

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

Present:

Board of Trustees

Eldon Wyant, Chair
Alice Brick, Vice Chair
Laureen Lushman, Trustee
Ben Dart, 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

Regrets

Jamie Schoorlemmer, Trustee

A.1. Opening

The Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chair Wyant. Trustee Wyant led prayer.

A.2. Delegations

Auditors

Kari Speaker-Smith and Shane Wanotch presented the 2008-2009 Audited Financial Statements to the Board of Trustees. Associate Superintendent of Business Operations Bryan Turner and finance staff were thanked for their good work this year. Chair Eldon Wyant expressed thanks on behalf of the Board.

Gifted & Excellence

Lead Teacher, Lisa Helm presented a brief summary on the work being done in the district in the area of Gifted & Excellence. Parents Karen Willsey and Kevin Chrenek addressed the Board of Trustees and provided positive feedback on the work done in their schools. Thanks to Lisa Helm and teachers in the district for recognizing the need to educate gifted learners in different ways. Teacher/Parent Kathy Pardell encouraged the board to continue to support the Gifted & Excellence program and recommended continued professional development of teaching staff in this area.

A.3. Correspondence

The correspondence file was circulated for Trustees to review.

A.4. Requests for Information

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No requests for information

A.5. Adoption of Agenda

#074- 09/10 DART

That the agenda be adopted as amended:

D.11 Cell Phones
E.23 School Council Liaison
E.24 County Council
CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#075- 09/10 WOHLGEMUTH

That the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on October 26, 2009 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

C. CHAPLAIN REPORT

Father David Purcell reported on the work done by the Parish/Board ad-hoc committee. Communication between the Board and Parish is improving and will continue to be enhanced. Work on next year's Catholic Education Sunday will begin in August, 2010. Parish/Board Ad-hoc committee meetings can continue if specific targets are identified prior to meeting. Archbishop Pettipas and Father David were thanked for their work on helping the district achieve 'the best Catholic Education Sunday' the district has ever celebrated.

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

D.1 Audited Financial Statement

Superintendent Karl Germann provided an overview of the Audited Financial Statement and the reserves.

#076- 09/10 WRZOSEK

That the Board of Trustees approve the 2008-2009 Audited Financial Statement as presented.

CARRIED

D.2 Operating Reserves and Deficit

#077- 09/10 LUSHMAN

That the Board of Trustees transfer \$229,387 from Operating reserves to cover the 2008-2009 shortfall in unrestricted net assets.

CARRIED

D.3 2009-2010 Budget

Superintendent Karl Germann provided an overview of the 2009-2010 Budget.

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Trustee elections.
CARRIED

D.9 St. Thomas More French Travel Group

#084- 09/10 BRICK That the Board of Trustees grant initial approval to the Staff/Students of the French Travel Group from St. Thomas More Catholic School to travel to Paris, France from April 2, 2010 to April 12, 2010.
CARRIED

D.10 Energy Consortia Statement

Superintendent Karl Germann presented information regarding the concept of carbon credit trading.

#085- 09/10 LUSHMAN That the Board of Trustees support the Energy Consortia's request to incorporate the concept of carbon trading credits as a means to mitigate the growth of concentrations of greenhouse gases.
POSTPONED

#086- 09/10 WOHLGEMUTH That the Board of Trustees postpone motion #085-09/10 until December 14, 2009 meeting of the board
CARRIED

D.11 Cell Phones

Trustee Lushman requested that the review of cell phone use by employees be discussed.

#087- 09/10 WYANT That the Board of Trustees direct the administration to research existing positions regarding use of hand held devices while driving.
CARRIED

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#088— 09/10 WOHLGEMUTH That the Board of Trustees receive as information the Committee/Board Representation Reports as presented.
CARRIED

Audit Committee – Trustee Wrzosek reported on the meeting of October 30, 2009. Minutes were presented as information.

Board Social – Vice Chair Brick reported on a district survey regarding the board social on October 3, 2009. Positive response was received. The Committee will review comments and consider for next year's event.

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G. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS' REPORT

Superintendent Karl Germann reported briefly on:

1. Management Report

2. Gifted & Excellence Accountability Report template

Superintendent Karl Germann reviewed the template with the trustees. It was recommended that gathering information from parents and students will be useful. Identification and professional development reporting was identified as a priority.

#090– 09/10 DART

That the Board of Trustees extend the
meeting to 5:30 p.m.

CARRIED

3. ASBA Proposed Policy & Positions

Trustees are required to have a group response and need a discussion prior to going to the Edmonton meeting.

4. Framework for Kindergarten to Grade 12

Superintendent Germann provided information for review.

H. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

No requests for information were received.

I. ROUND TABLE

Brick – The Committee against Bullying and Hazing is undergoing a structure change. She would like to stay involved and will report more as on the changing roles. Attended an evening of appreciation and success. Marie Stevens was recognized. Mother Teresa will be putting on a Charity floor hockey game on December 17, 2009. Price to attend is a pair of socks/mitts/toques for the Community Village. Board members invited to participate.

Wrzosek – Anyone interested in attending the Weyerhaeuser Community/Environment committee can contact Trustee Wrzosek and she will pass information on. It was suggested that the board agenda break down old and new business.

Lushman – Mayor Logan expressed his appreciation for receiving the Friends of Education award and enjoyed the Board Social. Foundation members wanted to pass on the first time invited to the opening school mass and they felt good being a part of that event. Congratulations to Trustee Wohlgemuth for his reelected as Zone 1 ASBA Chair. Thanks to all CEC for helping at Coats for Kids.

Buckle – Thanks for working together and looking forward to the ACSTA Fall General meeting in Edmonton.

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Wohlgemuth - Excellent support with Catholic Education Sunday. District is doing a great job in promoting Catholic Education in general. Catholic Education celebration in Beaverlodge was good and generated interest. Future agenda topic for board discussion would be advertising in our schools.

Dart – Revised Annual Work Plan will need to be presented as a motion at the next meeting. Thanks to Violet for preparing all Catholic Education Sunday materials. Knights of Columbus brunch was well received. Thanks for a great meeting.

Germann- Plans to have visited every school and several classrooms in November & December. It is a scheduling challenge but a great blessing as he is seeing a lot of good work in our schools.

Wyant – Thanks to everybody for their assistance when ill. Thanks to Ralph for Catholic Education Sunday presentations, thanks to Alice for chairing meetings.

Review of Correspondence

Trustee Lushman requested:

- Clarification of letter ASEBP
- Is French Language Resource Center is accessible by all our students. The center is housed at the GP Public Library and accessible by everyone.
- Does the district participate in Employer Youth – Summer students
- Can all trustees have a copy of the Educational Challenges document. A copy will be placed in each trustee mailbox.

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

- Cell Phones
- Advertising in schools

#091- 09/10 WYANT

That the meeting adjourn at 5:20 p.m.
CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Board Meeting has been scheduled for December 14, 2009 at the Catholic Education Centre, commencing at 5:00 p.m.

Chair

Associate Superintendent of Business Operations