

GRANDE PRAIRIE RCSSD #28 BOARD MEETING
Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Monday, April 20, 2009

Present:

Board of Trustees

Eldon Wyant, Chair
Alice Brick, Trustee
Ben Dart, Trustee
Jamie Schoorlemmer, 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

Others

Crystal Rhyno, Reporter, DHT

Regrets

Laureen Lushman, Trustee

A.1. Opening

The Meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. with an opening prayer led by Trustee Alice Brick.

A.2. Delegations

No delegations presented to the Board.

A.3. Correspondence

Chair Wyant circulated the correspondence file for Trustees to review.

A.4. Requests for Information

Trustee Wohlgemuth requested information on the district's position relating to the new Principals' Quality Practice Guidelines released by Alberta Education.

A.5. Adoption of Agenda

#152- 08/09 WOHLGEMUTH

That the agenda be adopted with the following changes:
Add: 1.d Student Review Committee Report
Strike C.1: Chaplain Report
CARRIED

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D.4 Audit Committee

#158 - 08/09 WRZOSEK

That the Board of Trustees appoint community member Len Salacki and community member Mike Frey to serve on the Board's Audit Committee.
CARRIED

D.5 School Fees 2009-2010

Superintendent Karl Germann reported on the school fee structure that has been in place since the 2006/2007 school year. A report on the impact of changing this structure will be reviewed in January, 2010.

#159- 08/09 WOHLGEMUTH

That the Board of Trustees approve the School Fee structure as presented.
CARRIED

D.6 School Year Calendar

Superintendent Karl Germann and Assistant Superintendent Marlene Stefura presented the 2009-2010 School Year Calendar.

#160- 08/09 SCHOORLEMMER

That the Board of Trustees approve the 2009-2010 School Year Calendar as amended.
CARRIED

#161- 08/09 DART

That the Board of Trustees write a formal letter to the Minister of Education opposing the final diploma exam dates of June 28 & 29, 2010.
CARRIED

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

ATA Liaison – Report to the Board from the meeting held March 31, 2009 was presented as information. Trustee Dart requested clarification on why medical certificates and return to work forms were effective immediately and not held until ATA obtained legal advice. Superintendent Buckle reported that the form was revised with the understanding that it would be used while legal advice was sought.

CEP Liaison – Minutes of the meeting of March 4, 2009 was presented as information. Trustee Wrzosek questioned if a meeting had been held at St. Joes. Superintendent Buckle reported a meeting had been arranged in the near future.

Faith Leadership Committee – Minutes of March 10, 2009 presented as information.

Education Foundation – Minutes of February 18, 2009 presented for information.

Student Review Committee – Minutes of a Student Review Committee hearing held April 9, 2009 were circulated and collected immediately.

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ASBA Zone 1 – Minutes will be available in May.

#162 – 08/09 DART

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

F. POLICY REVIEW

#163 – 08/09 DART

That the Board of Trustees approve Policy #6-Trustee Code of Ethics as presented.
CARRIED

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS' REPORT

Superintendent Karl Germann reported briefly on:

1. Dialogue with Albertans – Advocacy Plan

Advocacy Plan will be presented. Restriction on attendees was just announced. More information to follow.

2. Special Education Phase II

Meeting on June 8 & 9, 2009 in Edmonton.

3. K-12 Wellness

Deletion of CALM course in Grade 11, addition of wellness course and adding a wellness course in grade 12.

4. Team Teaching with ADLC

Assistant Superintendent reviewed the dynamics of entering into team teaching with Alberta Distant Learning. It was reported that one school in our district is currently team teaching with ADLC.

5. Certificate in Theological Studies

Moving this idea forward. Bringing it forward for budget consideration. Awaiting advice from Newman if they approve partnership with district.

6. Chaplain Discussion

A confidential memo summarizing discussion with the Archbishop was circulated. An ad-hoc committee was formed. Trustees Brick, Schoorlemmer and Wrzosek will meet with Religious Education Consultant and Superintendent to brainstorm on what the role of the Chaplain could look like for the Catholic School Board.

7. Mother Teresa Playground

Delegation for Mother Teresa Playground group will be presenting in May.

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8. Safe Routes to Schools

Media release will go out announcing that Kateri, Mother Teresa and Holy Cross will be entering into a pilot project with the City of Grande Prairie.

9. Innovative Classrooms Technology Plan

Attached for information was the district's 3 year technology plan. It was reported that year 1 and 2 will roll out this summer. In-services are in place through NRLC.

10. St. Joseph High Band Trip 2010

Notification of departure date change was provided as information at this time. Final request for approval will be required and the new date will be reflected in that information.

11. Management Report

It was requested that the Management Report be moved to the first item under the Executive Officers' Report.

H. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Superintendent Karl Germann responded to Trustee Wohlgemuth's question. It was reported that the district has developed an evaluation tool which was created following the dimensions set out in the Principal Quality Standards.

Trustee Dart requested a report from Associate Superintendent Bryan Turner on trend in relation to collection of school fees and is there a specific school that struggles more than others in our district?

I. ROUND TABLE

Brick – Out of town school tour were wonderful. Appreciate the hard work in schools and the atmosphere that is created is wonderful. Appreciated the school preparation and the information gathered.

Wrzosek – Invitation to trustees to attend the St. Pat's lunch this Friday. Attended the St. Clement's lunch and it is really get to bond with the teachers. Recommends that as many trustees go to these school lunches as a great social interaction. Awesome retreat in Jasper and would like permission to share notes at another meeting.

BUCKLE – Appreciated the new seating arrangements.

STEFURA - , Thanks for all the support during the loss of mom. It is always the time that you know that faith is important. Awesome support each and every time I spoke to each every one there. Thank you so much. Everyone was sincere in what you did for me and what you felt. Thank you from bottom of my heart.

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Schoorlemmer – Enjoyed the school tours. Good lunch.

Wohlgemuth – May 3 presenting in Beaverlodge at mass, soup Sunday invitation to come out. More Brochures and postcards will be required..

DART - Thanks to Bryan and Karl and the time they took to present the Audited Financial Statement. What is happening with the Board meeting evaluation committee report? Requested administration reply to the Grade 5 student in Sexsmith. Reported on a meeting of the Archdiocese Pastoral Planning Committee and putting together a plan as a result of the survey. Results you will see soon. Thanks to Violet for having the Board package out before Easter break.

GERMANN –April 29 is a parent meeting for Ste Marie to discuss Grade 9 viability. Feel free to come out. School Council Liaison Committee meeting is April 30 at St. Patrick's and is looking forward to end of a great year.

WYANT – ATA both formally and informally have been in contact and have expressed their thanks to the Liaison Committee members. Huge thank you from the ATA Executive. They feel listened too and feel their opinions are being hearing. Thanks for the Audit Financial meeting. Thanks to Administration for hard work and we are seeing the positive of doing things for our people that we can.

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

ADJOURNMENT

#164- 08/09 WYANT

That the meeting adjourn at 8:02 p.m.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Board Meeting has been scheduled for May 19, 2009 at the Catholic Education Centre, commencing at 5:00 p.m.

Chair

Associate Superintendent of Business Operations