

GRANDE PRAIRIE RCSSD #28 BOARD MEETING
Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Monday, May 17, 2010

Present:

Board of Trustees

Eldon Wyant, Chair
Alice Brick, Vice Chair
Ben Dart, 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

Regrets

Violet Dettling, Executive Assistant
Laureen Lushman, Trustee
Crystal Rhyno, Daily Herald Tribune

Others

A.1. Opening

The Meeting was called to order at 5:09 p.m. by Chair Wyant. Trustee Wohlgemuth opened the meeting with prayer.

A.2. Delegations

Gifted & Excellence

Presented by Lisa Helm and Jennifer Greer. Provided pamphlets that consolidated information that the gifted education program gathered this year.
Recommendations – Differentiation, JH grade level meetings, Compacting curriculum and extension activities. CAT IV will be given to all Grade 4 students in our district.
Successes and recommendations given.

A.3. Correspondence

The correspondence file was circulated for Trustees to review.

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A.4. Requests for Information

Chair Eldon Wyant requested an update regarding how many students were interested in Montessori at Mother Teresa.

A.5. Adoption of Agenda

#174- 09/10 DART

That the agenda be adopted as amended:

Add: D.3. Demolition of St. Mary's Sexsmith
CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#175- 09/10 DART

That the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on April 19, 2010 be approved as amended.
CARRIED

C. FAITH FORMATION REPORT

Religious Education Consultant Russ Snoble provided an update on the District School Council Liaison meetings in Beaverlodge. The Foundation will provide support for a fridge magnet displaying our next year district service projects. School Council Chairs were asked to pay postage for mailing the magnets. Archbishop Gerry Pettipas visited 5 schools during his canonical visit. The order for the celebration of Initiation Sacraments is being discussed. Father Roman Planchuk is new priest at Ukrainian Catholic church, and will take up some pastoral duties in St. Joseph parish in the fall.

D.1 OLD BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS

1. 300 Cups of Coffee

Trustees provided updates of the work done on their "300 Cups of Coffee." Initiative. Trustees Schoolemmer, Brick, Wohlgemuth, Dart and Wyant reported their discussions.

2. ASBA Zone 1 Friends of Education

#176- 09/10 BRICK

That the Board of Trustees nominate YMCA for the ASBA Zone 1 Friends of Education Award.
CARRIED

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

1. Locally Developed Courses – Advanced Placement

#177- 09/10 WOHLGEMUTH

That the Board of Trustees approve the following Locally Developed Advanced Placement Courses for a three year period commencing August 31,

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2010:
English 35 AP (3 credits)
Biology 35 AP (3 credits)
Math 35 AP (3 credits)
European History 35 AP (3 credits)
US History 35 AP (3 credits)
CARRIED

In 2010-2011, School year the following will be offered: English 35AP, Math35AP, and US History 35AP

2. St. Mary's Sexsmith Expression of Interest Ad-Hoc Committee

#178- 09/10 SCHOORLEMMER That the Board of Trustees appoint Trustee Wohlgemuth and Trustee Brick to the St. Mary's Sexsmith "Expression of Interest" Ad-Hoc Committee.
CARRIED

Superintendent Karl Germann presented 2 letters of interest for the purchase of land but not including the building.

3. Demolition of St. Mary's Sexsmith

#179- 09/10 WOHLGEMUTH Board of Trustees directed the Chair to write the Minister advising that no group has expressed an interest in the existing St. Mary's Catholic Sexsmith School and that we request that AB Ed fund the demolition the existing school building.

CARRIED

4. Early Child Development (ECD) Mapping Initiative

#180- 09/10 WRZOSEK That the Board of Trustees participate in the province's Early Child Development Mapping Initiative as a means to provide a comprehensive range of information on children's development prior to Kindergarten.
CARRIED

5. Three Year Plan Draft

Trustees provided discussion regarding priorities, and understanding of Draft Plan, Recommended some editing and additions.

#181-09/10 BRICK That the Board of Trustees approve the draft version of the Three Year Education Plan as amended.
CARRIED

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6. ACSTA Presentation

#182- 09/10 DART

That the Board of Trustees ask and fund the St. Joe's Band Ensemble to present at the Fall 2010 Alberta Catholic School Trustees Association meeting.
CARRIED

Chair Wyant called a recess at 6:50 pm. Chair Wyant called meeting to order at 6:55pm

E. POLICY REVIEW

#183- 09/10 SCHOORLEMMER That the Board of Trustees approve Policy 4 – Role of the Superintendent as presented.
CARRIED

#184- 09/10 WOHLGEMUTH That the Board of Trustees approve Policy 5 – Board Delegation of Authority as presented.
CARRIED

F. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

1. Management Report

Superintendent Karl Germann provided the May update.

2. Capital Approval

3. Accountability Report

Superintendent Karl Germann reported district results are very positive.

4. Children and Youth in Care

-Concept of shared services was explained.

-Data supports that students in Foster care do not complete High School and need additional Support.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#185 - 09/10 DART

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

Trustee Wohlgemuth requested that Policy #18 – Casinos be reviewed in September after comments and rational given by Archbishop Pettipas.

H.REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

1. Superintendent Germann reported that there are 29 families expressing interest in Montessori program at Mother Teresa.

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2. St. Joseph High School Travel -Superintendent Germann presented an interactive map from the Board's insurance company AON that highlights various levels of risk. St. Joe's two high school trips are a risk with England being a higher terrorism risk. Recommendation for Board to continue to allow international travel.

I. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

No requests for information

J. ROUND TABLE

Brick – There are s many positive things meetings happening in the district. I am proud of what we are doing

Wrozsek – Really good meetings with Archbishop and Minister.

Schoorlemmer – Enjoyed all meetings with Archbishop and Minister.

Buckle – Attended Information session for Health Spending Account (HSA) for support staff with about 30 individuals in attendance.

Stefura – PowerSchool is on its way. Three days of PD went very well.

Germann – Thanks to people for setting up PD for next year and HR for staffing for next school year.

Wyant – Thank you to admin staff for leading us during meetings with Ministers. Hopes St. Joseph Grads be careful as they celebrate.

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

#186- 09/10 WYANT

That the meeting adjourn at 7:30 p.m.
CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Board Meeting has been scheduled for June 21, 2010 at the Catholic Education Centre, commencing at 5:00 p.m.

Chair

Associate Superintendent of Business Operations