

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF
TRUSTEES MEETING OF NORTHERN GATEWAY
REGIONAL DIVISION NO. 10 HELD IN THE BOARD
ROOM OF THE DIVISION OFFICE IN WHITECOURT,
ALBERTA ON SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2010**

OPENING

A. OPENING

**CALL TO ORDER
AND ROLL CALL**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The September 28th, 2010 meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 10:00 a.m.

Trustees Jim Govenlock, Peter Gilchrist, Maureen Wilcox, Kim Priest, Terry Slemko, Sharron Aasland, Anne Nichol, Barbara Maddigan and Administrators Kevin Andrea, Superintendent, Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent and Michael Gramatovich, Secretary-Treasurer, were present when Chair Muir called the meeting to order.

Albert Schalm, Trustee elect for Ward 1, Electoral Subdivision 4, was present as an observer at this time.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS
TO THE AGENDA**

2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

- D.1 ASBA Tripartite Survey
- D.2.a) Premier's Dinner
- E.10.a) Fox Creek Library Needs Assessment
- E.10.b) ERLC Report
- E.10.d) Ward 1 West Boundary
- E.10.e) Blueberry Drive Traffic Calming
- G.3.a) Letter

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

2015-10

Moved by Trustee Maddigan – that the agenda for the September 28th, 2010 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2010 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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C. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2010 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Moved by Trustee Priest – that the draft minutes of the September 14th, 2010 Regular Board Meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

ACTION ITEMS

D. ACTION ITEMS

ASBA TRIPARTITE SURVEY

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School Boards were asked to complete the ASBA Tripartite Survey and return to Scott McCormack.

Martyn Chapman and Jodi Rosvold, Hilltop Humanitarian Society, entered the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

APPOINTMENTS & DELEGATIONS

B. APPOINTMENTS & DELEGATIONS

Hilltop Humanitarian Society:

Two members of the Hilltop Humanitarian Society, Jodi Rosvold and Martyn Chapman, presented to the Board a brief overview of their visit to the Masulita Children’s Village (MCV) in Uganda. The group lived in the village with the orphans, sharing food and chores. The group also worked in the wider community helping at a school and in the medical centre. Hilltop Humanitarian Society sends \$500.00 US each month directly to MCV to support the orphans. The Humanitarian Group has provided the Uganda Women’s Effort to Save Orphans (UWESO) with funds to accomplish the following:

- School fees and requirements
- Hilltop Visit expenses
- Groceries
- Children’s outings
- Transport and Day allowances for staff and drivers
- Fundraising and meetings
- Home operations including bank charges

The project has so far registered enormous successes in all of the areas of concern as well as tangible and sustainable results in the lives of the vulnerable children both in school and at the home.

Martyn Chapman and Jodi Rosvold, Hilltop Humanitarian Society, completed their report at 11:30 a.m. and left the meeting.

Sarah Healy, Coordinator, Student Services, entered the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Learning Services Presentation:

Sarah Healy, Coordinator, Student Services presented to the Board her Student Services report.

Code 40 Students: To ensure accuracy of files for funding requirements in the 2010-2011 school year, Sarah has been reviewing all code 40 severe needs files to ensure they meet the requirements outlined by Alberta Education in the Severe Disabilities Handbook. To date Northern Gateway's code 40 numbers are at 181.5 severe needs students.

Code 50 Students: Copies of IPPs for students with mild or moderate disabilities are required at Student Services for review by November 5th, 2010.

Eye See Eye Learn: Parent packages will be distributed to elementary schools for pre-school and kindergarten programs during October, 2010. Schools are to ensure that parents are aware of this information and that documentation is put into cumulative records.

Student Health Partnership Services: Services with Peace Country Health Partnership and Aspen Health Partnership are established and providers are contacting schools. The Student Health Partnerships provide supports in Northern Gateway Schools for speech, occupational therapy, and emotional behavior needs. Surveys were completed last year by parents, staff and providers and the summary will be placed on the NGRD website in the Student Services section.

Khan Communications SLP Services: The speech language pathologists (SLPs) from Khan Communications Inc. Speech Language Pathologists have contacted all schools to begin services and programming support for students and staff. Khan also provides supports to schools for occupational therapy needs.

Early Childhood Development (ECD) Mapping Project: The ECD Mapping Project is a 5-year research project that will give Alberta School authorities, communities and parents a comprehensive range of information on children's development prior to kindergarten. This project is funded by Alberta Education and supports the Minister's priority to increase broad-based supports and early intervention initiatives for at-risk children to improve their learning outcomes. More information can be found at www.ecdmappingalberta.ca.

Non-Violent Crisis Intervention (NVCI): The first two Non-Violent Crisis Training workshops have been set for November 29th, 2010.

SIVA (Safety Interventions for Violence and Aggression): SIVA is an intervention training program that is being promoted through the provincial Children and Youth with Complex Needs (CYCN) Initiative and focuses on proactive intervention strategies as opposed to reactive interventions. The training is being held on November 4th – 5th, 2010 in Mayerthorpe.

Sarah Healy, Coordinator, Student Services, completed her report at 12:10 p.m. and left the meeting.

Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent, left the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

PREMIER'S DINNER

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The Northern Premier's Dinner is scheduled for October 7th, 2010, in Grande Prairie, Alberta. There will be no representation from Northern Gateway Public Schools.

**INFORMATION ITEMS/
REPORTS****A.S.B.A.****E. INFORMATION ITEMS/REPORTS****A.S.B.A.**

Trustee Wilcox reported from the September 24th, 2010 Zone 2/3 General Meeting.

Chair's Report: Acting chair, Johnette Lemke, advised that it was not possible to change the date of the Zone 2/3 Annual Meeting. This meeting will be held on October 22nd, 2010 at the St. Anthony Centre. Boards are requested to R.S.V.P. with numbers of trustees who will be in attendance to Jackie Gilbert. Johnette informed the Zone members that she plans to run for the position of Zone Director at the Annual Meeting.

Financial Report: Financial statements to August 31st, 2010 were reviewed and the proposed Zone Budget for 2010 – 11 based on a 2.9% fee increase was presented for information.

Zone Director's Report: Lisa Brower reported on the September 9th -10th, 2010 ASBA Board of Directors meeting including: Terms of Reference guiding the ASBA FMNI Task Force, the working agreement proposed between the ASBA and AUMA; tabling of the draft communications guidelines until criteria guiding response to individual board requests for action; and standards for communicating the rationale for Board of Directors decisions are developed.

Vice -President Report: Jacquie Hanson led an in-camera information and Q and A session focusing on issues around the tripartite discussions.

Alberta Ed. Field Services Report: Elsie Pawluk reported that David Woloshyn is the newly appointed Zone Director. He is also responsible for Calgary and area. MELRA will not be the same this year but some form of awards will happen.

Alberta Coalition for Healthy Schools Initiative: Morag Pansegrau requested that Zone 2/3 school divisions advise her of any district/school initiatives that are focused on creating healthier students. She will circulate a list of local Health Promotion Coordinators (HPC) who will come to speak to boards about coordinating strategies.

Zone Advocacy Committee: Members of the committee gathered suggestions and then identified 3 areas of focus for 2010-11:

1. Sustainable funding
2. Wrap-around services
3. Full-day kindergarten.

The afternoon P.D. sessions were: Hazing, presented by the Battle River School Division Board Chair and Superintendent; Balanced School Year Study, presented by Alexander (Sandy) McDonald, GPPSD.

P.S.B.A.A.

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Chair Muir participated in the Special Meeting held on September 24th, 2010 by video conference. Chair Muir reported that 32 Boards participated in the video conference call making it difficult to speak, as the process was very slow. Two Boards did not participate, Parkland and Northland School Divisions.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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- John Lobo is currently working on the implementation of the Provincial Approach to Student Information (PASI) throughout the division. The work being done now will allow for a more streamlined and seamless data entry process in years to come.
- There are only two forums remaining on the Inspiring Action website for you to provide feedback on: Teaching our Children; Envisioning Excellence.
- The ATA Local president asked if trustees wanted the ATA Local to organize election forums in the communities where elections are being held. Trustees felt if forums were organized it should come from the community.
- The Science 30 diploma exam is scheduled to be written on January 28th, 2011. January 28th, 2011 is a Professional Development day for Northern Gateway. 30 students from the Valleyview, Onoway and Sangudo schools will be writing the Science 30 exam; schools will need to accommodate these students writing on this day.

- Administration will be reviewing and updating any administrative procedures in which Bill 44 is relevant.

FINANCE

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Michael Gramatovich presented to the Board the Monthly Bank Statements for the period ending August 31st, 2010.

2010 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

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The results of the nominations for Northern Gateway's three electoral wards were presented as information.

NORTH CENTRAL CFSA CONSULTATION SESSION

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The North Central CFSA Consultation Session is scheduled for October 4th, 2010. Information regarding this session will be forwarded to Sarah Healy, Coordinator of Learning Services, Student Services.

PEACE LIBRARY SYSTEM

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Information regarding the book allotments and expenditures for Northern Gateway Regional Division No. 10 from January 1st to July 31st, 2010 was provided. The attached spreadsheet shows the total allotments available to libraries, how much has been spent as of July 31st, and the total remaining funds.

DRAFT 2011/2012 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

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The first draft of the 2011 – 2012 School Year Calendar was presented for information. The calendar will go to the administrators' meeting on September 29th, 2010 for discussion. From there it will be shared with school staffs, school councils, and affected neighbouring jurisdictions for feedback. The final draft of the 2011 – 2012 calendar will be approved in November.

**ENBRIDGE NORTHERN
GATEWAY PROJECT
PROPOSED PIPELINE
ROUTING MAP****ENBRIDGE NORTHERN GATEWAY PROJECT
PROPOSED PIPELINE ROUTING MAP**

The Enbridge Northern Gateway Project involves a new twin pipeline system running from near Edmonton, Alberta, to a new marine terminal in Kitimat, British Columbia to export petroleum and import condensate. The routing project overview map was provided for information only.

TRUSTEE REPORTS**TRUSTEE REPORTS**Sharron Aasland

Trustee Aasland attended 7 of the former school signage ceremonies in the Darwell area, and also attended the Sangudo High School Awards evening September 24th, 2010.

Kim Priest

Trustee Priest attended the first School Council meeting, and "Meet the Teacher Night" at Fox Creek School.

Jim Govenlock

Trustees Govenlock and Maddigan attended four parent council meetings. Trustee Govenlock reported there have been many issues with the construction at Hilltop High School, but the staff is dealing with it very well. Parent councils are having difficulties finding people willing to take on leadership positions.

Anne Nichol

Trustee Nichol attended a meeting with the Western Cree Tribal Council meeting on August 31st, 2010. 3 of the 4 school divisions serving the 3 bands (Horselake, Duncan and Sturgeon Lake) were represented as were the three bands. Points from the meeting:

- WCTC is projecting a \$365,000 deficit in education for this school year

- Sturgeon Lake has bought 2 new school busses – 5 of their 7 school busses transport students to Valleyview schools
- 60% of students attending St. Stephens are self declared Aboriginal
- Provincial students are funded \$10,000, Aboriginal students are funded \$6,000
- The band receives \$16,000 for each special ed student
- Provincial school boards are responsible to bill the province for non status students living on reserves being transported on reserve busses and then pay the money to the band providing the transportation.

Trustee Nichol attended the Sunset House parent council meeting on September 7th, 2010 and a Town of Fox Creek meeting on September 15th, 2010. The purpose of this meeting was to brief Town Council on the status of the Champs program housed in the school and request they join us to advocate for continued funding for the program. The Mayor and two council members attended. The program funding has not been renewed. Agreement was reached to craft a joint letter and submit it requesting the government continue funding the program based on the unique geography of Fox Creek, lack of local services and the programs' success.

Trustee Nichol attended the Fox Creek parent council meeting on September 15th, 2010, primarily to introduce herself to the new principal.

Terry Slemko

Trustee Slemko advised there will be a Children's Fair sponsored by Alberta Health Services on October 1st, 2010, in Onoway, AB. The fair is to consist of approximately 40 vendors.

Mr. Slemko reported that 58 out of the 68 former school sites now have signage.

Barb Maddigan

Trustee Maddigan attended the Yellowhead Regional Library (YRL) Conference entitled "Expanding Horizons: The Power of Libraries" on September 17th, 2010 at the River Cree Resort and Casino. Highlights included: Keynote Dr. Toni Samek, School of Library and information Studies, University of Alberta, speaking on library and

information workers in many nations who identify as political actors, who offer new possibilities for strategies of resistance, and who challenge censorship and other networks of control; Digital Tools for Digital Classrooms: Using the Online Reference Centre, hosted by Diane Galloway-Solwan of The Alberta Library (TAL); Graphic Novels in the School Library, hosted by Gail de Vos, University of Alberta; Look Ma! No Wires! Mobile Computing and the Library, hosted by James MacDonald, University of Northern British Columbia; Library 2.0 Millennials: Redefining Research and Literacy for a New Generation, hosted by Wanda Pederson, Onoway Jr/Sr High School. Information on sessions can be found at the following link:

<http://www.yrl.ab.ca/content/expanding-horizons-power-libraries-sessions>

Peter Gilchrist

Trustee Gilchrist attended a parent council meeting at Harry Gray Elementary, where discussions focused on the Awards Night and how the Assessment Practice will affect this.

Judy Muir

Chair Muir attended a FCSS meeting, where a school submitted a Grant Application for “Effective Behaviour Supports”, but parents at the meeting did not support this proposal.

Maureen Wilcox

This is Maureen’s last month as a school board trustee.

ADDITIONAL REPORT

FOX CREEK LIBRARY PLANNING GROUP

ADDITIONAL REPORT ITEMS

FOX CREEK LIBRARY PLANNING GROUP

Trustee Priest attended the Fox Creek Library Planning Group meeting in which the focus of the meeting was needs assessment. There was a broad representation from the community in attendance.

PREMIER'S DINNER

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This was discussed under Action Items.

ERLC REPORT

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Trustee Wilcox attended the September 20th, 2010 ERLC Annual Meeting. Michelle Brennick was re-elected to the position of ERLC Board Chair.

WARD 1 WEST BOUNDARY

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Trustee Wilcox handed out the Ward 1 West Boundary map to all trustees so they know where the boundaries are.

BLUEBERRY DRIVE TRAFFIC CALMING

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The Town of Whitecourt received a petition from residents residing on Blueberry Drive to Beaver Drive concerned about the volume and speed of traffic on this road. Some discussion focused on unsafe driving by some bus drivers and the possibility of moving bus stops for safety reasons.

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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The following items will be communicated to our communities:

1. School Board Elections
2. Hilltop Humanitarian Society
3. Learning Services Presentation

IN-CAMERA ITEMS

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IN-CAMERA ITEMS

Moved by Trustee Priest – that the Board go in-camera at 3:39 p.m. and that Kevin Andrea and Michael Gramatovich be invited to remain.

Motion Carried

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Moved by Trustee Aasland– that the Board come out of in-camera at 3:54 p.m.

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

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I. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Maddigan- that the meeting be adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Motion Carried

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer