

GRANDE PRAIRIE RCSSD #28 BOARD MEETING
Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Monday September 22, 2008

Present:

Board of Trustees

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

Executive Officers

Karl Germann Superintendent
Ed Buckle, Assistant Superintendent: Human Resources
Bryan Turner, Associate Superintendent of Business Operations
Violet Dettling, Executive Assistant

Others

Crystal Rhyno, Reporter, DHT

Regrets

Gerry Lettner, Vice Chair
Marlene Stefura, Assistant Superintendent: Curriculum & Assessment
Father Cyril Joseph

A.1. Opening

The Meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. with an opening prayer led by Trustee Laureen Lushman.

A.2. Delegations

No delegations were in attendance.

A.3. Correspondence

Chair Wohlgemuth circulated the correspondence file for trustees to review.

A.4. Requests for Information

No requests for information were presented.

A.5. Adoption of Agenda

#016- 08/09 WRZOSEK That the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

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B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#017 - 08/09 WYANT

That the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on August 25, 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 Accountability Report: Literacy

Superintendent Karl Germann presented the Accountability Report on Early Literacy.

#018- 08/09 SCHOORLEMMER

That the Board of Trustees receive the Literacy Accountability Report and approve the amended Governance Implications as presented.

CARRIED

D.2 Borrowing Resolution

Associate Superintendent of Business Operations Bryan Turner reported on the need to increase the Borrowing limit for the 2008/2009 School Year.

#019 - 08/09 BRICK

That the Board of Trustees approve the Borrowing Resolution from the Alberta Treasury Branch, for the 2008-2009 school year, not to exceed one million five hundred thousand dollars (1,500,000.00)

CARRIED

D.3 Child Care Facilities: Making Spaces Grant

Superintendent Karl Germann presented information regarding the Provincial Government's Initiative on Child Care Facilities: Making Spaces.

#020- 08/09 LUSHMAN

That the Board of Trustees approve the concept to construct Daycare and Before/After School Child Care facilities adjacent to school buildings and on school lands providing Child and Family Service and Alberta Infrastructure fund the construction.

CARRIED

D.4 June 2009 Board Meeting Change

Chair Ralph Wohlgenuth reported on the conflicts arising in June 2009 because of the Spring ASBA General Meeting.

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E. COMMITTEE REPORTS'

School Boundaries – Minutes of September 11, 2008 were presented as information.

Education Foundation – Minutes of June 4, 2008 were presented as information. Trustee Lushman provided an overview of the September 10 meeting of the Foundation and highlighted key points. The September 10 minutes will be provided once approved. Dr. Claudia Strehlke has resigned.

Board Election & Orientation Report – Trustee Schoorlemmer reported on the suggestion for a 1.5 day retreat for trustees.

Faith Leadership: Trustees Wrzosek and Schoorlemmer reported on the last meeting. Clarification on the funds set aside for a youth worker was requested of the Superintendent. The Superintendent was invited to attend the next Faith Leadership meeting. Concern was expressed that some classrooms may not have prayer tables and crucifixes. Superintendent Karl Germann will do walk through of classrooms and report back to the Board. Teacher Cheryl Snoble has started a prayer chain at Holy Cross Catholic School. Trustee Schoorlemmer requested that Cheryl Snoble be invited to share on the prayer chain as a delegation of the Board for October 20, 2008.

ASBA Zone 1 – Trustee Brick reported on the Friends of Education luncheon and the need for publicity around our nomination of the Grande Prairie RCMP and the increased efforts they are putting into our schools. Chair Wohlgemuth commented that a policy directive has been given ASBA for provincial funding for School Resource Officers and background will need to be provided prior to the AGM in November.

ACSTA – Trustee Brick reported that prayer handbooks will be available to all Trustees at the November AGM as well as pamphlets promoting Catholic Education. Catholic Education Sunday Theme is “Ready to Evangelize a Life of Faith” and falls this year on November 2, 2008. Minister Hancock will be attending the AGM and plans are underway for the spring meeting in Jasper.

#027 – 08/09 WOHLGEMUTH That the Board of Trustees accept as information the Committee Reports as presented.
CARRIED

F. POLICY REVIEW

#028 – 08/09 WOHLGEMUTH That the Board of Trustees approve Policy #9- Appendix Only – Annual Review of Trustee Honoraria/Remuneration amended.

#029- 07/08 WYANT Motion to go incamera at 6:30 p.m.

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The Board came out of camera at 6:50 p.m.

#030 – 08/09 WOHLGEMUTH That the Board of Trustees postpone approving Policy #9 – Appendix Only until review and recommendations from Human Resource Committee are received.

CARRIED

#031 – 08/09 WRZOSEK That the Board of Trustees approve Policy #17- Faith Permeation as presented.

CARRIED

#032- 07/08 SCHOORLEMMER That the Board of Trustees approve Policy #18 – Casinos as presented.

CARRIED

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS' REPORT

Superintendent Karl Germann reported briefly on:

1. School Resource Officer

The increased visibility in our schools and at out-of-school events is being received positively by students, staff and parents and is a great prevention and educational tool. This one year initiative is funded by the City and County for 2008/2009 School Year.

2. CASS: Moving & Improving

Information was provided on the 9 Leadership Directives from CASS and it was reported that the Principals will be walking through each directive and identifying which areas they feel they are doing well in and what areas improvement can happen.

3. St. Mary's Sexsmith Gym Update

It was reported that the meeting with the County Council of September 22 was positive. The Town of Sexsmith presented a letter of support encouraging the County to help financially with the increased gym size for St. Mary's Sexsmith.

4. The Management Report for August was presented as information.

H.REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

No requests for information were received.

I. ROUND TABLE

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BRICK – Congratulations to Clint Carrell on his appointment to TAG. Kudos to the custodian staff at St. Patrick Catholic School. The building looks amazing both outside and inside.

GERMANN –Smooth start to a new year.

J. MEETING EVALUATION

Chair Wohlgemuth requested meeting evaluations be completed

K.FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

#033- 08/09 WOHLGEMUTH That the meeting adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Board Meeting has been scheduled for October 20, 2008 at the Catholic Education Centre, commencing at 5:00 p.m.

Chair

Associate Superintendent of Business Operations