Jeffreys, Diane Hagman, Barb Maddigan, Christine Peck, Anita Portsmouth, Gerry Steinke, Linda Wigton and Administrators Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent, Leslee Jodry, Assistant Superintendent, Milly McGregor, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, and Wendy Robertson, Recording Secretary, were present at this time.

Trustee Ethan Thesen was absent from the meeting.

Kevin Andrea, Superintendent, was absent from the meeting.

Dafydd Thomas, Principal, and Beth Jager, Assistant Principal, Mayerthorpe High School and Lisa Bakos, Communications Officer were present at this time.

**Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**

**2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**

- D.1. Conflict – April 16/19 Board Mtg & Election Date
- E.8.a) Sangudo Incident
- E.8.b) Fox Creek – Experiential Learning Week
  
- E.5. Delete “Board Annual Work Plan”
- E.5. Add “School Tours”

**Acceptance of Agenda**

**3. Acceptance of Agenda**

3977-19

Moved by Trustee Portsmouth – that the agenda for the March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

**Appointments and Delegations**

**B. Appointments and Delegations**

**Dafydd Thomas, Principal & Beth Jager, Vice-Principal, Mayerthorpe High School**

Cell Phone Pilot Project: (Cell Phone Policy at MHS: Rationale, Implementation and Results)

Rationale:

- Student disengagement
- Excessive cyberbullying incidents during class time
- Parents texting
- Inappropriate uploads to social media during class time
- Lack of student self-control
- Limited deterrence

Implementation:

Cell phones, IPODS’s MPS players, hand held

games or other electronic devices can only be used during class breaks or at lunch time. These devices are not allowed to be seen or turned on during class time as they are disruptive to the learning environment of the students. Should a student violate this policy or use the device during class time (in any location), the teacher will request the device from the student and turn it in to administration to be returned as follows:

- First offense – returned at the end of the day
- Second offense – returned to parent/guardian
- Third offense – locked in school safe for 30 days - \*Refusal to turn over the device to a teacher will result in a direct referral to the administration.

Results:

- 99.9% parent support
- 99.8% student compliance
- little or no classroom distractions
- zero bullying issues online during school time since implementation of the policy
- positive anecdotes by substitute teachers, guest teachers and our staff regarding learning.

Anne Martens, Kelly Muir, Rod Peterson and Sherry Pfannmuller, entered the meeting at 5:28 p.m.

- a parallel increase in attendance (coincidental?)
- a parallel increase in school base results (coincidental?)
- RCMP support. Confiscation and the return of the phones, is in compliance with the law.

Presentation attached for information.

Dafydd Thomas and Beth Jager completed their report and left the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

**Anne Martens, Principal, Pat Hardy School**  
**Kelly Muir, Principal, Rich Valley School**  
**Sherry Pfannmuller, Principal, Sangudo School**  
**Rod Peterson, Cohort, Rich Valley School,**  
**presented on the:**

NGRD Masters of Education Leadership Program:

The Master in Education Leadership Program is designed for those who seek roles as leaders in the field of education, exposing them to innovative research and practice in the leadership, management and administration of educational institutions.

The cohorts outlined the following of the program:

- Scope of Programming
- Course Offerings
- 4 Primary Areas of Focus
- Areas Explored
- Context and Applicability
- Instructional Supervision Plan (developed by four cohort members)

Presentation attached for information.

Anne Martens, Kelly Muir, Sherry Pfannmuller and Rod Peterson, completed their presentation and left the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

**Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent,**  
**presented on the Teaching Leadership**  
**Quality Standard.**

The new standards will come into effect on September 1, 2019.

The application of the three professional practice standards is as follows:

- Teaching Quality Standard (TQS)
  - Applicable to all certificated teachers in Alberta
- Leadership Quality Standard (LQS)
  - Applicable to all principals, assistant, associate and vice principals, and school jurisdiction leaders
- Superintendent Leadership Quality Standards (SLQS)
  - Applicable to all superintendents and chief deputy superintendents

For more information about the new quality standards, their implementation, and why they are important please click on the link provided.:

<https://www.alberta.ca/professional-practice-standards-overview.aspx>

Minutes of the  
March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Regular Board Meeting

3978-19

C. Minutes of the March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Regular Board Meeting

Moved by Trustee Wigton– that the minutes of the March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried

Action Items

Conflict with April 16,  
2019 Board Meeting Date

D. Action Items

Conflict with April 16, 2019 Board Meeting Date

Due to the Alberta Provincial Election being called on April 16, 2019, the Board would like to reschedule the Board Meeting.

