

GRANDE PRAIRIE RCSSD #28 BOARD MEETING
Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Tuesday, November 25, 2008

Present:

Board of Trustees

Eldon Wyant, Chair
Alice Brick, Vice Chair
Gerry Lettner, Trustee
Laureen Lushman, Trustee
Jamie Schoorlemmer, Trustee
Ralph Wohlgemuth, Trustee
Jennifer Wrzosek, Trustee

Executive Officers

Karl Germann Superintendent
Ed Buckle, Assistant Superintendent: Human Resources
Marlene Stefura, Assistant Superintendent: Curriculum & Assessment
Bryan Turner, Associate Superintendent of Business Operations
Violet Dettling, Executive Assistant

Others

Michael Matheson, Principal St. Joseph Catholic High School
Linda Beaudet, District Principal
Russ Snoble, Religious Education Consultant
Damien Wood, Reporter, DHT

Regrets

Father Cyril Joseph.

A.1. Opening

The Meeting was called to order at 5:11 p.m. with an opening prayer led by Trustee Gerry Lettner.

A.2. Delegations

1. Audited Financial Statement 2007-2008

Auditors Kari Speaker Smith from Fletcher Mudryk provided a brief overview of the 2007-2008 Audited Financial Statements. Auditor Kari Speaker Smith expressed thanks to the financial department for their hard work this year. Trustee Lushman thanked Kari Smith for her open and professional communication to help trustees grow in the budget process.

2. IB Presentation

Principal Michael Matheson and District Principal Linda Beaudet presented a brief presentation on the International Baccalaureate Program.

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and Diploma program as a choice program in the District and direct the Superintendent to budget and plan for its implementation beginning in September 2009.
DEFEATED

D.2 Audited Financial Statement

#075 - 08/09 WOHLGEMUTH That the Board of Trustees approve the 2007-2008 Audited Financial Statement as presented including the unrestricted net assets of \$108, 492.00.

CARRIED

#076 - 08/09 WOHLGEMUTH That the Board of Trustees thank Associate Superintendent of Business Operations Bryan Turner and all accounting staff of their effort and work over the past year to make this years audit smoother.
CARRIED

D.3 Revised 2008-2009 Budget

Associate Superintendent of Business Operations Bryan Turner presented the revised Budget for the 2008-2009 School Year.

#077 - 08/09 LETTNER That the Board of Trustees approve the revised Budget for the 2008-2009 School Year.
CARRIED

D.4 Annual Education Results Report

Superintendent Karl Germann reported on the AERR for the 2007-2008 school years.

#078 - 08/09 BRICK That the Board of Trustees approve the Annual Education Results Report for the 2007-2008 School Year as amended. Further, the Board Chair and Superintendent are authorized to make changes on behalf of the Board to ensure adherence to the November 2008 deadline.
CARRIED

D.5 STM Trip to Quebec February 2009

Superintendent Karl Germann advised that the planned itinerary meets all requirements. The final itinerary will be submitted prior to departure.

#079 - 08/09 LETTNER That the Board of Trustees approve in principle the

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field trip to Quebec to attend the SEVEC
Conference.
CARRIED

D.6 Accountability Report: Aboriginal Achievement

Superintendent Karl Germann reported on support offered to the aboriginal students in our district.

#080- 08/09 SCHOORLEMMER That the Board of Trustees receives and approves the recommendations contained in the Accountability Report titled Aboriginal Achievement.
CARRIED

D.7 Education Foundation Board Member

#081- 08/09 LUSHMAN That the Board of Trustees postpone the appointment of a community member to the Education Foundation Board to February 2009.
CARRIED

D.8 Class Size Information Survey

Superintendent Karl Germann reported on the Class Size in the district.

#082- 08/09 WRZOSEK That the Board of Trustees approve the Class Size Survey report for the 2008-2009 school year, and direct the Superintendent to communicate the information out to stakeholders.
CARRIED

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

ATA Liaison – Minutes of November 4, 2008 were presented as information. Chair Wyant reported on the minutes presented.

Audit Committee – Minutes of October 21, 2008 were presented as information. Trustee Wohlgemuth reported that the meeting minutes of November will be in the December board package.

Board Social & Service Awards Report – Minutes of November 12, 2008 were presented as information. Trustee Brick reported on the meeting.

CEP Liaison – Next meeting is December 18, 2008.

Human Resources – Minutes of November 3, 2008 were presented as information.

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H. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

No written requests for information were received.

I. ROUND TABLE

BUCKLE – There will be highs and lows through the years in student achievement.

STEFURA – Identified the improvement in the AERR results and acknowledged the increase in the stats to date.

SCHLOORLEMMER – Apologized for being absent from Retreat today.

WYANT – Echoed Marlene and Ed's comments. Watch the ups and downs but focus on the long term is the positive way to look at results. Our people are doing a great job.

BRICK – Thanks to Marlene & Violet, other staff at CEC and all who helped with social. First time she will be missing 2 board meetings in a row, but after 47 years married, she always put education first, but this winter she is taking January & February off. Leaving December 27.

LETTNER – Attended a French touring group presentation at STM talking about French culture. Excellent job by Vice Principal Angela Hanssen for organizing and inviting them to have the k-11 learning French projects. Wished to inform the Board of Trustees that he will be submitting his resignation as of end of December, 2008.

WRZOSEK – Terrific job to Bryan and team on budget as well as thanks to Ed, Marlene & Karl and looking forward to Christmas at Alice's.

LUSHMAN – Thanks to Social Committee for their hardwork. One of the big successes we had this year. Thanks to Linda Beaudet and everyone else involved in the presentation for the IB program. As Liaison for Foundation, thank you to Bryan, Arlene & Karl for their hard work on the Education Foundation. Retreat day was worthwhile.

WYANT – Meeting evaluations will be evaluated at the next Committee of the Whole. Please return them on December 1, 2008. Correspondence circulated at tonight's meeting will be on the back table or in Violet's office.

J. MEETING EVALUATION

Meeting Evaluation forms were provided in the Board Agenda Package.

K. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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December Delegation – Corporal Carol McKinley

ADJOURNMENT

#085- 08/09 WYANT

That the meeting adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Board Meeting has been scheduled for December 15, 2008 at the Catholic Education Centre, commencing at 5:00 p.m.

Chair

Associate Superintendent of Business Operations