

GRANDE PRAIRIE RCSSD #28 BOARD MEETING
Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Monday, October 26, 2009

Present:

Board of Trustees

Alice Brick, Vice Chair
Jamie Schoorlemmer, 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

Eldon Wyant, Chair
Laureen Lushman, Trustee

A.1. Opening

The Meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Vice-Chair Brick. Trustee Wohlgemuth led prayer.

A.2. Delegations

No delegations were in attendance.

A.3. Correspondence

The correspondence file was circulated for Trustees to review.

A.4. Requests for Information

No requests for information

A.5. Adoption of Agenda

#052- 09/10 WOHLGEMUTH

That the agenda be adopted as amended:
Remove Item D.8 - IMR
CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#053- 09/10 DART

That the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 21, 2009 be approved as presented.
CARRIED

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C. CHAPLAIN REPORT

No report was available.

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

D.1 School Act Response

#054- 09/10 WOHLGEMUTH

That the Board of Trustees direct the Chair to submit, on behalf of the Board, proposed changes to the School Act as presented and developed on October 26, 2009.

CARRIED

D.2 Reserves Letter

Superintendent Karl Germann reported on the reserves and Accumulated Operating Surplus as of October 14, 2009.

#055- 09/10 WOHLGEMUTH

That the Board of Trustees direct the Chair to write a letter that addresses the Board's concern with the Minister's recent comments about School Board reserves.

CARRIED

D.3 Advocacy Plan 2009-2010

#056- 09/10 WRZOSEK

That the Board of Trustees approve the Advocacy Plan as amended.

CARRIED

D.4 Accountability Report: Educational Leadership

#057-09/10 SCHOORLEMMER

That the Board of Trustees receive the Accountability Report: Educational Leadership and approve the Governance Recommendations contained in the report.

CARRIED

D.5 Accountability Report: Early Literacy

#058- 09/10 DART

That the Board of Trustees receive the Accountability Report: Early Literacy and approve the Governance Recommendations contained in the report.

CARRIED

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D.6 2008-2009 Satisfaction Survey

#059- 09/10 WRZOSEK That the Board of Trustees receive the 2008-2009 Satisfaction Survey report as presented and refer the report to the 2010-2011 Budget deliberation process.
CARRIED

D.7 2008-2009 Annual Education Results Report (draft)

The Board commended the staff in our schools on all the excellent hardwork last year in raising the district's results.

#060- 09/10 SCHOORLEMMER That the Board of Trustees receive the 2008-2009 draft Annual Education Results Report as information.
CARRIED

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#061— 09/10 DART That the Board of Trustees receive as information the Committee/Board Representation Reports as presented.
CARRIED

CEP Liaison Committee – Minutes will be distributed prior to next meeting.

District Service Awards & Social Committee – Wonderful evening. Attendance was up. A survey has been sent out and results will be collected on October 30, 2009 and reported back to the board.

Inspiring Education Ad-Hoc Committee – School Council Liaison meeting of October 29, 2009 will be focusing on the importance of Catholic Education.

Parish Ad-Hoc Committee – Catholic Education Sunday is planned for October 31 and November 1 for St. Joseph Parish. St. Joseph Parish is working with the district in promoting Catholic Education. Catholic Education Sunday will be celebrated in major district parishes in the coming weeks.

CEP Negotiating Committee

#062— 09/10 WOHLGEMUTH That the Board of Trustees go in camera at 6:00 p.m. excluding media.
CARRIED

#063— 09/10 WOHLGEMUTH Motion to come out of camera at 6:15 p.m.
CARRIED

Break was called 6:15 p.m. Meeting called back to order at 6:25 p.m.

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Human Resources

#064— 09/10 DART

That the Board of Trustees go in camera at 6:26 p.m. excluding media and all out of scope employees except for the Superintendent of Schools.
CARRIED

#065-- 09/10 DART

Motion to come out of camera at 6:28 p.m.
CARRIED

#066-09/10 DART

That the Board of Trustees accept the recommendation of the HR committee with respect to the Superintendent's salary.
CARRIED

ACSTA – Trustee Brick hopes everyone is excited about the AGM in November. Two people running for the position of Chair and Vice Chair.

ASBA Zone 1 – November 5 is the next meeting date in Grande Prairie at 9:30 and MELRA awards at 10:00 with Zone meeting after that.

Ambassador of Christ – Awards presented at Faith Day on October 9, 2009.

Education Foundation – Minutes attached for information.

Friends of STM Foundation – No report was presented.

Faith Leadership – A lot of work done for the Faith Leadership Committee for the Faith Day of October 9, 2009. Everyone was quite pleased with the speaker and the break-out sessions. Thanks to Russ and his committee for their hard work.

Student Review – Student review hearing was held on October 5, 2009 to deal with expulsion of a student.

F. POLICY REVIEW

#067– 09/10 WOHLGEMUTH

That the Board of Trustees approve Policy 16 – Recruitment and Selection of Staff as amended.
CARRIED

#068 – 09/10 SCHOORLEMMER

That the Board of Trustees approve Policy #17 – Faith Permeation as presented.
CARRIED

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#069 – 09/10 WRZOSEK That the Board of Trustees approve Policy
#18 – Casinos as presented.
CARRIED

#070 – 09/10 DART That the Board of Trustees approve Policy #7-
Role of the Board Chair as presented.
CARRIED

#071– 09/10 WOHLGEMUTH That the Board of Trustees approve Policy 8 –
Role of the Vice Chair as presented.
CARRIED

G. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS' REPORT

Superintendent Karl Germann reported briefly on:

1. **Management Report** – presented for information. Board Chair and Superintendents have a meeting with the Minister after the ASBA FGM in November to discuss budget.
2. **Charter Schools Concept Paper** –The Deputy Minister of Education is asking for response by October 31, 2009 to the invitation to response to a Concept Paper revitalizing the future for Charter Schools.
3. **Technology as a Teaching Tool** – A DVD was developed by staff and students of GPCSD and was previewed to the Trustees. Great job and thanks for all the hard work done by St. Joe's staff and Assistant Superintendent Marlene Stefura on this project.
4. **St. Mary's Sexsmith Replacement School** – Letter from Deputy Minister of Education denying request for the district to utilize the surplus funds from the St. Mary's Catholic School replacement project budget.
5. **Modulars** – Letter from Alberta Education regarding our request for additional funding.
6. **St. Joes Austria Trip**
A request for a friendly amendment to motion #040-09/10 because the students and staff of St. Joseph Catholic High School must drive to Edmonton on March 4 for departure March 5, 2009.

#072- 09/10 DART That the Board of Trustees grant final approval for
the students of St. Joseph Catholic High School to
travel to Austria from March 4th to March 13th, 2010.
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7. Energy Consortium & Green Credits

GPCSD28 is a member of energy consortium group. The agreement is up for renewal in 2010. Some boards are looking at selling back their carbon capture credits for revenue. If consortium decides to go with the decision to sell credits, a statement is required from the Board of Trustees. More information will be provided at the November meeting.

8. Tri-District School Council Meeting

Request from Grande Prairie Public and Peace Wapiti School Districts to have a tri-district council meeting to discuss funding for 2010/2011. It was suggested that a tri-board meeting be scheduled after the November 25 announcement from the Minister, with the Tri- Council meeting happening sometime after November 25, 2009.

H.REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

I. ROUND TABLE

Schoorlemmer – Enjoyed the awards ceremony for Ecole St. Gerard Teacher Janine Gummesen. Catholic Education Sunday and Commissioning mass in Spirit River was well attended. Will be attending in Hythe for presentation for Catholic Ed Sunday and Commissioning Sunday.

Wrzosek – MT playground is up and is looks amazing. Attended the celebration on the beautification of Mother Teresa. It is nice to be part of the school community.

Stefura – Congratulations to the long service award recipients.

Wohlgemuth – St. Joes Grad Fashion show tonight. Attended St Mary's Sexsmith staff Commissioning Mass and Catholic Education Sunday. Unfortunately the rummage sale was downstairs so powerpoint was not shown but Parish Dinner is on November 14 and presentation will be shown over dinner. Beaverlodge Catholic Education Sunday is at 11:00 on November 8th, 2009.

Dart – Enjoyed attending both St. Marys Beaverlodge and STM celebrations and student award presentations. Enjoyed the “homey community” atmosphere of St Marys Beaverlodge. Thanks to Marlene for the Tools for Technology presentation tonight and to Karl for his involvement at CEP Negotiations.

Germann - Tri-District School Opening is being planned for January 18, 2010. More information will follow on the agenda for the day. Minister will attend for the opening of Hythe Regional Junior High, Mother Teresa and Maude Clifford Public School.

Brick – Kudos to Russ and faith committee for a wonderful Faith Day and thanks to office staff and trustees and Jeffreys for a great Board Social on October 3, 2009.

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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

#073- 09/10 WOHLGEMUTH That the meeting adjourn at 7:20 p.m.
CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Board Meeting has been scheduled for November 16, 2009 at the Catholic Education Centre, commencing at 2:00 p.m.

Chair

Associate Superintendent of Business Operations