3979-19

Moved by Trustee Steinke – that the Regular Board meeting scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be moved to April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Motion Carried

Information/Reports

E. Information/Reports

ASBA/PSBAA

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ASBA:

Trustee Wigton provided a written report.  
(see attached)

**Provincial Youth Mental Health Summit:**

ASBA is partnering with the Mental Health Commission of Canada (MHCC) to bring HEADSTRONG to students from across the province for a two day Provincial Youth Mental Health Summit in Red Deer Alberta on June 3-4, 2019. For more information:

<https://www.asba.ab.ca/about/leadership-academies/provincial-youth-mental-health-summit/>

3980-19

Moved by Trustee Wigton – that the Board approve to fund 2 high school students to attend the ASBA MHCC HEADSTRONG Summit, in Red Deer Alberta on June 3-5, 2019.

Motion Carried

Kevin Andrea, Superintendent, entered the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

PSBAA:

PSBC Meeting scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel.

Online Registration:

<https://publicschools.wufoo.com/forms/april-2019-psbc-meeting/>

PSBAA Governance Seminar scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel.

Online Registration:

<https://publicschools.wufoo.com/forms/april-2019-psbc-governance-seminar/>

## Superintendent's Report

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Written report provided for information.

Additional information:

Letter from Alberta Education, Curtis Clarke, Deputy Minister provided for information.

## Finance

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School Jurisdiction Financial Report provided for information.

## Important Dates

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Provided for information.

## School Tours

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School tour at Grasmere School – who is unable to attend? Trustee Maddigan cannot attend.

## Motion Review Cycle

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Provided for information.

## Trustee Reports

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### Christine Peck

Trustee Peck attended the Onoway High Coffeehouse. Great performance by the Alumni Band and the Joe Summers Big Band ended the evening.

Onoway Jr/Sr High's annual Coffeehouse Showcase gives band students the opportunity to share their talents with the community and raise funds for the school's award winning band program.

### Barb Maddigan

Trustee Maddigan attended the "Think Indigenous Education Conference 2019 – March 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019, River Cree Resort. Trustee Maddigan will present her report at a future Board Meeting.

For more information on the conference go to:

[http://www.thinkindigenous.ca/uploads/1/2/2/0/122042624/tiiec\\_2019\\_agenda\\_at\\_a\\_glance.pdf](http://www.thinkindigenous.ca/uploads/1/2/2/0/122042624/tiiec_2019_agenda_at_a_glance.pdf)



Sherry Jeffreys

Sangudo Community School:

- Welcomed new Principal, Sherry Pfannmuller
- Parents, students and staff are very excited to have Ms. Pfannmuller head the SCS team
- Parents Association is very active within the school
- Hot lunches, funding for field trips, Staff appreciation lunch, purchasing equipment and furniture throughout the school, supervision of students during recess and community cleanup days.

Shaping the Future Conference 2019:

- 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference that brings together teachers, health and wellness providers and researchers to discuss all aspects of comprehensive health. Conference is aimed to challenge our thinking, shape our environments and help increase equity and supporting wellness for all.
- Pre-conference, workshops keynotes, concurrent sessions, outdoor sessions, research posters, success stories and networking opportunities with exhibitors.
- Very inspiring and empowering conference that encourages sharing the importance of this work and positively advocates for healthy school communities.
- Hosted by Everactive Schools with support from the Alberta Government, HPEC, ASEBP, Jumpstart and the AMA.
- Exhibitors include ASCA, U of A, Rick Hansen Foundation, the AMA, Alberta Lacrosse Association, Booster Juice, Flaghouse.
- Keynote speakers David Irvine, Corey Gray, Dr. Sue Winton
- Sessions on Physical Literacy in the classroom, Nutrition Activities in any classroom, Clarity on Cannabis, FIT Learning, and Connections to Mental Health just to name a few.

