

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

December 14th, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

Division Office Board Room in Whitecourt, AB

Opening

A. Opening

Call to Order and Roll Call

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The December 14th, 2021 meeting was called to order by Board Chair Barb Maddigan at 10:04 a.m.

Board Chair Barb Maddigan, Board Vice Chair Christine Peck, Trustees Diane Hagman, Linda Wigton, Jim Hailes, Judy Muir, Gerry Steinke, Deb Koloski, Sally Petryshen and Administrators: Kevin Bird, Superintendent; Leslee Jodry, Deputy Superintendent; Tamara Spong, Secretary-Treasurer and Nicole Draves, Recording Secretary, were present at this time.

Lisa Bakos, Communications Officer was present at this time.

Trustee Sally Petryshen was present via Zoom.

Brad Quarin-Mayerthorpe Freelancer entered the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Members of the community were present.

Rhett Czaban, Director of Transportation Services entered the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Oh Canada

2. Singing of Oh Canada

Treaty Land Acknowledgement

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Acceptance of Agenda

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Appointments and Delegations

3. Treaty Land Acknowledgement

Vice Chair Christine Peck read the Treaty Land Acknowledgement.

4. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

- a)
- b)

5. Acceptance of Agenda

Moved by Trustee Diane Hagman: That the agenda for the December 14th, 2021 Regular Public Board Meeting be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried

B. Appointments and Delegations

Vice Chair Christine Peck read out loud part of Policy 7, Section 8: Delegations to Board Meetings

Sangudo Community School Presentations commenced at 10:15 a.m.

- Tammy Ethier & Sherry Jeffreys
- Val Chay

Six hundred (600) signatures collected for the non closure of Sangudo School.

Following the presentation from Tammy Ethier & Sherry Jeffreys, round table questions from the Trustees opened regarding enrollment, financial supports.

Val Chay spoke in support of keeping Sangudo school open. No notes provided. Focus on mental health of the children and community during the pandemic. Getting through Covid should be a priority.

Following the presentation from Val Chay, round table questions from the Trustees opened.

Draft Minutes of the November 23rd, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

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Action Items

C. Draft minutes of the November 23rd, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

Moved by Trustee Muir: That the draft minutes of the November 23rd, 2021 Regular Board Meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

E. Action Items

1. School Operational Viability Study- (Superintendent Kevin Bird)

Randy Lovich entered the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Operational Viability Study presented to the Trustees for information.

Power point presentation presented for viewers.

Explanation of Policy 15 & 16 how it pertains to the study and process.

Round table discussion following the Viability Study. Topics included: Staffing at SCS, enrollment and infrastructure, utilization, transportation concerns, enrollment where designated SCS students have chosen to attend different schools, and how many current SCS students have chosen Sangudo over their assigned school.

Rhett Czaban & Randy Lovich left the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

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Moved by Trustee Steinke: That the Board accept the School Operational Viability Study as presented.

Motion Carried

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Moved by Trustee Steinke: That the Board operate SCS for the 2022-2023 school year with the provision that Administration develop a 3-5 year plan of revitalization of the school, considering a comprehensive consultation with the school and the community, and further that the Board commit to operate the school from 2023-2025 barring any extra ordinary circumstances that would require additional program funding beyond the 2021-2022 allotment.

Motion amendment, Trustee Hailes: That the funding allocated come out of instructional reserves.

Motion Carried as Amended

Round table discussion with Board of Trustees, questions answered by Administration as required.

1. **ASBA**

Nothing to report for the public meeting

ASBA Zone 2/3

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Trustee Hails shared the report with Trustees prior to today's meeting.

Trustee Wigton is now one of the Zone 2/3 Board of Directors, first meeting was last Friday.

All meetings are now hybrid.

PSBAA

2. **PSBAA**

Nothing to report at this time

Rural Caucus Report

3. **Rural Caucus Report**

AGM has been cancelled. No indication if it has been rescheduled or not at this time.

Standing Committee Reports

4. **Standing Committee Reports**

Policy Committee met last Friday. To meet once per month. Taking a long time to go through policies to align with the Education Act. Committee of the whole role? Policy committee declining to act on it until it got some direction from the board. Would like to see something formal come forward.

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Moved by Trustee Muir: That the Policy 8 Committee make an addition to Policy 8 to add a Committee of the Whole. Frame work to come at a later time.

Carried

Set a date for a meeting to have a general discussion. Can't discuss board business behind closed doors. Superintendent to attend all board committee meetings.

January was suggested to discuss results review and then discuss frame work.

Friday, January 7, 2022 @ 10-1230 to meet for committee of the whole. First one in person then can move to zoom.

Superintendent's Report

5. **Superintendent's Report**

Verbal report was presented to the Trustees for information.

Covid case numbers within the schools discussed, staff can now up load their vaccine status.

Important to be vigilant during Christmas with new variant.

Results review-thanks to the trustees for attending.

Unusual weather. Next admin meeting principals are having discussions within their schools how to continue learning when busses are cancelled.

Financial Reports

6. Financial Reports

SJFR & Division Finance Reports for November were presented to the Trustees for information.

Student Enrolment Report was presented to the Trustees for information.

Trustee Diane Hagman has asked for a breakdown of reserves

Trustee Gerry Steinke: Surplus & reserve language discussed. Would like consistency with the terms

Correspondence

7. Correspondence

NA

NGPS Student Support Services Integrated Pathways

8. NGPS Student Support Services Integrated Pathways

Provided to the trustees for information.

Round table discussion.

Trustee Development Schedule

9. Trustee Development Schedule

Provided to the trustees for information

Board Annual Work Plan

10. Board Annual Work Plan

Work plan was reviewed.

Motion Review Cycle

11. Motion Review Cycle

The motion review cycle is up to date.

Trustee Reports

12. Trustee Reports

Trustee Sally Petryshen: Attended Hillside parent council meeting in the evening after the last board meeting. Discussion included school size and AP for covid testing.

Response from parents was well received.

Trustee Linda Wigton: With covid, parents haven't been going in to the schools. What is administration going to be doing in January?

Trustee Jim Hailes: Parents are itching to get back into schools.

Round table discussion.

Upcoming Events

13. Upcoming Events

January 7-Committee of the Whole
January 11-Board Meeting
February 8-Board Meeting

Additional Report Items

15. Additional Report Items

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Moved by Trustee Koloski: That the Board accept Information/Reports E1-E15 as information.

Motion Carried

Topics for Future Discussions

F. Topics for Future Discussions

Requests for Information

G. Requests for Information

Meeting Highlights

In-Closed Session

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H. Meeting Highlights

Sangudo Community School delegations present
School Operational Viability Study
Student Support Services Integrated Pathways

I. In-Closed Session

Moved by Trustee Judy Muir: That the Board
move into closed session at 3:09 p.m.

Tamara Spong, Secretary-Treasurer; Kevin Bird,
Superintendent and Leslee Jodry, Deputy
Superintendent were invited to stay.

Motion Carried

Electronic recording of meeting discontinued at
3:09 p.m.

Moved by Trustee Deb Koloski: That the Board
move out of Closed Session at 4:44 p.m.

Motion Carried

Moved by Trustee Jim Hailes: That the Board
approve the sale of 4164 Kepler Street (Plan
0321742 Blk 2 Lot 2)

Motion Carried

Moved by Trustee Jim Hailes: That the Board
support an overall premium increase of 2.1% with
Manulife Benefit plan for January 1st, 2022-
December 31, 2022 and approve an increase in
the Health Spending account of \$325.00 and
approve a combined health spending/wellness
account effective January 1, 2022.

Motion Carried

4546-21

Moved by Trustee Linda Wigton: That the Board form an ad hoc committee to recommend a contractor to do the Superintendent evaluation consisting of Trustee Wigton, Muir and Peck.

Motion Carried

Adjournment

J. Adjournment

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Moved by Trustee Jim Hailes: That the meeting be adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Motion Carried

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer