

GRANDE PRAIRIE RCSSD #28 BOARD MEETING
Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Monday, June 15, 2009

Present:

Board of Trustees

Eldon Wyant, Chair
Alice Brick, Vice Chair
Ben Dart, Trustee
Laureen Lushman, 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
Russ Snoble, Religious Education Consultant
Roger Lauck, Principal, Mother Teresa Catholic School
Dr. Albert deVilliers and Val Beynon, Alberta Health Services
St. Thomas More SVEC Travel Group (4)
Countryside Kids Society, Parent Group Mother Teresa (2)

Regrets

Jamie Schoorlemmer, Trustee

A.1. Opening

The Meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m. with an opening prayer led by Superintendent Karl Germann.

A.2. Delegations

Alberta Health Services

Dr. Albert deVilliers and Val Beynon presented the results from last year's HPV vaccination campaign. It was reported that Grade 5 and 9 will be offered the vaccination this year. Grade 9 is optional for 3 years. Alberta Health Services requested permission to proceed with letters being sent out through our schools with information to parents regarding the HPV vaccination. Chair Wyant expressed thanks to the delegation.

St. Thomas More SVEC Travel Group

Three students from St. Thomas More who participated in the SVEC exchange presented a brief report on the success of the exchange and thanked the Board of Trustees for their approval and support.

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D.2 Accountability Report: Religious Education

Religious Education Consultant Russ Snoble provided a summary of the Accountability Report . Continued advocacy by the Trustees was requested to encourage our staff to continue to be strong role models in schools and our community.

#182 - 08/09 WRZOSEK That the Board of Trustees receive the Religious Education Accountability Report and approve the Governance Implications contained in the report.
CARRIED

D.3 Approval of Peace 10 Agreement

Superintendent Karl Germann reported on the prior agreement with Peace 10 and the proposed changes for the new agreement regarding transportation.

#183 - 08/09 DART That the Board of Trustees approve the amended transportation agreement with Peace River School Division #10.
CARRIED

D.4 Three Year Plan

Superintendent Karl Germann presented the Three Year Plan.

#184- 08/09 BRICK That the Board of Trustees approve the Three Year Education Plan as presented.
CARRIED

D.6 ACSTA Honorary Life Membership

#185- 08/09 BRICK That the Board of Trustees nominate Grant Burge for Honorary Life members in ACSTA.
CARRIED

D.7 ASBA Zone 1 Friends of Education

#186- 08/09 WOHLGEMUTH Motion to go in camera at 6:32 p.m. excluding media for the purpose of discussing ASBA Zone 1 Friends of Education Award. CARRIED

#187- 08/09 WOHLGEMUTH Motion to come out of camera at 6:55 p.m.
CARRIED

#188- 08/09 DART That the Board of Trustees nominate City of Grande Prairie for the ASBA Zone 1 Friends of Education Award.
CARRIED

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D.8 St. Joseph French Senior High Trip 2010

#189- 08/09 WRZOSEK That the Board of Trustees grant initial approval to the Staff/Students of St. Joseph Catholic School to travel to Paris March 5 to March 13, 2010.

#190- 08/09 DART That the idea of inclusion of attending mass be part of the initial proposal to the board and that this be communicated to the stakeholders prior to approval.
Trustee Dart rescinded Motion #190-08/09

Motion #189 – 08/09 CARRIED

Information regarding the required Mass is needed for final approval.

D.9 St. Joseph Galapagos Island Trip March 2010

#191- 08/09 DART That the Board of Trustees grant initial approval to the Staff/Students of St. Joseph Catholic School who have signed up to travel to the Galapagos Islands from March 6 to March 13, 2010.
POSTPONED

#192- 08/09 WOHLGEMUTH That the Board of Trustees postpone motion #191-08/09 to the August Regular Board meeting.
CARRIED

Information regarding the required Mass is needed for final approval.

D.10 School Year Calendar - Kindergarten

#193- 08/09 WRZOSEK That the Board of Trustees approve the 2009-2010 Kindergarten School Year Calendars as presented.
CARRIED

D.11 Mother Teresa Playground

#194- 08/09 WOHLGEMUTH Motion to go in camera at 7:30 p.m. excluding media for the purpose of discussing Countryside Kids Society funding request.
CARRIED

#195- 08/09 WOHLGEMUTH Motion to come out of camera at 7:50 p.m.
CARRIED

#196- 08/09 WYANT That the Board of Trustees approve a short term loan in the sum of \$10,000.00 payable to Countryside Kids Society for the completion of the Mother Teresa Playground with repayment to be

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received no later than February 1, 2010.
CARRIED

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#197 – 08/09 DART

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

ATA Liaison – Trustee Wyant reported that the supper meeting of June 11, 2009 was great. ATA representatives are very happy with the 2008-2009 liaison committee meetings and thanks was expressed for improved communication.

Faith Leadership – Minutes presented for information.

Board Social – Trustee Brick reported that the social will be on October 3 at GP Motor Inn. Changed to a Saturday this year to accommodate custodians.

Chaplain's Role – Trustee Wrzosek reported on the ad-hoc meeting that was held. Information will be brought back to August Regular meeting of the board for discussion.

Education Foundation – Minutes were presented as information. Trustee Lushman reported that raffle tickets are now ready for pick up by Trustees.

Zone 1 ASBA – Trustee Lushman requested clarification on who is to report on the Zone 1 ASBA meetings. Trustee Brick provided a brief report on:

- High School Completion
- Award Presentations – September 17 in Peace River
- Alternate School Year – handout provided

CEP Liaison – Trustee Wrzosek reported on the last meeting. Minutes are not available. Negotiations will begin in October.

Catholic Education: A Dialogue- Trustee Wohlgemuth reported on a follow-up meeting with the group that attended the Public session in Edmonton. It was suggested that we hold our own engagement discussion with the focus on Catholic Education and "What is important about having Catholic Education"

#198 – 08/09 WOHLGEMUTH

That the Board of Trustees direct administration to schedule and begin planning dialogue sessions in our five major communities for September, 2009.
CARRIED

F. POLICY REVIEW

#176 – 08/09 WRZOSEK

That the Board of Trustees approve Policy #4- Role of Superintendent and remove Appendix B and

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Appendix C from the Policy book to make the book
more readable.
POSTPONED

#199 – 08/09 LUSHMAN That the Board of Trustees postpone motion #176-
08/09 to the next Board meeting.
CARRIED

#200– 08/09 BRICK That the Board of Trustees approve Policy #10
Board Committees as presented.
CARRIED

#201– 08/09 DART That the Board of Trustees approve Policy #11
Board Representatives as presented.
CARRIED

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS' REPORT

Superintendent Karl Germann reported briefly on:

1. Management Report
2. St. Mary's Sexsmith Project

#202 – 08/09 WOHLGEMUTH That the Board of Trustees direct Alberta Education
to tender the St. Mary's Catholic School with the
larger gym and the Board of Trustees commit up to
\$300,000.00 to fund the larger gym.
POSTPONED

#203 – 08/09 LUSHMAN That the Board of Trustees postpone motion #202-
08/09 and call a special meeting on June 22, 2009.
CARRIED

3. Arctic Winter Games 2010
4. Setting the Direction: Special Education
5. Gifted & Excellence Program

H.REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

No requests for information. Transportation surplus

I. ROUND TABLE

Lushman – Staff at Kateri thanked the Board for a wonderful lunch. Thank you to staff and students and those leaving the district for a great year.

Wrzosek – Thanks to all staff for volunteering on our Parish Committees.

Dart – Thanks to all staff who helped arrange the retirement party for June 18, 2009.

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Brick – It has been a busy month, attending in Red Deer and Special Education in Edmonton. Attended a St. Clements luncheon. A donation of \$200.00 was made to a family whose parent has been diagnosed with cancer. 77 students are leaving St. Clements and going to Mother Teresa. New junior high options are being looked at with Mother Teresa, Holy Cross and St. Clements. Thanks to all staff at CEC who worked so hard for the Relay for Life campaign. It was wonderful.

Germann- Busy year for staff. Recap of extras: built a new school, changed boundaries, new 4x4's, transportation changes, new AISI project. Great job to all staff who worked so hard.

Wohlgemuth – Hectic year. Accomplished a lot for the kids. Everyone should give themselves a pat on the back for a job well done. Great Year.

Stefura – Thank you to everyone for a great year of busy business in Catholic Education. Over \$1900.00 was raised by staff at CEC for the Relay for Life campaign. Thank you to all the people who helped, donated and walked.

Buckle – Thanks to the Trustees for a great year, some situations were difficult but generally there is a respect for different points of views. Thanks for the opportunity to express opinions and speak so openly.

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

#204- 08/09 WYANT

That the meeting adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Board Meeting has been scheduled for August 24, 2009 at the Catholic Education Centre, commencing at 5:00 p.m.

Chair

Associate Superintendent of Business Operations