

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

May 28th, 2019

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 May 28th, 2019, meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 5:02 p.m.

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

Amber Gosselin, Coalition for Accessible Child Care, Onoway, was present at this time.

Rhett Czaban, Director of Transportation was present at this time.

Trustee, Ethan Thesen was absent from the meeting.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Nil

Acceptance of Agenda

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Minutes of the
May 7th, 2019
Regular Board Meeting

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Appointments and
Delegations

3. Acceptance of Agenda

Moved by Trustee Portsmouth – that the agenda for the May 28th, 2019 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried

C. Minutes of the May 7th, 2019
Regular Board Meeting

Moved by Trustee Hagman– that the minutes of the May 7th, 2019 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried

B. Appointments and Delegations

Amber Gosselin, Coalition for Accessible Child Care

Amber Gosselin, presented on “Northern Gateway Coalition for Accessible Childcare” – Driving innovative and family-friendly public policy solutions.”

Amber Gosselin from the Coalition for Accessible Child Care spoke to trustees about transportation issues faced by working families who live rurally. On behalf of parents and the Coalition, Ms. Gosselin shared her concern with rural busing service citing that many parents cannot be at home to receive their children after school and that school bus transportation to care providers and day homes is necessary. Ms. Gosselin asked the Board to consider policies and administrative

procedures that support working families with flexible and accessible bus service that allows children in out-of-school care to be transported to their day care provider after school. NGPS Superintendent Kevin Andrea, thanked Ms. Gosselin for her feedback and assured her that transportation needs are the subject of significant and ongoing discussion for the division, sharing the number of variables that factor into the transportation model including a lack of funding for this type of service and the overall complexity of rural school bus transportation.

Presentation was completed at 5:26 p.m. and Amber Gosselin left the meeting.

Rhett Czaban, Director of Transportation

Transportation Update:

Webpage:

- Transportation will be launching their new webpage soon.
- It will have a GPS component where parents can track their child's bus location.
- Testing of the parent webpage is in progress.
- Parents will be able to tell if their child is eligible for transportation.
- School Cash will soon be available for parents to pay their transportation fee online.

Whitecourt Re-design:

- still some areas and communication issues to be worked out.
- Transportation staff are developing bus passes now
- Scan cards – program will warn when student gets on the wrong bus or off at the wrong stop. (Scan cards not available at this time).

Questions regarding Gosselin Presentation:

- Parents are frustrated they cannot be truthful about where they live.
- parent drives their child to school, bus drives student to their day home after school
- Parent feels they will be discriminated against because bus not taking student to their home address.
- What do we do when we become aware of parents not providing a correct home address/giving their day home provided as their home address for the pm drop off?

Larger discussion to take place at the June 11th, 2019 Board Meeting.

MELT Update:

- Sept 2019 – every bus driver needs to qualify
- Some previous bus drivers will be grandfathered.
- Some Boards are supporting increased costs to contractors/some are not.
- All have increased costs for training.
- 18 drivers in Northern Gateway will need MELT training.

Rhett Czaban completed his report at 6:01 p.m. and left the meeting.

Action Items

Policy 8– Committees of the Board

D. Action Items

Policy 8 – Committees of the Board

To be reviewed further at the June 18th, 2019 Policy Committee meeting.

**Policy 9 – Board
Representatives**

4000-19

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Moved by Trustee Maddigan – that
Policy 9 – Board Representatives be affirmed
as presented.

Motion Carried

**Policy 10 – Policy
Making**

4001-19

Policy 10 – Policy Making

Moved by Trustee Maddigan – that
Policy 10 – Policy Making be
affirmed as presented.

Motion Defeated

**Locally Developed
Courses**

4002-19

Locally Developed Courses

Moved by Trustee Hagman – that
the Board approve to re-authorize the use of the
following Locally Developed Courses:

acquired from Calgary School District No. 19
from September 1st, 2019 to August 31st, 2023:
Yoga 15 (3 credits), Yoga 25 (3 credits) and Yoga
35 (3 credits). Resources used to teach the
course are listed in the Learning Resources of the
Course Details.

acquired from Edmonton Public Schools from
May 21st, 2019 to August 31, 2019: Dance 15
(5 credits), Dance 25 (5 credits) and Dance 35
(5 credits). Resources used to teach the course
are listed in the Learning Resources of the
Course Details.

