

**GRANDE PRAIRIE RCSSD #28 BOARD MEETING**  
**Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Monday, March 17, 2008**

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**Present:**

**Board of Trustees**

Ralph Wohlgemuth, Chair  
Gerry Lettner, Vice Chair  
Alice Brick Trustee  
Jamie Schoorlemmer, 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**

Brett Shillington, GPRC Student, Fitness Leadership  
Damien Wood, DHT

**Regrets**

Laureen Lushman, Trustee  
Father Cyril Joseph

**A.1. Opening**

The Meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m. with an opening prayer led by Trustee Gerry Lettner.

**A.2. Delegations**

Richard Nasedkin, Teacher representative from St. Joseph Catholic High School was unable to attend and will attend the meeting of April 21, 2008.

**A.3. Correspondence**

- Chair Wohlgemuth presented:
1. CCSTA Conference information June 5-7, 2008
  2. ASBA Annual Survey;
  3. Public Library report;
  4. Alberta Government 20 Year Strategic Plan
  5. Booklet - Keywork of School Boards for each Trustee

**A.4. Requests for Information**

1. Trustee Eldon Wyant submitted a request for information in writing regarding late immersion.

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**A.5. Adoption of Agenda**

#143- 07/08    LETTNER

That the agenda be adopted with the following amendment:

Remove -Agenda Item #D7 – Edwin Parr Nomination

CARRIED

**B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

#144- 07/08    WRZOSEK

That the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 19, 2008 be approved as presented

CARRIED

**C. CHAPLAIN REPORT**

Father Cyril Joseph was unable to attend the meeting.

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

**D.1 Board Meeting Date Change**

Chair Wohlgemuth reported on the request to move the August 18, 2008 meeting date due to conflict for some Trustees. It was noted that this is a very busy week for Administration.

#145- 07/08    WYANT

That the Board of Trustees move the August 18, 2008 Regular Board Meeting to August 25, 2008.

CARRIED

**D.2 Land Purchase**

Superintendent Karl Germann reported on the current costs of leasing the present facilities and the need to start investigating commercial property in Grande Prairie for our own shop and administration building. It was reported that funds currently held in capital reserves came from surplus in the maintenance budget. The Alberta Government allows district's to borrow for the construction of administration buildings. It is the responsibility of the Alberta Government to fund the identified needs of the district for renovations or new schools as set out in our Three Year Plan.

#146- 07/08    SCHOORLEMMER

That the Board of Trustees pursue the purchase of lands for the construction of a Transportation/Maintenance shop and obtain the funds from capital reserves.

CARRIED

Administration will report to the Board on a regular basis regarding this matter.

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**D.3 St. Mary's Catholic School Architect Selection**

Superintendent Karl Germann reported on the process for selection of hiring an architect for new schools.

#147- 07/08 LETTNER That the Board of Trustees engage the services of O'Neill, O'Neill, Propinsky to assist with the design of the new St. Mary's Replacement School in Sexsmith pending approval from Alberta Education.

#148- 07/08 WOHLGEMUTH Motion to go incamera at 5:35 p.m.  
CARRIED

The Board came out of camera at 5:43 p.m.

Chair called the question Motion #145-07/08  
CARRIED

**D.4 St. Mary Beaverlodge Calendar Change**

#149- 07/08 WRZOSEK That the Board of Trustees approve a change in the 2007-2008 calendar that allows St. Mary's Beaverlodge staff and students to remain in school on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and take a day off in lieu on May 16, 2008.

CARRIED

**D.5 Peace Wapiti Transportation Issue**

Superintendent Karl Germann reported on the transportation of St. Mary's Sexsmith students and the problems that will arise in transportation once the new school in Clairmont opens.

#150- 07/08 BRICK That the Board Chair write to Peace Wapiti School Board and request that St. Mary's Elementary Students be transported to St. Mary's Sexsmith on the Peace Wapiti High School Bus.

CARRIED

**D.6 Curriculum Expenditure**

Assistant Superintendent Marlene Stefura provided a breakdown of the number of resources required per grade level.

#151- 07/08 LETTNER That the Board of Trustees approve the expenditure

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of \$112,370.00 for the purchase of resources and  
manipulatives for the new Math and Social  
curriculum

CARRIED

**D.7 Edwin Parr Selection**

This item was removed from the agenda as no nominations were received from our schools.

**D.8 Band Trip (Ottawa) Final Approval**

The final travel itinerary was presented.

#152- 07/08    WROZSEK

That the Board of Trustees grant final approval to the Grande Prairie District Band program to attend the May 2008 MusicFest in Ottawa.

CARRIED

**D.9 Ecole St. Gerard Action Plan**

Chair Wohlgemuth reported on the Ecole St. Gerard Action Plan and past meetings. Trustee Wrzosek reported on lack of clarity of issues at the school. Chair Wohlgemuth and Superintendent Germann will attend the next School Council meeting at Ecole St. Gerard.

#153- 07/08    WYANT

That the Board of Trustees approve the priorities as identified on the St. Gerard School Action Plan dated March, 2008 as amended.

#154- 07/08    SCHOORLEMMER

Motion to go incamera at 6:07 p.m.

CARRIED

The Board came out of camera at 6:25 p.m.

Chair called the question. Motion #151-07/08

CARRIED

**D.10 ASBA Bylaw Amendments**

Superintendent Karl Germann reported on the Board of Trustees responsibility regarding the ASBA Bylaws.

#155- 07/08    BRICK

That the Board of Trustees receive the ASBA Bylaws as presented.

CARRIED

Trustee Schoorlemmer left at 6:33 returns at 6:38 p.m.

**D.11 Board Annual Work Plan**

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Superintendent Karl Germann presented the revised Board Annual Work plan.

#156- 07/08    WOHLGEMUTH    That the Board of Trustees approve the revised Board Annual Work Plan as amended.

CARRIED

**D .12 ASBA Legal Fee Request**

Superintendent Karl Germann reported on the legal costs for the past contract challenges.

#157- 07/08    LETTNER    That the Board of Trustees direct the Chair to write to the Alberta School Boards Association and request financial support for the recent contract challenge as the challenge sets a precedent for all school Boards in Alberta.

CARRIED

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

CEP Liaison Committee – Minutes of the meeting of March 5, 2008 were presented as information. Thanks was expressed to Chair Lushman for a great meeting.

School Liaison Committee – Minutes of the meeting of February 28, 2008 were presented as information.

Education Foundation Committee – A summary of the meeting of March 12, 2008 were presented as information.

Faith Leadership Committee – Minutes of the meeting of February 12, 2008 were presented as information. Concern was expressed by Trustee Brick on not being able to get minutes of current meetings in before the deadline.

Report from District Chamber of Commerce – a summary was presented for information.

ASBA Zone 1 – The meeting is scheduled for March 20 in Peace River and Trustees are to meet at 6:45 at the CEC office.

Environment Advisory Committee – Trustee Wrzosek reported on her representation at this committee being more personal than Board related. She asked that this committee be reviewed in September.

#158 –07/08    WYANT    That the Board of Trustees receive as information the Committee Reports as presented.

CARRIED

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**E. POLICY REVIEW**

#159 - 07/08 WROSZEK

That the Board of Trustees approve Policy #2- role of the Board and Policy 3 – Role of the Trustee as presented.

CARRIED

**EXECUTIVE OFFICERS' REPORT**

**G.1 SUPERINTENDENT**

**CKC Design**

An overhead presentation of the CKC site was presented by Superintendent Karl Germann.

**Eureka Program & French Cultural Program**

Assistant Superintendent Marlene Stefura presented written materials on the Eureka Program and French Cultural program as information.

**French Language Cultural Funding Letter**

Presented as information.

**Language Programming Data Collection**

A summary was presented for information.

**Bus Stop Program**

An overview of the new Bus Stop Program which will be implemented in the district was provided. Times for bus delays will be accessible on the internet for parents and staff.

**Special Ed Committee**

Meetings are ongoing and recommendations will come back to the Board.

**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 January 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 report was part of the Management Report.

**H. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

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Chair Wohlgemuth clarified that requests for information should have 2 components. Firstly, being governance related and second ensuring that the question asked requires priority for administration to spend their time on seeking the answers. It was encouraged that simple clarification of information previously provided could be done by dropping in to Central office for informal discussions.

**Requests for information received:**

1. Trustee Wrzosek requests information from St. Joseph's Travel Club (to Africa) regarding arrangements that have been made to attend Easter Sunday Mass- COMPLETED.
2. Trustee Wrzosek requests information arising from a meeting of January 16, 2008 with the PD representatives from each school and what direction was decided- WILL BE ANSWERED BY EMAIL.
3. Trustee Wrzosek requests how many students are enrolled in the School of hope virtual home schooling program. - COMPLETED
4. Trustee Wrzosek requests a report on the eliminate report card meeting held in Edmonton and the printed document.- WILL BE ANSWERED BY EMAIL
5. Trustee Wrzosek requests information regarding the Youth Rally and Faith Day 2008/2009 – WILL BE ANSWERED BY EMAIL.
6. Trustee Wrzosek requests information as to when the 2008/2009 calendar is set and who has input.-WILL BE ANSWERED BY EMAIL

**I. ROUND TABLE**

**WRZOSEK** – Happy St. Patrick's Day.

**LETTNER** – Easter greetings & blessings. Attended the Bishop's fundraiser dinner in Peace River and it was a good event.

**BRICK** – Happy Easter. Will be attending ASBA and visiting Morag over Easter.

**SCHORLEMMER** – Happy Easter. Really enjoyed meeting with the Archbishop today.

**BUCKLE** – Happy & a Restful Easter.

**STEFURA** – Happy Easter

**GERMANN** – Happy Easter

**I. MEETING EVALUATION**

The evaluations were provided in agenda package.

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**J. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Late Immersion

**ADJOURNMENT**

#160- 07/08      WOHLGEMUTH      That the meeting adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

CARRIED

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Regular Board Meeting has been scheduled for April 21, 2008 at the Catholic Education Centre, commencing at 7:30 p.m.

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Chair

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Associate Superintendent of Business Operations