

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
GREATER ST. ALBERT ROMAN CATHOLIC
SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 734
HELD on MONDAY, March 19, 2018, 2:00 P.M.
District Office, 6 St. Vital Avenue,
St. Albert, AB**

MEMBERS PRESENT Trustees Becigneul, Crockett, Proulx, Radford, Schell, and Tremblay

MEMBERS ABSENT Trustee Shaw

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

D Keohane, superintendent; R Nixon, assistant superintendent;
D Schlag, secretary-treasurer

CALL TO ORDER Trustee Tremblay called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

IN CAMERA

167/18 Trustee Becigneul: **THAT** the Board of Trustees move In Camera at 2:00 p.m.
CARRIED (6/6)

OUT OF CAMERA

168/18 Trustee Becigneul: **THAT** the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 3:24 p.m.
CARRIED (6/6)

The Board recessed until 3:35 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER

Trustee Schell offered the Opening Prayer.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Trustee Tremblay acknowledged that the Board is meeting on the original lands of the Cree, those of Treaty 6, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation. Kinanâskomitin Manito (Thank you Creator).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

169/18 Trustee Becigneul: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the agenda as amended with the addition of new business 14.1 Sale of Land.
CARRIED (6/6)

PRESENTATION DELEGATION

There were no presentations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & SUMMARIES

170/18 Trustee Radford: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on February 26, 2018 as circulated.
CARRIED (6/6)

171/18 **Trustee Crockett:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the Special Meeting (Expulsion) held on March 1, 2018 as circulated.
CARRIED (6/6)

172/18 **Trustee Becigneul:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the summary of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on March 5, 2018 as circulated.
CARRIED (6/6)

173/18 **Trustee Proulx:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the Special Meeting (Expulsion) held on March 15, 2018 as circulated.
CARRIED (6/6)

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE & EVENT REPORTS

174/18 **Trustee Becigneul:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the Business Liaison - St. Albert and Alberta School Boards Association Zone 2/3 reports, distributed by Trustee Crockett and Becigneul, respectively, from the March 5, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting.
CARRIED (6/6)

GOOD NEWS

Trustee Tremblay shared the Good News Report.

Trustee Becigneul commended district schools on the success of their elementary wrestling teams.

Superintendent Keohane commended MCHS for their participation in the Food Bank Drive in support of Constable Wynn; they were not part of the area that the fundraiser was organized for, but their school community displayed exceptional compassion by making this happen.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions.

CONSENT ITEMS

Board Policy Review

175/18 **Trustee Becigneul:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the review of Board Policy 1 - District Mission Statement, Values and Beliefs, Statement of Philosophy and Objectives with the changes as presented and amended as well as Board Policy 10 – Policy Making and Board Policy 15 – School Closure with no changes.
CARRIED (6/6)

ACTION ITEMS

2019-2022 Capital Plan

Secretary-treasurer Schlag updated the Board on the cycle for the Capital Plan and the requirements for the submission.

176/18 **Trustee Radford:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the Three-Year Capital Plan for 2019-2022 with the following two projects and ranked priorities, MCHS (1), and BK (2), with electronic submission to follow on or before the April 1, 2018 submission deadline.
CARRIED (6/6)

Visual Identity Implementation Plan

Communications manager Bruineman presented to the Board an implementation plan including timelines and associated costs to phase in the approved new visual identity beginning at the end of April 2018.

- 177/18** **Trustee Becigneul:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the District Visual Identity Implementation Plan approach as presented and approve expenditures of up to \$35,000 to support the Phase 1 and 2 roll-out.
- CARRIED (6/6)**

Adjustments to Trustee Remuneration

- 178/18** **Trustee Schell:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the payment of Per Diems based on a \$30 per hour rate, effective September 1, 2018, which will eliminate the current ½-day, full day, and extended day rates. Once the hourly Per Diem rate goes into effect, the maximum number of hours claimed in any given day will be ten (10).
- CARRIED (6/6)**

- 179/18** **Trustee Radford:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve that the current non-accountable allowance of \$1,800 per Trustee be added to the current Trustee Honorarium of \$11,609 effective September 1, 2018, prior to any potential adjustment from a change in the CPI for 2018-19.
- AND**
The current non-accountable allowance of \$1,500 for the position of Chairperson be added to the current Chairperson Honorarium of \$13,891 and the \$1,800 Trustee non-accountable allowance effective September 1, 2018, prior to any potential adjustment from a change in the CPI for 2018-19.
- AND**
The current non-accountable allowance of \$1,050 for the position of Vice-Chairperson be added to the current Vice-Chairperson Honorarium of \$12,732 and the \$1,800 Trustee non-accountable allowance effective September 1, 2018, prior to any potential adjustment from a change in the CPI for 2018-19.
- CARRIED (6/6)**

2018-2019 Instructional Calendar

- 180/18** **Trustee Becigneul:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the amended 2018-2019 Instructional Calendar as reviewed.
- CARRIED (4 in favor, 2 opposed; Proulx, Radford)**

Edwin Parr Award Nomination

- 181/18** **Trustee Crockett:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees endorse the nomination of Ryan Harrison from J.J. Nearing Catholic Elementary School as the District’s nominee for the 2018 Edwin Parr Teacher Award.
- CARRIED (6/6)**

NEW BUSINESS

Sale of Land

Trustee Becigneul: THAT the Board of Trustees direct the Superintendent to further engage with the North Central Francophone Regional Division to address its request to purchase land for school development needs in Legal.

CARRIED (5 in favor, 1 opposed: Proulx)

INFORMATION ITEMS

Report from the Chair

Trustee Tremblay shared a written response to the inquiries made by C. Bennett-Brown at the February 26, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Board.

Report from the Superintendent

Superintendent D. Keohane shared reports on the following:

- Field Trip Activity Report
- