

GRANDE PRAIRIE RCSSD #28 BOARD MEETING
Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Monday, January 18, 2010

Present:

Board of Trustees

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

A.1. Opening

The Meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Chair Wyant. Trustee Wrzosek led prayer.

A.2. Delegations

GPCSD Band Association – Austria Trip

Teacher Pat Zmean and Parent Representative Heather Cormack provided an update on the Austria trip planned for March, 2010. An invitation to attend the February 19, 2010 Vienna Night Fundraiser was extended to the Board of Trustees.

A.3. Correspondence

The correspondence file was circulated for Trustees to review.

A.4. Requests for Information

Trustee Dart requested what is the status of providing Trustee's financial assistance for babysitting costs.

A.5. Adoption of Agenda

#104- 09/10 LUSHMAN

That the agenda be adopted as presented.
CARRIED

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B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#105- 09/10 SCHOORLEMMER That the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 14, 2009 be approved as presented.
CARRIED

C. CHAPLAIN REPORT

No Chaplain Report was presented. Discussion ensued on the role of the Chaplain at the Board meeting. Superintendent Karl Germann provided a review of the meeting notes with Archbishop Pettipas. Trustees were encouraged to continue to build relationship with the Parish. Trustee corner is now featured in the Parish Newsletter in Grande Prairie.

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

D.1 St. Joseph High School Travel Group – Galapagos Island

Associate Superintendent of Business Operations Bryan Turner was requested to check to see if travel was still safe to the Island.

#106- 09/10 DART That the Board of Trustees grant final 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.
CARRIED

D.2 St. Joseph French Senior High Trip 2010

#107- 09/10 WOHLGEMUTH That the Board of Trustees grant final approval to the Staff/Students of St. Joseph Catholic School to travel to Paris March 5 to March 13, 2010.
CARRIED

D.3 Commodity Purchasing Consortium Agreement

#108- 09/10 BRICK That the Board of Trustees approve the amendment to the Commodity Purchasing Consortium Agreement as a means to procure groups contracts for natural gas energy

#109- 09/10 WYANT That the Board of Trustees amend motion #108-09/10 to read:

That the Board of Trustees approve the amendment to the Commodity Purchasing

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#114- 09/10 WOHLGEMUTH That the Board of Trustees come out of camera at
6:40 p.m.

Motion #112-09/10
CARRIED

Chair Wyant calls a 10 minute recess until 6:40 p.m. Meeting back in session at 6:50 p.m.

D.6 Northwest Alberta Regional Skills Canada

Associate Superintendent of Business Operations Bryan Turner provided the board with an update on their donations for the year.

#115- 09/10 WRZOSEK That the Board of Trustees approve the sponsor of
\$2,000.00 for the Northwest Alberta Regional Skills
Competition to be held in Fairview in Alberta, 2010.
CARRIED

D.7 Education Foundation Donation

#116- 09/10 LUSHMAN That the Board of Trustees suspend the \$10,000.00
annual donation to the Education Foundation for the
2009-2010 school year.
CARRIED

D.8 District Graduation Donation

#117- 09/10 BRICK That the Board of Trustees provide \$15 per student
for 2010 graduation ceremonies for students in St.
Thomas More Catholic School and St. Joseph
Catholic School.
CARRIED

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#118 - 09/10 DART That the Board of Trustees receive as information
the Committee/Board Representation Reports as
presented.
CARRIED

Archdiocesan Pastoral Council – Trustee Dart provided written information.

Education Foundation Committee – Minutes of December 16, 2009 were provided as information.

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CEP Grievance Committee

#119 - 09/10 WRZOSEK

That the Board of Trustees go in camera at 7:02
p.m. excluding press.
CARRIED

#120 - 09/10 WRZOSEK

That the Board of Trustees come out of camera at
7:20 p.m.
CARRIED

Faith Leadership – Minutes of December 1, 2010 were presented as information.

F. POLICY REVIEW

#121– 09/10 WOHLGMUTH

That the Board of Trustees approve Policy 5 –
Board Delegation of Authority as amended.
DEFEATED

#122- 09/10 WRZOSEK

That the Board of Trustees approve Policy 14
– Hearing on Teacher Matters as presented.
DEFEATED

#123 – 09/10 DART

That the Board of Trustees approve Policy 1 –
Mission, Vision, Values & Goals as presented.
CARRIED

#124– 09/10 BRICK

That the Board of Trustees approve Policy 19
– Investments as presented.
CARRIED

G. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS' REPORT

Superintendent Karl Germann reported briefly on:

1. Management Report

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

2. High School Achievement Strategies

Superintendent Karl Germann asked if trustees wanted a written summary of
high school achievement strategies. The Board was happy with the
presentation from Principals Matheson or Kalis.

3. Smart Boards – Education Leadership

Trustees were provided with an article on Teaching with Interactive
Whiteboards.

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4. New Special School Tax Levy

Trustees were asked to make a determination if they would like a special school tax levy at the next election.

5. High School Flexibility

District is exploring what High School Flexibility Enhancement projects could be implemented in the district and in what schools.

6. School Fees

School Fees have not increased in approximately 4 years and will be reviewed.

7. St. Mary's Catholic School Sexsmith

Construction continues. Planned opening is September 2010.

H.REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Trustee Dart's request will be reviewed by the HR Committee.

I. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

Trustee Lushman requested clarification on some of the correspondence regarding FNMI.

ROUND TABLE

STEFURA - The French resource center is opening January 19 at 7:00 at the Montrose Cultural Center. Thank to everyone who helped with the opening of Mother Teresa.

SCHORLEMMER – Very pleased with everything that went into the opening and thank you for all the work done in the background. Lunch was good. Kudos to all that help prepare for this wonderful day.

WOHLGEMUTH - Thanks to everyone who helped with the opening. Thanks from staff at St. Pats for their Board luncheon.

DART – Thanks to everyone organizing the school opening and to Jennifer for chaperoning.

TURNER – Reminder that travel arrangements for January 28 are to be made. Meeting starts at 9:00 a.m. in Peace River.

GERMANN – Special thanks to Violet, Arlene and Roger on how good they made us look today and all the hardwork that was put in to make the day wonderful. Three spots are available at the Catholic Conference March 12 & 13, 2010.

WYANT – Fabulous day.

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BRICK – Blue prints registration is due. Are any trustees going? Thanks to everyone who expressed sympathy during time of loss. Kudos to everyone involved in the opening. Would like to see a nomination from our schools win the 2010 Excellence in teaching awards. Encouraged principals to call her if they had any questions.

WRZOSEK – Wonderful day for Catholic Education. Will be on a leave for awhile. Should be back for February 1 and will miss out of town tours. YMCA is having a fundraising diamond dinner on January 29 and tickets are available.

LUSHMAN – Thanks to principals and staff for the wonderful meeting and work on achievement tests. Impressed with schools and their faith components. Catholicity is alive in our school. Congratulations to Peace Wapiti and Grande Prairie Public on their openings. CEC and maintenance staff express thanks for lunch.

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

#125- 09/10 WYANT

That the meeting adjourn at 8:45 p.m.
CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Board Meeting has been scheduled for February 22, 2010 at the Catholic Education Centre, commencing at 5:00 p.m.

Chair

Associate Superintendent of Business Operations