

GRANDE PRAIRIE RCSSD #28 BOARD MEETING
Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Monday, March 22, 2010

Present:

Board of Trustees

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

Janelle Aubin, Student GPRC
Amanda Rivet, Student GPRC
Chastity Smith, Student GRPC

A.1. Opening

The Meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Chair Wyant. Trustee Wyant opened the meeting with prayer.

A.2. Delegations

AISI – AISI Lead Jennifer Trydal and Jessie Shirley provided an overview on the work done in our schools in Year I of Cycle IV of the AISI Project. It was reported that Alberta Education has contacted our AISI department and will be following the project and the success of the coaching model that has been implemented in Math and Literacy. Cycle IV continues on with the work done in the Cycle III.

A.3. Correspondence

The correspondence file was circulated for Trustees to review.

A.4. Requests for Information

No requests for information were received.

A.5. Adoption of Agenda

#143- 09/10 LUSHMAN

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

GRANDE PRAIRIE RCSSD #28 BOARD MEETING
Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Monday, March 22, 2010

CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#144- 09/10 SCHOORLEMMER That the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 22, 2010 be approved as presented.
CARRIED

C. FAITH FORMATION REPORT

A copy of the revised "Year III -What We Do" Service Project was provided as information. Trustees were asked to note the date changes for the project. Trustee Schoorlemmer reported that the district wide service project has been discussed in detail at the Faith Leadership meeting and the project has been well received by both staff and administrators. Religious Education Consultant Russ Snoble attended the Catholic Education Conference in Edmonton March 19-21, 2010.

D.1 OLD BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS – NIL

1. 300 Cups of Coffee

Trustees provided an update on their informal conversations held in the past month regarding Catholic Education. Monthly reports will be given at the Committee of the Whole and the Regular Board meetings.

D.2 NEW BUSINESS, OLD BUSINESS AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

D.1 Accountability Report: Special Education

Superintendent Karl Germann reported on governance implications contained in the Accountability Report. Trustees were encouraged to discuss their concerns regarding Special Education funding with Alberta Education Zone representative at the next ASBA meeting.

#145- 09/10 BRICK That the Board of Trustees receive the Special Education Accountability Report and approve the Governance Implications contained in the report.
CARRIED

D.2 Budget Priorities & Possibilities

Superintendent Karl Germann provided a draft document for review.

#146- 09/10 DART That the Board of Trustees approve the Budget Priorities & Possibilities document as a means to develop the 2010-2011 Budget and the Three Year Plan.
CARRIED

GRANDE PRAIRIE RCSSD #28 BOARD MEETING
Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Monday, March 22, 2010

#153- 09/10 WOHLGEMUTH That the Board of Trustees approve 2010-2011 Kindergarten School Year Calendars as presented.

#154- 09/10 WOHLGEMUTH That the Board of Trustees postpone motion #153-09/10 to the April 19, 2010 meeting of the Board.
CARRIED

D.7 St. Thomas More French Travel Group

#155- 09/10 WRZOSEK That the Board of Trustees grant final approval to the Staff/Students of the French Travel group from St. Thomas More Catholic School to travel to London, England and Paris, France from March 30, 2010 to April 8, 2010.
CARRIED

E. POLICY REVIEW

#156– 09/10 SCHOORLEMMER That the Board of Trustees approve Policy 2 – Role of the Board as amended.
CARRIED

#157– 09/10 DART That the Board of Trustees approve Policy 3 – Role of Trustees as presented.
CARRIED

F. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

1. Management Report

Superintendent Karl Germann provided clarification on information provided in March's management report.

2. Update on School Improvement Plans

No updates or questions were presented.

3. Election 2010 – Bill 7

Administration is not recommending passing a new By-law at this time. The deadline is April 15, 2010. Associate Superintendent Bryan Turner reported that other School Boards are not proceeding with Bill 7 at this time.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#158 - 09/10 WRZOSEK That the Board of Trustees receive as information the Committee/Board Representation Reports as presented.

GRANDE PRAIRIE RCSSD #28 BOARD MEETING
Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Monday, March 22, 2010

CARRIED

Faith Leadership – Minutes of February 23, 2010 were presented as information.

CEP Liaison – Trustee Wrzosek requested clarification on the insurance issue arising from the February 16, 2010 meeting.

ATA Liaison – Trustee Lushman requested a summary of grievance and legal costs. Superintendent Karl Germann will be scheduling another meeting with the CEP and ATA to discuss the Competitive Review document.

ASBA – Trustee Brick circulated the Board of Highlights for information and provided a summary. A copy of the ASBA budget can be obtained from Trustee Brick.

Mother Teresa School Council – Trustee Brick provided a summary from the school council meeting as information.

H. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

No requests for information

I. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

Trustee Wrzosek requested clarification on the letter sent to Grande Prairie Public Schools regarding funds owed to the district.

J. ROUND TABLE

Schoorlemmer – Attended a workshop on February 24. Kudos to district for helping with the Arctic Winter games. Kids seemed to enjoy being in our schools. Lots of positive things to see in a Catholic school. Kudos to staff who helped visiting athletes enjoy their stay. Board lunch at Ste Marie will be held on March 23, 2010. Catholic Education conference was fabulous.

Wrzosek - Glad to be back. Thank you for prayers and support. On April 17, 2010 Peace Retreats is offering retreat with a speaker from New York, information can be found in the church bulletin. \$25.00 for day and lunch and both women and men are welcome.

Brick - Thanks for the use of the Games passes. Enjoyed lots of activities. Thank you for the mass card for brother's mother in law. ACSTA was wonderful; David Wells is excellent and coming to GP 2011 or 2012. On St. Pat's day visited every school. Fraser Report is out.

Wyant – Thank you to the administrative and executive staff for attending the Board meetings. Thanks for their time and effort.

GRANDE PRAIRIE RCSSD #28 BOARD MEETING
Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Monday, March 22, 2010

Germann – Kudos to Principals and staff for cutting back and looking for cost savings, it is helping make Catholic Education viable.

Dart – Thank you for the ad in the paper for Substitute Teacher week. Thanks for the opportunity to attend the Stand in the Light Conference. Theme was “Faith in the Home”. Attended Father Penna’s session and some on Catholic Education. One key point was that we should not be apologizing or competing, we should be the best. Best because of the education and faith experience together. We should not be embarrassed to deal with staff issues that arise that challenge the church beliefs.

Wohlgemuth – Attended both St. Pats and St. Gerard School Councils meetings.

Stefura – Thanks to Arctic Winter Games for their organization and for respecting our schools. When she walked through the buildings, she could tell the visiting athletes were respecting our schools

Buckle – Thanks for kind words.

Lushman – Wish staff a great teacher convention and wonderful joyous Easter.

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

- Advertising in schools – Committee of the Whole April 6, 2010

#159- 09/10 _____

That the meeting adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Board Meeting has been scheduled for April 19, 2010 at the Catholic Education Centre, commencing at 5:00 p.m.

Chair

Associate Superintendent of Business Operations