

**GRANDE PRAIRIE RCSSD #28 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, January 22, 2007**

**PRESENT:**

**Board of Trustees**

Morag Mochan, Chair  
Ralph Wohlgemuth, Vice-Chair  
Alice Brick, Trustee  
Alison Renneberg, Trustee  
John Krol, Trustee  
Laureen Lushman, Trustee

**Executive Officers**

Karl Germann Superintendent  
Betty Turpin Deputy Superintendent  
Grant Burge, Secretary-Treasurer  
Violet Dettling, Executive Assistant

**Other**

Debi Ruhl, Daily Herald-Tribune

**A. OPENING**

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. with an opening prayer led by Trustee John Krol.

**DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

No delegations or presentations.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Chair Morag Mochan presented a letter from Minister Liepert thanking us for our letter regarding the School Act. A letter from Bruce Davis, Ontario School Trustee regarding GST was presented and a thank you note from Kev's Kids for the donation of funds from our district social was read.

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

Trustee Alice Brick requested a break down of specific programs in our schools regarding anti-bullying. Chair Morag Mochan inquired into the districts procedure for academic recognition in elementary/primary grades.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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#069 - 06/07 LUSHMAN                      That the agenda be adopted as presented with the addition of Item:

D.6 St. Joseph Catholic High School Europe Trip

CARRIED

**B.APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#070 – 06/07 WOHLGEMUTH              That the Minutes of the December 18, 2006 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**C. CHAPLAIN'S REPORT**

No report was presented. Superintendent Karl Germann was asked to check with Father Gerry if a representative from St. Joseph's Parish would like to provide a Chaplain Report. It was suggested that this report be removed from the regular meeting agenda.

**D.    New Business, Old Business and/or Action Items**

**D.1   Change of Meeting Dates**

Superintendent Karl Germann reported that the third Monday in February and May are statutory holidays. Generally in the past, the meeting has moved to the Tuesday immediately following the statutory day.

#071 – 06/07 WOHLGEMUTH              That the Board of Trustees approve that Tuesday February 20, 2007 and Tuesday, May 22, 2007 are the new meeting dates for the Regular Board meetings due to the Statutory Holidays

CARRIED

**D.2 Name the New School**

Chair Morag Mochan expressed thanks to all the people who submitted names for the new school. An invitation to the sod turning and opening of the new school will be sent to those individuals who submitted the winning name. After a weighted vote, the name of the new school will be Mother Teresa Catholic School

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#072 – 06/07 LUSHMAN                      That the Board of Trustees approve the name of Mother Teresa Catholic School for the new K-8 School located in Countryside North.

CARRIED

**D. 3 Renewal of Shop Lease**

Secretary Treasurer Grant Burge presented a copy of the lease for the transportation shop.

#073 – 06/07 BRICK                      That the Board of Trustees approve the renewal of the District shop from Landsman Properties.

CARRIED

Thanks was extended to Secretary Treasurer Grant Burge for his negotiating skills in this matter.

**D.4 Graduation Support**

#074 – 06/07 KROL                      That the Board of Trustees provide \$15 per student for 2007 graduation ceremonies for students in St. Thomas More Catholic School and St. Joseph Catholic School.

CARRIED

**D.5 CCSTA Endowment Fund**

Chair Morag Mochan reported on the CCSTA program on supporting Catholic Students where public funding is not an option to them in obtaining Catholic Education. It was agreed that Chair Morag Mochan would share the information on “Toonies for Tuition” with administrators and parent council.

**D.6 St. Joseph Catholic High School Europe Trip**

Superintendent Karl Germann presented the final paperwork regarding the trip planned for Europe.

#075– 06/07 RENNEBERG                      That the Board of Trustees grant final approval to St. Joseph Catholic High School to travel to Europe from April 7 – 15, 2007.

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**E. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Board of Trustees received as information, the following reports:

**ATA Liaison** – Deputy Superintendent Betty Turpin reported the items that were on the Agenda at the last meeting of the ATA.

**CEP Liaison** – It was reported that this committee has not met. Plans for a supper meeting after negotiations are finished are being discussed.

**Education Foundation Committee** – Trustee Laureen Lushman reported that the meeting postponed because the time conflicted with Father Gerry's ordination. Reviewing by-laws is one of the future Agenda items. John Witschen has requested a table at the Faith Development Day. New brochures have been distributed to all parishes, funeral homes and schools.

**Faith Permeation Committee** – Trustee Alice Brick reported on the last meeting. It was noted that Val Becher has received her Master of Religious Education. Three people from our district will be attending SPICE on April 26, 2007. The Faith Permeation Committee will gather suggestions regarding what the \$204,000 R/E funds to be brought back to the Feb 13 meeting.

**School Council Liaison Committee** – Minutes were provided for information. Discussion on the question of how to get parents more informed about religious education was discussed. It was reported that every month inserts in the School Newsletters are sent home to parents.

**ACSTA** – Trustee Morag Mochan reported on the retreat and CEO review. Anne Wuang, Communication Director has resigned and a Board review is planned for June. .

**ASBA Zone I** – Trustee Alice Brick reported that Mike Guidon is New Secretary Treasurer and Dianne Lavoie have been appointed as Zone 1 alternate on the Board of Directors. A satisfaction survey on AE services was distributed and Trustees were requested to submit as soon as possible. 4 CD's on "Advantage for Life, Learning another Language" were brought from the meeting. More copies are available if required from ASBA. Alberta Education is looking for committee members. Minister meeting in Grande Prairie is planned for February 1, 2007.

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#076 – 06/07 WOHLGEMUTH That the Board of Trustees accept the Committee Reports as presented.

CARRIED

**F. POLICY REVIEW**

Policy #1: District Mission, Vision and Core Value Statements and Policy #19: Investments were reviewed.

#077 - 06/07 MOCHAN That the Board of Trustees approve Policy # 1 as presented and Policy #19 as amended and directed the Superintendent to establish a Strategic Planning day with Stakeholders by March 31, 2007.

CARRIED

**EXECUTIVE OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**St. Clement Snack Program**

Superintendent Karl Germann presented financial information for the Snack Program at St. Clement. A letter of recognition from the Board will be sent to Marie Stevens for her dedication and hard work in establishing the program. Marie Stevens name will be considered as a nominee in the Friends of Education award.

**Tell us what you think Survey**

Superintendent Karl Germann presented the Tell Us What you Think Survey that will be sent out to parents in the district this month.

**CTS Shop Openings (Kateri & St. Joe's)**

Superintendent Karl Germann reported on the CTS Shop Openings at Kateri & St. Joseph Catholic High School. 5000 additional feet of space was added on at St. Joes'. A letter of thanks will be sent to staff at St. Joseph Catholic High School for their hardwork while construction was ongoing. Kateri is complete and up and running. Option for other schools to utilize the space is now a possibility.

**DELFL Exam**

Information was provided to the Board. It was reported that testing is available for certification. Cost to student is \$100.00. GPRC is proposed to be the test site. Information will be forthcoming from Lesley Doell, French Language Consultant.

**SEPSR Audit**

A copy of a letter was provided for information It was reported that 6 IPP's will be pulled to see how we are doing in our Special Education reporting.

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**New Trustee Orientation**

Trustee Alice Brick and Trustee Alison Renneberg agreed to sit on this committee. ASBA has a lot of resources available. A report will be presented at the next meeting.

**Trends in International Mathematics & Science Study (TIMSS)**

It was shared that Ste. Marie Catholic School in Spirit River will be participating in this study.

**Management Report**

The Management Report was presented for information. It was reported that the YMCA is considering starting a pre/post daycare program in Grande Prairie. Consideration is being given to leasing land from school districts for their buildings to be placed adjacent to schools. More information will be forthcoming as this develops.

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

The breakdown of school generated funds requested in December will be provided at the next meeting.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

No items were presented.

**ADJOURNMENT**

#078- 06/07

MOCHAN

That the meeting adjourn at 3:35 p.m. A presentation by Principal Jean Paul Gaboury on St. Clements Catholic School commenced immediately thereafter.

CARRIED

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Regular Board Meeting has been scheduled for February 20, 2007 at the Catholic Education Centre, commencing at 2:00 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer