

GRANDE PRAIRIE RCSSD #28 REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Wednesday, May 25th, 2005

PRESENT:

Board of Trustees

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

Executive Officers

Karl Germann, Superintendent
Betty Turpin, Deputy-Superintendent
Grant Burge, Secretary-Treasurer
Kelly Petrone, Executive Assistant

Other

Debi Ruhl, Daily Herald-Tribune
Danny Zahara, The Signal
Father Gerry Pettipas, St. Joseph Catholic Church

Regrets

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m. with an opening prayer by Trustee John Krol.

DELEGATIONS

CORRESPONDENCE



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ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#166 - 04/05 Wohlgemuth; That the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#167 – 04/05 Dyck: That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, April 18th, 2005 be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#168 – 04/05 Wohlgemuth: That the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on Monday, April 28th, 2005 be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

No report

NEW BUSINESS, OLD BUSINESS AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

Administrative Procedure

#169 – 04/05 Wohlgemuth: That the Board of Trustees receive, as information, changes to Administrative Procedures #121 Review of Procedures, #451 District Admin Association, and #452 District Principals' Association.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Three-Year Curriculum Plan

#170 - 04/05 Krol: That the Board of Trustees approve the Three-Year Curriculum Plan, commencing September 2005.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Superintendent Karl German reported that the goals have been aligned with Alberta Education's Business Plan.

The purpose of the document is to provide the District's teachers and administrators with a blueprint for the curriculum plan.

ATA Contract Ratification

#171 - 04/05 Krol: That the Board of Trustees approve the two-year Memorandum of Agreement, effective September 1, 2004, negotiated between the Board of Trustees and the Alberta Teacher's Association.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee John Krol reported that the ATA has approved the Memorandum of Agreement.

#172 - 04/05 Wohlgemuth: That the Board of Trustees go in-camera.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#173 - 04/05 Wohlgemuth: That the meeting reverts to a public meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Laureen Lushman declared a conflict of interest on this agenda item and she left the meeting at this time.

After briefly reviewing the Memorandum of Agreement, again the following motion was made:

#174 - 04/05 Krol: That the Board of Trustees approve the two-year Memorandum of Agreement, effective September 1, 2004, negotiated between the Board of Trustees and the Alberta Teacher's Association.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Lushman was recalled to the meeting at this time.



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Support for Grad Ceremonies

#175 - 04/05 Dyck: That the Board of Trustees support the graduation activities of St. Thomas More Catholic School and St. Joseph Catholic High School by planning for a \$15.00 per student contribution in the 2005-2006 budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board of Trustees will review their support each year as per the Annual Work Plan.

Ste. Marie School Opening

#176 - 04/05 Renneberg: That the Board of Trustees appoint John Krol and Alison Renneberg to assist the Superintendent and designate to plan for the official blessing and opening of the new Ste. Marie Catholic School.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The official school opening will be on September 8, 2005, Ste. Marie Feast Day.

Terry Fox Run

#177 - 04/05 Wohlgemuth: That the Board of Trustees endorse the Terry Fox Foundation's National School Run Day scheduled for Friday, September 16, 2005.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board of Trustees agreed to support students to have time off on September 8th, 2005 to participate in the Terry Fox Run.

The Terry Fox's Foundation is asking all schools to participate this year to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope.

St. Thomas More Catholic School Year Calendars 2005 - 2006

#178 - 04/05 Brick: That the Board of Trustees approve St. Thomas More Catholic School Year Calendar for 2005 – 2006.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Deputy Superintendent Betty Turpin reported this calendar is aligned with Peace 10 due to busing.

Kindergarten/Junior Kindergarten School Year Calendars 2005 - 2006

#179 - 04/05 Krol: That the Board of Trustees approve the Kindergarten and Junior Kindergarten calendars for the 2005 – 2006 school year as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

St. Gerard Contingency Ad-Hoc

#180 - 04/05 Dyck: That the Board of Trustees appoint Trustee Ralph Wohlgemuth and the Superintendent and a designate to approve expenditures in excess of \$2500.00 from the contingency reserve for St. Gerard Catholic School.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Superintendent Karl Germann reported many decisions will need to be made in a short period of time and that he may need to make money decisions quickly regarding the St. Gerard Catholic School project.

There is a \$314,000.00 contingency reserve fund for unforeseen costs.

Capital Plan

#181 - 04/05 Dyck: That the Board of Trustees approve the Three-Year Capital Plan as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

#182 - 04/05 Mochan: That the Board of Trustees approve the following Committee Reports as information:
a. ACSTA

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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POLICIES 4 & 5

Policy #4 Role of the Superintendent and Policy #5 Board Delegation of Authority meet the requirements of the School Act.

#183 - 04/05 Dyck:

That the Board of Trustees approve Policy #4 Role of the Superintendent and Policy #5 Board Delegation of authority.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS' REPORTS

Management Report

Superintendent Karl Germann highlighted the monthly Management Report for information to Trustees.

Construction Update – St. Gerard and Ste. Marie Catholic Schools

Superintendent Karl Germann reported that at Ste. Marie the contractor is getting ready to lift the roof and at St. Gerard the contractor is preparing to begin site-work.

Ste. Marie Catholic School Grade 9 Offering 2005 - 2006

Superintendent Karl Germann reported that all Ste. Marie parents have been given notification that Grade Nine will be offered at Ste. Marie Catholic school for 2005 – 2006 school year.

Ste. Marie Catholic School Disposal

St. Joseph Parish in Spirit River has approached the District about the possibility of selling a portion of the old Ste. Marie Catholic School to them. John Krol will attend the parish meeting on the Board's behalf on June 2nd as well as the Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer.

Demographics Study

Board Chair Mochan reported the outcome of the recent demographics study conducted for all Grande Prairie Boards is that there is an immediate need for expansion in order to keep up with the population growth.



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Youth Worker

Father Gerry reported to the Board of Trustees that an ad-hoc committee has been looking at the possibility of St. Joseph Parish and the Board collaborating together in the hiring of the new Youth Worker or the possibility of hiring two Youth Workers. The Board of Trustees will discuss this further at the next Committee of The Whole meeting and report back to Father Gerry.

Board Annual Work Plan

Superintendent Karl German reported that Locally Developed Courses have been deferred to June on the Annual Work Plan.

ROUNDTABLE

BRICK: Attended two ASBA Meetings. Judged the Public Speaking contest at St. Clement School. Will attend the Appreciation lunch at St. Clements on Friday.

LUSHMAN: Expressed best wishes to all staff and Father Steve that are leaving the District. Expressed that Catholicity is alive and well in our schools. Congratulations to all the graduates.

RENNEBERG: Very busy getting ready for St. Thomas More Graduation.

MOCHAN: Sent a thank you off to Honorable Hector Goudreau for responding so quickly to our concerns regarding our expansion needs.

TURPIN: The graduation ceremony for St. Joseph Catholic High School was a huge success and it was very impressive with the amount of reverence the students showed during the mass.
Principal Marlene Stefura did an excellent job!

BURGE: CWL has asked if someone from the Board would bring greetings from the District to the CWL Regional Conference.

FATHER GERRY: Announced that there will be a farewell for Father Steve after the 11:00 am mass on June 19th.

MEETING EVALUATION

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS



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ADJOURNMENT

#184 - 04/05

Krol:

That the meeting adjourn at 11:03 p.m. with a closing prayer led by John Krol

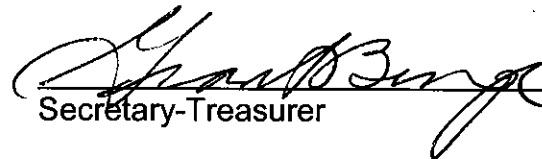
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Board Meeting has been scheduled for June 20th, 2005 at the Catholic Education Centre, commencing at 7:30 p.m.



Chair



Secretary-Treasurer