Hwy 43 Come Play with Me Early Childhood Coalition:

- Government approved funding for the 2019-2020 year
- Each Coalition can apply for up to \$22,500 based on their action plan
- Provide developmental kits to Playschools, libraries, Mom & Tots programs, etc, to be handed out to children

- Host workshops and bring speakers to the communities to engage parents
- Will bring back the Coalitions Action Plan and Budget once submission has been made for funding

Onoway Childrens Health and Wellness Fair:

- Geared towards children 0-12 and their families
- The purpose of the fair is to provide the Lac Ste. Anne area with information, services and resources to support wellness in families.
- Hosted by AHS, County of Lac Ste. Anne, Parent Link, and Hwy 43 Come Play with Me.
- Dental, Dietitian, Public Health, Early Childhood Development, Mental health, Health Promotion, Speech and Language, Northern Gateway Public Schools, local Libraries, FCSS, Parent Link, Hwy 43 CPWM, Adult Literacy, FSAD, Healthy Families Healthy Futures.
- Attendance was way up this year (181 children)
- Purposely held on a NGPS PD day
- Along with providing information and resources, the fair is interactive and fun for all attendees.

Judy Muir

Great job Trustee Jeffreys did on the Onoway Childrens Fair.

The Rich Valley community has been name a Top 4 finalist for Kraft Hockeyville. They are the only Alberta community in the running.

This is a very big deal for the Rich Valley community. Your vote can help bring Hockeyville 2019 to Alberta and help a small, deserving local community keep grassroots hockey alive and well in our rural region.

Beginning March 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Canadians can cast their votes for their favourite finalist at [krafthockeyville.ca](http://krafthockeyville.ca). Voting is unlimited and will close at 6:30 p.m. on March 30, with the grand prize winner live announcement later that evening on Hockey Night in Canada on Sportsnet.

Learn more about Rich Valley's nomination by visiting their profile at [krafthockeyville.ca](http://krafthockeyville.ca)

**Additional Report Items**

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**Sangudo Incident**

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Superintendent Andrea reviewed the incident that happened at the Sangudo Community School on March 11, 2019 and process that was followed.

Letter provided for information.

**Fox Creek Experiential Learning Week**

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Experiential learning refers to hands-on, planned learning experiences in a variety of career interest areas.

Students in Grades 7 through 12 have the opportunity to explore interests in the areas of Welding, Electrical, Painting, Coding, Money Management and Design Studies.

Scheduled for Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

3981-19

Moved by Trustee Maddigan – that the Board accept Information/Reports E1- E8 as information.

Motion Carried

**Communications Committee=**

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The Communications Committee would like to do the mass ordering of shirts for pink shirt day, orange shirt day – etc. It was agreed they could.

**Topics for Future Discussions**

**F. Topics for Future Discussions**

1. Transportation – Drop off at Day Homes
2. Student Attendance – what are the rules?

**Requests for Information**

**G. Requests for Information**

Nil

**Meeting Highlights**

**H. Meeting Highlights**

1. The three presentations
2. Change to April Board meeting date
3. HEADSTRONG
4. Fox Creek Experiential Learning Week

Lisa Bakos, Communication Officer, left the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

**In-Camera Items**

**I. In-Camera Items**

3982-19

Moved by Trustee Wigton – that the Board go in-camera at 8:11 p.m. and that Kevin Andrea, Michelle Brennick, Milly McGregor and Wendy Robertson be invited to remain.

Motion Carried

Leslee Jodry, Assistant Superintendent and Trustees Judy Muir, Gerry Steinke left the meeting at 8:12 p.m. due to conflict of interest.

3983-19

Moved by Trustee Peck—that the Board  
come out of in-camera at 8:24 p.m.

Motion Carried

Trustees Judy Muir and Gerry Steinke came  
back into the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Adjournment

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Adjournment

3984-19

Moved by Trustee Maddigan - that the meeting  
be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Motion Carried

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Board Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer