

**GRANDE PRAIRIE RCSSD #28 BOARD MEETING**  
**Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Monday, March 16, 2009**

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**Present:**

**Board of Trustees**

Eldon Wyant, Chair  
Alice Brick, Trustee  
Ben Dart, Trustee  
Laureen Lushman, Trustee  
Jamie Schoorlemmer, Trustee  
Ralph Wohlgemuth, Trustee

**Executive Officers**

Karl Germann Superintendent  
Bryan Turner, Associate Superintendent of Business Operations  
Violet Dettling, Executive Assistant

**Others**

Crystal Rhyno, Reporter, DHT  
Michael Leclerc, GPRC Student  
James Palmer, Teacher, St. Joseph Catholic High School  
Roger Lauck, Principal, St. Mary Beaverlodge  
Beaverlodge Playground delegation (2)  
St. Joes Social Justice delegation (7)

**Regrets**

Jennifer Wrzosek, Trustee  
Ed Buckle, Assistant Superintendent: Human Resources  
Marlene Stefura, Assistant Superintendent: Curriculum & Assessment

**A.1. Opening**

The Meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. with an opening prayer led by Trustee Laureen Lushman.

**Administer the Oath of Office**

Commissioner Violet Dettling administered the Oath of Office to new Trustee Ben Dart. The Pecuniary Interest Statement was executed by Trustee Dart. Chair Eldon Wyant welcomed Trustee Dart to the Board of Trustees for the Grande Prairie & District Catholic Schools.

**A.2. Delegations**

**St. Mary Beaverlodge – Parent for Progress Playground Society**

The Board heard representation from Parents for Progress Playground Society. President, Rene Trudel and Parent Representative Ross Nitschke. A brief overview of planning, work to date and future planning was provided to the Board. Chair Wyant thanked the delegation for their presentation and requested the Superintendent to provide the contact information for our



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CARRIED

**D.3 Annual Work Plan Update**

Superintendent Germann reported on the changes to the Annual Work Plan.

#134 - 08/09 LUSHMAN

That the Board of Trustees approve the Revised  
Annual Work Plan as amended.

CARRIED

**D.4 Contract Templates**

#135 - 08/09 WOHLGEMUTH

That the Board of Trustees rescind motion #106-  
08/09 relating to the approval of Revised Teacher  
and Administrative Contract templates based on  
legal advice until specifics surrounding the Catholic  
Clauses can be reassessed.

CARRIED

**D.5 Early Literacy Review**

Superintendent Germann reported on behalf of Assistant Superintendent Marlene Stefura. Director of Student Services and AISI Literacy Lead completed the review for the Early Literacy Review and provided recommendations for the Board to consider. Trustees extended thanks to Director of Student Services Pauline Ruel-Wyant and AISI Literacy Lead Jennifer Trydal for their well written report that honestly articulated the position of the district.

#136- 08/09 DART

That the Board of Trustees receive as information  
the Early Literacy Review Report and direct  
administration to develop a plan and budget for staff  
development and training in the 2009-2010 budget.

CARRIED

**D.6 Accountability Report – Special Education**

Superintendent Germann reported on the governance recommendations. Alberta Education's Special Ed review comes out in June, 2009.

Trustee Schoorlemmer reported on the Special Education Consultation she attended and presented the results from Phase I of the Special Education Consultation.

#137- 08/09 LUSHMAN

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

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**D.7 Locally Developed: Religion 15, 25 & 35**

Superintendent Germann presented the history of the Edmonton Catholic curriculum which is currently used province wide.

#138- 08/09 BRICK That the Board of Trustees approve the locally developed courses: Religious Studies 15, 25 & 35 for a three year term 2009-2012 School Years.  
CARRIED

**D.8 Education Foundation 50/50 Draw**

#139- 08/09 SCHOORLEMMER That the Board of Trustees approve the Education Foundation's request for a voluntary 50/50 monthly payroll draw effective April 2009.  
CARRIED

**D.8 ASBA Zone 1: Edwin Parr Nomination**

#140- 08/09 WOHPLEMUTH That the Board of Trustees accept the nomination of Employee #10948 as the Board's Zone 1 Edwin Parr Nomination.

#141- 08/09 WOHPLEMUTH Trustee Wohplemuth moved to go in-camera at 6:55 p.m.  
CARRIED

The Board came out of camera at 7:02 p.m.

Motion 140-08/09  
CARRIED

**D.10 Ste. Marie Travel to Newfoundland May 26-June 2**

#142- 08/09 SCHOORLEMMER That the Board of Trustees grant final approval for the students of Ste. Marie Catholic School to travel to Newfoundland May 26 to June 2, 2009.

#143- 08/09 WYANT That the Board of Trustees amend motion #142 by inserting "grade 9" before students.  
CARRIED

#142- 08/09 SCHOORLEMMER That the Board of Trustees grant final approval for

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the grade 9 students of Ste. Marie Catholic School  
to travel to Newfoundland May 26 to June 2, 2009.  
CARRIED

**D.11 St. Joe's Senior High Drama Trip – Final Approval**

#144- 08/09 DART

That the Board of Trustees grant final approval to  
the staff and students of St. Joseph Catholic School  
Drama club to travel to London, England for the  
period April 9-April 17, 2009.  
CARRIED

**E. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ATA Liaison** – Meeting of February 24, 2009. Chair Wyant provided a brief summary from the meeting of February 24, 2009.

**CEP Liaison** – Meeting of March 4, 2009. Trustee Wohlgemuth presented a brief summary from the meeting of March 4, 2009.

**Faith Leadership Committee** – No meeting in February. Trustee Schoorlemmer reported on the personal Faith retreat in February.

**Education Foundation Committee** – Minutes of January 14, 2009 were revised and presented as information. Another successful fundraiser was held. Thanks to Arlene for preparing the package for the new Director Don Golden.

**ASBA Summit** – Trustee Wohlgemuth reported on the Public Engagement Summit held in Edmonton . More than one half of the attendees were public members. A summary of the Summit will be provided to the Board by ASBA.

**ACSTA** – Chair Wyant reported on the ACSTA General Meeting in Jasper. Trustee Dart appreciated the first ACSTA conference attended as a new Trustee. Summaries were given by Trustees Lushman and Schoorlemmer as well.

**ASBA Zone 1** - Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 19, 2009 Best Western at 9:00 a.m.

**Special Education Setting the Direction-** Trustee Schoorlemmer attended on behalf of Trustee Wrzosek. A very informative session and information on Phase II will be shared with Board's in the near future.

#145 – 08/09 WOHLGEMUTH

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

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**F. POLICY REVIEW**

- #146 – 08/09                      LUSHMAN      That the Board of Trustees approve Policy #2- Role of the Board as amended.
- #147 – 08/09                      WOHLGEMUTH      That the Board of Trustees amend Policy #2- Role of the Board by removing Appendix “A” –Canon Law and adding a reference in the body of the policy.  
DEFEATED
- #146 – 08/09                      LUSHMAN      That the Board of Trustees approve Policy #2- Role of the Trustees as amended.  
CARRIED
- #148 – 08/09                      LUSHMAN      That the Board of Trustees approve Policy #3- Role of the Board as presented.  
CARRIED
- #149 – 08/09                      DART                      That the Board of Trustees extend the regular meeting to 8:30 p.m.  
CARRIED

**St. Joe’s Social Justice Group**

- #150 – 08/09                      BRICK                      That the Board of Trustees support the St. Joe’s Social Justice Group by purchasing a table for the April 7, 2009 event.  
CARRIED

**EXECUTIVE OFFICERS’ REPORT**

Superintendent Karl Germann reported briefly on:

**1. Sports Academy Update**

Update on the progress of the program to date.

**2. Capital Plan**

Final document will be presented next month for approval.

**3. GLA Reporting**

Information was provided which Principals will be sharing with School Council Chairs.

**4. District Art Calendar**

The district is considering a district Art Calendar for the 2009-2010 school year.

**5. Off Campus Handbook**

Information was provided on the Off-Campus Handbook and changes to the requirements on reporting.

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**6. Pandemic Planning**

District is in starting pandemic planning.

**7. Dialogue with Albertans – Advocacy Plan**

Advocacy Plan will be reviewed at the next Committee of the Whole.

**8. Special Education Phase II**

Special Education Phase II reports will be released to Districts.

**9. Management Report**

Provided as information.

**10. Mother Teresa CTS**

Plans to continue on with the CTS lab at Mother Teresa within the existing budget is ongoing. It should not be necessary to pull additional funds from deferred revenues to complete the shop.

**H. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

No written requests for information were received.

**I. ROUND TABLE**

**Lushman** – Advertisement in the paper for “Substitute Teacher” Appreciation week was well done. Welcome back Alice, welcome new Trustee Ben Dart. Gone until May 6, 2009.

**Brick** – Holiday was wonderful. Thank you to carry on without me. Lauren will be attending next ACSTA meeting.

**WYANT** – Welcome Back Alice, Welcome Ben.

**GERMANN** – Successful in town school tour today. Proud of the work being done in our schools.

**DART** – Appreciated the School tours today. First Official Board meeting.

**WOHLGEMUTH** – Attended March 9 in Beaverlodge and spoke on Public Engagement. Will be attending in Sexsmith this Sunday.

**SCHOORLEMMER** – Handed out 50 post cards at parish in Spirit River and will be handing out more this Sunday. Found to be a great conversation starter.

**J. MEETING EVALUATION**

Meeting Evaluation forms were provided in the Board Agenda Package and will be reviewed at next Committee of the Whole meeting.

**K. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

#151- 08/09      WYANT

That the meeting adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

CARRIED

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Regular Board Meeting has been scheduled for April 20, 2009 at the Catholic Education Centre, commencing at 5:00 p.m.

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Chair

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Associate Superintendent of Business Operations