Motion Carried

**Onoway High School
International Field Trip**

4003-19

Onoway High School International Field Trip

Moved by Trustee Wigton – that the Board approve in principle the Onoway High School International Field Trip to Greece, scheduled from March 24th, 2021 to April 4th, 2021 and aligns with Spring Break.

Motion Carried

Additional Action Items

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Information/Reports

Nil

E. Information/Reports

ASBA/PSBAA

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ASBA: (Linda Wigton)

ASBA Zone 2/3 May 24th, 2019 meeting report provided for information.

PSBAA: (Anita Portsmouth)

No report.

Superintendent's Report

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Written report provided for information.

Finance

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SJFR Report provided for information.

HR Update

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Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent, provided the HR update:

- positions remaining to be filled:
 - 14 probationary positions
 - 6 temporary positions
- received one resignation to date
- retirement notification must be in by Thursday, May 31st, 2019.

Superintendent/Board Evaluation

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Scheduled for June 13th, 2019. Terry Gunderson has contacted everyone that will be completing the evaluation. Judy Muir to check with Terry Gunderson to see if separate evaluation for trustees to answer about Kevin will be coming.

Copy of last version of Education Act.

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Provided for information.

Send letter to the 3 MLAs regarding our position on these concerns:

1. Age (moving from 19 to 21)
2. Residency
3. Common age of Entry

What to communicate to new Minister –
discussion at June 7th, 2019 Board Meeting.

Invite new Education Minister to NGPS.

New Teacher Induction Ceremony

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Ten NGPS teachers were officially welcomed into the profession on May 9th, following the near completion of their first year of teaching. Each year in NGPS, first year teachers, and teachers who are new to the province, are officially and jointly inducted into the profession by the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) alongside their NGPS trustees, colleagues and mentors.

The evening is a special event for inductees, our Local ATA and our Division. NGPS proudly co-hosts the annual induction with our Local ATA chapter in honour of the profession of teaching and the achievement of our first year teachers.

Greg Jeffery, ATA President, led inductees in reciting their pledge and congratulated them on choosing the noble profession of teaching.

This year's even was made even more special by the attendance of our Finnish and Icelandic exchange teachers, and their surprise honorary induction by ATA Local 43.

uLead 2019 Report

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The uLead 2019 – The Summit of Educational Leadership Conference was held in Banff this year on May 12 – 14, 2019. In attendance from Northern Gateway Public Schools was Kevin Andrea, Michelle Brennick and Leslee Jodry.

This year's conference was focused on the theme of "Reimagining School Leadership". This three day conversation on leadership provided every delegate with an opportunity to both see a variety of models on innovative leadership and to also discuss the direction we should be moving in as school leaders and systems in our age. A unique opportunity awaits to join educational leaders from around the world in the beautiful world heritage location of Banff.

The conference was attended by over 1000 school leaders from around the world.

For more information please click on the link below:

<http://ulead.ca/Welcome.html>

Board Annual Work Plan

Board Annual Work Plan

Provided for information.

Motion Review Cycle

Motion Review Cycle

Provided for information.

Additional Report Items

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Nil

4004-19

Moved by Trustee Portsmouth – that the Board accept Information/Reports E1- E11 as information.

Motion Carried

Topics for Future Discussions

F. Topics for Future Discussions

1. YRL Motion – Mandatory Attendance – Current Rules

Requests for Information

G. Requests for Information

Nil

Meeting Highlights

H. Meeting Highlights

1. Coalition Presentation
2. Transportation Report
3. Policies Reviewed
4. Locally Developed Courses
5. Edwin Parr Awards Banquet
6. Reviewing Implications of new Education Act
7. New Secretary-Treasurer
8. Onoway International Field Trip
9. uLead 2019 Report

Lisa Bakos, Communication Officer, left the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

In-Camera Items

I. In-Camera Items

4005-19

Moved by Trustee Peck – that the Board go in-camera at 8:22 p.m. and that Kevin Andrea, Michelle Brennick, and Wendy Robertson be invited to remain.

Motion Carried

4006-19

Moved by Trustee Portsmouth—that the Board
come out of in-camera at 8:25 p.m.

Motion Carried

Adjournment

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Adjournment

4007-19

Moved by Trustee Steinke - that the meeting
be adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Motion Carried

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer