

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

January 11th, 2022 – 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 January 11th, 2022 meeting was called to order by Board Chair Barb Maddigan at 10:01 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 and Tammy Davis, Learning Services Coordinator were present at this time.

Oh Canada

2. Singing of Oh Canada

Treaty Land Acknowledgement

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Vice Chair Christine Peck read the Treaty Land Acknowledgement.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

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- a)
- b)

Acceptance of Agenda

5. Acceptance of Agenda

4548-22

Moved by Trustee Linda Wigton: That the agenda for the January 11th, 2022 Regular Public Board Meeting be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried

Appointments and Delegations

B. Appointments and Delegations

ngpsTalk: Introduction to Engagement Platform presented to the Trustees and staff by Anthea Robinson Shaw at Bang the Table

Draft Minutes of the December 14th, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

C. Draft minutes of the December 14th, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

4549-22

Moved by Trustee Sally Petryshen: That the draft minutes of the December 14th, 2021 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried

Action Items

E. Action Items

Borrowing By-Law No.: 1-22

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4550-22

Moved by Trustee Deb Koloski: That By-Law No.: 1-22 to borrow for the sum or sums not exceeding at any one time two million dollars receive first reading by the Board.

Motion Carried

4551-22

Moved by Trustee Linda Wigton: That By-Law No.: 1-22 to borrow for the sum or sums not exceeding at any one time two million dollars receive second reading by the Board.

Motion Carried

4552-22

Moved by Trustee Judy Muir: That the Board approve to conduct the third reading.

Motion Carried Unanimously

4553-22

Moved by Trustee Diane Hagman: That By-Law No.: 1-22 to borrow for the sum or sums not exceeding at any one time two million dollars receive third and final reading by the Board.

Motion Carried

1. **ASBA**

To be discussed in camera

ASBA Zone 2/3

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Next meeting is the last Friday of the month (January 28)

Round table discussion regarding vetting of documents and attendance of the next meeting.

Last meeting was December 10, 2021

PSBAA

2. **PSBAA**

Not met in the recent weeks

Upcoming February 10-11 is the committee meeting & presentations with a dinner.

February 11 is the council meeting.

Standing Committee Reports

3. **Standing Committee Reports**

Policy meeting tomorrow

Advocacy meeting has been moved to tomorrow afternoon (1 p.m.) via zoom.

Communications Committee met for the first time on December 15, any events will be virtual potential for in person depending on Covid. Next meeting is January 27, 2022

Superintendent's Report

4. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent's report was provided to the Trustees for information.

Round table discussion regarding online learning preparation and Covid case numbers within the schools and staff. Learning gap was also discussed-there is currently a plan being worked on to get all students caught up.

Communication with parents, schools and communities is key.

Financial Reports

5. Financial Reports

Student Enrollment reports for December was presented to the Trustees for information.

Draft 2022-2023 School Calendar

6. Draft 2022-2023 School Calendar

The draft 2022-2023 school calendar was provided to the Trustees for information.

Provincial Mental Health Funding

7. Provincial Mental Health Funding

Round table discussion included mental health funding and how funds were distributed to school boards, what supports are currently available to the schools, what supports are currently available in the communities

NGPS worked with each school to see where they would like to see their services.

4554-22

Moved by Trustee Judy Muir: That the Board have a report presented at a future meeting of the

mental health supports that are being offered at each of the schools.

Motion carried

Deputy Superintendent Leslee Jodry: We are currently looking into all this information. With the changing need we are constantly reviewing. The reports are based on that time, being ever changing, that report won't be accurate a month down the road.

Correspondence

8. **Correspondence**

NA

Board Annual Work Plan

9. **Board Annual Work Plan**

Work plan was reviewed.

Motion Review Cycle

10. **Motion Review Cycle**

The motion review cycle is up to date.

Trustee Reports

11. **Trustee Reports**

Trustee Diane Hagman: Rural Caucus meeting was held December 16th, report was shared with the Trustees for information.

4555-22

Moved by Trustee Linda Wigton: That the Board meeting scheduled on March 8 be rescheduled to March 1

Motion Carried

4556-22

Moved by Trustee Jim Hailes: that we invite municipal partner's and MLA to the Rural Ed Symposium in March 2022

Motion Carried

Upcoming Events

Additional Report Items

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Topics for Future Discussions

Requests for Information

Meeting Highlights

13. Upcoming Events

- February 8-Board Meeting
- February 17 & 18-School Tours (Tentative)
- March 1-Board Meeting
- March 6, 7 & 8-Rural Ed Symposium
- March 10 & 11-School Tours (Tentative)
- March 22-Board Meeting

14. Additional Report Items

Moved by Trustee Deb Koloski: That the Board accept Information/Reports E1-E13 as information.

Motion Carried

F. Topics for Future Discussions

Reminder from Board Chair Maddigan: Motions need to be made for future discussions & requests for information. This will ensure that the Board or majority of the board is in line with others, and to ensure the workload is manageable for administration

G. Requests for Information

Trustee Gerry Steinke: Can we get documentation as to where the Mental Health Funding is coming from, how much and where it is going? Verbal & email communication would have been sent to Tamara and Trustees. Tamara will look and find the documents from the minister.

H. Meeting Highlights

Return to school and supplies from government
Debut of NGPS talk
Discussion of mental health
Rural Ed Symposium

In-Closed Session

4558-22

I. In-Closed Session

Moved by Trustee Wigton : That the Board move into closed session at 1:52p.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 1:52 p.m.

4559-22

Moved by Trustee Sally Petryshen: That the Board move out of Closed Session at 3:14 p.m.

Motion Carried

Adjournment

4560-22

J. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Linda Wigton: That the meeting be adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Motion Carried

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer