

GRANDE PRAIRIE RCSSD #28 BOARD MEETING
Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Monday, April 21, 2008

Present:

Board of Trustees

Ralph Wohlgemuth, Chair
Gerry Lettner, Vice Chair
Alice Brick Trustee
Eldon Wyant, 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

Other

Jennifer Trydal, AISI
Jessie Shirley, AISI
Michael Matheson, Principal, St. Joseph Catholic High School
Kim Peskett & Richard Martin, Parents, Ecole St. Gerard Catholic School
Janine Morgan, School Council Chair, Ecole St. Gerard Catholic School
Shauna Strasdin, Parent, Ecole St. Gerard Catholic School
Shannon Nelson, Parent, Ecole St. Gerard Catholic School
Dennis Blakley, Parent, Ecole St. Gerard Catholic School
Damien Wood, Reporter, DHT

Regrets

Laureen Lushman, Trustee
Jamie Schoorlemmer, Trustee
Father Cyril Joseph

A.1. Opening

The Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. with an opening prayer led by Trustee Jennifer Wroszek.

A.2. Delegations

1. Richard Nasedkin, St. Joseph Catholic High School

Richard Nasedkin was unable to attend.

2. AISI

Assistant Superintendent Marlene Stefura introduced the delegations to the Board of Trustees. Jennifer Trydal presented on the Literacy component, Jessie Shirley presented on the Math component and Marlene Stefura and Michael Matheson presented on the assessment component at the Senior High level. Trustee Alice Brick

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thanked them and all district staff for their efforts. All their hard work has resulted in improved student achievement and staff satisfaction with professional development in schools and the district

2. Kim Peskett and Richard Martin, Parents for Ecole St. Gerard

Kim Peskett addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the Review. Chair Ralph Wohlgemuth thanked Kim for attending and presenting her concerns to the Board of Trustees.

A.3. Correspondence

Chair Wohlgemuth presented:

1. Invitation to Skills Competition;
2. Thank you card from Lori Lafleur;
3. Email correspondence from Slave Lake Ward representative;
4. Thank you card from the NW Regional Skills Coordinator;
5. Letter from Ron Liepert congratulating district on reaching an agreement with ATA local;
6. Letter from Minister of Education, David Hancock;
7. Letter from Mayor Dwight Logan thanking the board for sharing their concerns regarding a licensed premises at CKC.

A.4. Requests for Information

No requests for information were presented.

A.5. Adoption of Agenda

#161- 07/08 LETTNER

That the agenda be adopted with the following amendment:

Remove- Agenda Item D.5 - Locally Developed
Course – Hockey 10

Add: D. 3 – Skills Canada: Canadian Skills
Competition Funding

CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#162- 07/08 WRZOSEK

That the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 17, 2008 be approved as presented

CARRIED

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C. CHAPLAIN REPORT

Father Cyril Joseph was unable to attend.

D. NEW BUSINESS, OLD BUSINESS AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

D.1 2008-2009 School Year Calendars

Superintendent Karl Germann reported that working together with Peace Wapiti School District, Grande Prairie Public School District and Peace 10 School District, the 2008-2009 calendar presents only a few bussing issues which have an effect on the budget.

#163- 07/08 LETTNER That the Board of Trustees approve the 2008-2009 School Year Calendars for Grande Prairie & Area Schools and STM School for the 2008-2009 School Year as presented.

CARRIED

#164- 07/08 BRICK That the Board of Trustees approve the 2008-2009 Kindergarten School Year Calendars for Grande Prairie & Area Schools and the Kindergarten School Year Calendars for STM School for the 2008-2009 School Year as presented.

CARRIED

D.2 Locally Developed Religion 15, 25 and 35

Superintendent Karl Germann reported that new curriculum for the religion courses is currently being prepared by Edmonton Catholic, which will be approved by ACSTA and the Bishops prior to being submitted to Alberta Education. Our Religious Education Consultant, Russ Snoble has been asked to help work with them on drawing up our new curriculum for the 2009/2010 school year.

#165- 07/08 WRZOSEK That the Board of Trustees approve Religion 15, 25 and 35 as a Locally Developed Course for one year.

CARRIED

D.3 Skills Canada: Canadian Skills Competition Funding

Superintendent Karl Germann reported on the St. Joseph Catholic High School's request regarding support for travel costs to the Canadian Skills National Competition in Calgary, Alberta from May 25-28, 2008.

#166- 07/08 WYANT That the Board of Trustees approve the request to provide \$2,000.00 of funding to St. Joseph Catholic High School to assist with travel costs for qualifying students to attend the Canadian National Skills Competition in Calgary, Alberta from May 25 to May

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CARRIED

D.4 Budget 2008-2009 Priorities

Superintendent Karl Germann presented the 2008-2009 Budget Priorities as identified by the Board.

#167- 07/08 BRICK

That the Board of Trustees approve the attached Budget Priorities for the 2008-2009 Budget Year.

CARRIED

Trustee Wrzosek requested a copy of the Leadership Development Plan at the May Budget meetings.

D.5 STM National Youth Bilingual Forum

Superintendent Karl Germann presented the request from St. Thomas More Catholic School to travel to Quebec in July, 2008.

#168- 07/08 LETTNER

That the Board of Trustees grant initial approval for 20 students from St. Thomas More Catholic School to travel to Quebec for a National Youth Forum in July 2008.

CARRIED

Trustee Lettner acknowledged Vice Principal Angela Hanssen for her hard work and dedication to the French program at St. Thomas More Catholic School in Fairview.

D.6 Special Education Accountability Report

Superintendent Karl Germann presented the Accountability Report and reported the special education demands in the district are increasing at a rapid pace. A summary of the governance recommendations was provided.

