

**GRANDE PRAIRIE RCSSD #28 BOARD MEETING**  
**Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Monday, February 28, 2011**

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**Present:**

**Board of Trustees**

Chair Ralph Wohlgemuth  
Vice Chair Ben Dart  
Trustee DJ Golden  
Trustee Michael Ouellette  
Trustee Jennifer Wrzosek  
Trustee Eldon Wyant

**Executive Officers**

Karl Germann Superintendent  
Ed Buckle, Assistant Superintendent: Human Resources  
Bryan Turner, Associate Superintendent of Business Operations  
Violet Dettling, Executive Assistant

**Other**

Russ Snoble, Religious Education Consultant  
Bonnie Schaefer, St. Mary's parent  
Jennifer McLaughlin, St. Mary's parent  
Kodi Anderson, St. Mary's parent  
Susie Almeida, St. Mary's parent  
Leigh Thomson, GPRC Student  
Susie Almeida, GPRC Student

**Regrets**

Trustee Jamie Schoorlemmer  
Jessie Shirley, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum

**A.1. Opening**

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 p.m. by Chair Wohlgemuth. Trustee Wohlgemuth opened the meeting with prayer.

**A.2. Delegations**

**Sexsmith Playground**

Kodi Anderson spoke on behalf of the Sexsmith Playground parent group and provided an update on the fundraising and plans for the playground at the new St. Mary's Catholic School in Sexsmith. The parent group was thanked by the Board of Trustees for all their efforts to date.

**B. Adoption of Agenda**

#092-10/11      OUELLETTE

That the agenda be adopted as presented.  
CARRIED

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**C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

#093- 10/11 DART

That the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular  
Board Meeting held on January 24, 2011 as  
amended.  
CARRIED

**D. FAITH FORMATION REPORT**

Religious Education Consultant Russ Snoble reported that Father Dennis has moved to Toronto. A replacement will be announced soon. Preparation is underway in parishes for confirmation and reconciliation dates. 1165 bags of food were collected in Day 4 of the DWSP. Day 5 will be April 8 and preparation is underway. All donations received will be matched by the Government because the church is a historical site. The Tell Us What You Think Survey is now complete and results will be reported in the Accountability Report. Staff retreats have been a great success and well attended by staff.

**E. Superintendent's Report**

1. **High School Re-Design**  
A group of staff have travelled to other high schools in the province to find out what other schools are doing to keep students engaged and achieving.
2. **Pre-Advanced Placement**  
Work is on going to offer pre-advanced placement in grade 9 for four subjects. Grade 12 advanced placement courses are transferrable to universities in the province.
3. **St. Joe's High Performance Training Center**  
A number of community members have come together and partnered with the district for a high performance fitness center to help meet a need of students at St. Joseph Catholic High School. This is the largest Alumni donation received by the district. It was suggested that the partner's names be considered as the Friends of Education or Premier Award.
4. **Early Learning Project**  
A parent meeting will be held March 1 @ 6:30 p.m. at Mother Teresa to discuss the possibility of expanding the programming offered in the school.
5. **DestiNation Imagination Regionals**  
A Creativity Fair will be held March 18 at GPRC. Volunteers are required to help the fair be successful.
6. **Learning Coaches**  
An information package containing articles from Alberta Education and ATA about Learning Coaches was provided. Discussions are underway with the Director of Special Education and the long term planning required in the district.

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**7. ASBA Policy to Zones**

ASBA policies around the oil and gas buffer zone will be discussed at the November meeting. The district's position must be presented at the Zone 1 level.

**8. St. Mary's Sexsmith Opening**

The project is three weeks from being turned over to the district. A memo has been sent to parents regarding changes to bus routes and schedules due to the move.

**9. Budget Comments**

An overview of the budget impact for the 2011-2012 school year was provided. A review by administration is underway to minimize the impact on students and staff.

**F. Action Items**

**1. Transportation Tender**

Associate Superintendent of Business Operations Bryan Turner reported on the tender procedure for rural and urban bussing.

#094 -10/11 WYANT

That the Board of Trustees award the transportation tender for Urban and Rural Bussing to First Student.  
CARRIED

**2. St. Thomas More French Travel Group Final Approval**

#095- 10/11 DART

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 Germany, Italy & France during Easter break 2011.  
CARRIED

**3. St. Joseph High School China Trip Final**

#096 -10/11 GOLDEN

That the Board of Trustees grant final approval to the Staff/Students of St. Joe's Travel Club to go to China from March 24 – April 2, 2011  
CARRIED

**4. St. Joseph Dublin/London Theatre Trip**

#097 -10/11 WRZOSEK

That the Board of Trustees grant final approval to the Staff/Students of St. Joe's Drama Club to travel to Dublin/London from March 25 – April 2, 2011  
CARRIED



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Board Briefing #21 Asset Mix for Board Policy on Investments - Trustee  
Ouellette's request for information

**L. Round Table**

**Wrzosek** - Delighted with retreat, and kudos to Jamie for all the work. Very worthwhile opportunity and great work on the planning of the district's mission & vision.

**Wyant** – Thanks to Jamie for retreat. Great opportunity for leadership and team work. Feels Board is working together in a very positive way. Thanks to Administration for helping move the district in a positive direction.

**Golden** - Saturday was a productive day. Feels district is on a positive path forward.

**Dart** - Faith component was well done and well received. Send a thank you card to Father Jacobson and Archbishop Pettipas for their hard work and attention.

**Ouellette** –Meeting with Chamber members was a good step forward. Enjoys attending the parent council school meetings.

**Wohlgemuth** – Great meeting with MLA's. Attended a Sexsmith School Council meeting and discussed the upcoming plans with parents for bussing and the actual physical move of the school. Thank you to Father Jacobsen and Archbishop Pettipas for leadership at the recent Faith retreat. CWL has a post card campaign supporting Catholic Education and they will be distributed in our schools to be completed by parents and sent in to Local and Provincial government.

**Buckle** – Thanks to Jamie for the Faith Retreat. Two sessions with mentors were held in partnership with ATA Provincial and Local. Great sessions and well attended.

**Turner** – Thanks for the Faith Retreat.

**Germann** –Thank you to the community partners who came together to meet the needs of our students and recognized the need for a fitness center at St. Joes.

**M. Meeting Evaluation**

Meeting Evaluation forms were provided in the Board Agenda Package and will be reviewed at next Committee of the Whole meeting.

#103- 10/11      WOHLGEMUTH

Meeting adjourn at 5:27 p.m.  
CARRIED

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Regular Board Meeting has been scheduled for March 21, 2011 at the Catholic Education Centre, commencing at 5:00 p.m.

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Chair

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Associate Superintendent of Business Operations