#169- 07/08 WRZOSEK

That the Board of Trustees receive the Special Education Accountability Report and approve the Governance Recommendations contained in the Report.

CARRIED

D.7 Records Archive Donation

Superintendent Karl Germann reported on a recent meeting with representatives from the Grande Prairie Museum and Dennis Grant proposing an archival project that will preserve approximately 75 years of photographs and documentation from the Grande Prairie & District Catholic Schools at the Grande Prairie Museum.

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#170- 07/08 LETTNER

That the Board of Trustees unconditionally donate the Board Minutes, Student Attendance Records and Pictures to the South Peace Regional Archives (Grande Prairie Museum) after a 5 year period.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Board of Trustees received as information, the Minutes of the meetings from:

ATA Liaison Committee – Board proposed amended Terms of Reference were presented as information.

Faith Leadership Committee – Minutes of the meeting of March 11, 2008 were presented as information.

SCORES Standing Committee – Minutes of the meeting of April 4, 2008 were presented as information.

Boundaries Committee – A report will be provided at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

School Liaison Committee – The next meeting is planned for May 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Clement Catholic School.

Mother Teresa Catholic School – Construction is ongoing.

ASBA Zone 1 – No written report was presented. It was suggested that Michelle be invited to present at a workshop with School Council in the fall.

#171 –07/08 BRICK

That the Board of Trustees receive as information the Committee Reports as presented.

CARRIED

E. POLICY REVIEW

#172 - 07/08 LETTNER

That the Board of Trustees approve Policy #2- Role of the Board as amended.

CARRIED

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| #173 - 07/08 | BRICK | That the Board of Trustees approve Policy #3- Role of the Trustee as amended. | CARRIED |
| #174 - 07/08 | WRZOSEK | That the Board of Trustees approve Policy #4- Role of the Superintendent/CEO as presented. | CARRIED |
| #175 - 07/08 | WOHLGEMUTH | That the Board of Trustees rescind motion #172-07/08. | CARRIED |
| #176 - 07/08 | WRZOSEK | That the Board of Trustees approve Policy #4- Role of the Superintendent/CEO as amended. | CARRIED |
| #177 - 07/08 | WYANT | That the Board of Trustees approve Policy #6- Trustees Code of Ethics as presented. | CARRIED |
| #178 - 07/08 | LETTNER | That the Board of Trustees approve Policy #16- Recruitment & Selection of Staff as amended. | CARRIED |

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS' REPORT

G.1 SUPERINTENDENT

All Day/Every Day Kindergarten

Information was provided on what an all day/every day kindergarten program would look like in the district.

Before School & After School Care

Information from the City was shared about the need for child care in Grande Prairie. Work is proceeding with partnering with YMCA for space at Holy Cross and Mother Teresa. Trustee Wyant thanked administration for pursuing this initiative. It was well received by our staff.

School Resource Officer/Solicitor General

A copy of a letter from the Solicitor General was presented for information. Meetings have been held with the Superintendent of Schools and RCMP. The RCMP will be allocating 3.5 fte to School Liaison Officers in Grande Prairie, an increase from 1.5 fte. Representatives from the RCMP will be speaking at the next Regular Board meeting.

ASBA Policy & Bylaws

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Information was provided at the last Committee of the Whole meeting.
Recommendations will need to be taken to the June meeting in Red Deer.

AERR Report

A summary of the reporting process was provided.

HR Hiring

Information regarding preferential hiring for Catholic Boards was provided.

NAIT

Peace 10 has raised concern regarding the shared cost of providing CTS courses at NAIT in Fairview. A letter will be forwarded to the Superintendent for Peace 10 School District and a meeting with the MLA will be arranged.

ATA Responsibility Teacher Practice Review

Information was provided regarding the new ATA Responsibility Teacher Practice Review.

2008 Issues, Budget & Bylaws Bulletin

The Trustees will be working to send forward their position on two policies regarding Special Education: funding the needs of a child and School Liaison Officers

Excellence Program

Information was shared from the University of Calgary on what an Excellence Program should look like so it would be successful in our district.

PICA Annual Report

A summary was provided for information.

CKC Pool Update

A powerpoint was presented on the plans for the new CKC facility. Construction should start fall of 2008.

Management Report

A copy of the management report was provided.

G.2 ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT OF BUSINESS OPERATIONS

Associate Superintendent of Business Operations Bryan Turner provided the financial statements for February and March in the Management Report.

G.3 ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT: Human Resources

Assistant Superintendent Ed Buckle report was part of the Management Report.

G.4 ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT: Curriculum & Assessment

Assistant Superintendent Marlene Stefura Curriculum report was part of the

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Management Report.

H. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Trustee Wyant's request regarding late immersion will be addressed at the May meeting.

ROUND TABLE

LETTNER –Jim Henderson approached him to sell tickets on behalf of the Education Foundation. 35 students from STM participated in a Development & Peace Fast in Fairview.

BRICK – Celebrity Snack day on April 18, 2008 was a lot of fun. Thanks to Jennifer and Ralph for joining her. A card from Morag Mochan was shared.

GERMANN –Thanks to Marlene Stefura and all the staff at St. Joseph Catholic High School who were instrumental in putting together an amazing proposal for a Technology Initiative which will see St. Joe's receiving up to \$500,000.00 in technology funding.

I. MEETING EVALUATION

The evaluations were provided in agenda package.

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Late Immersion

ADJOURNMENT

#179- 07/08 LETTNER

That the meeting adjourn at 10:40 p.m.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Board Meeting has been scheduled for May 20, 2008 at the Catholic Education Centre, commencing at 7:30 p.m.

Chair

Associate Superintendent of Business Operations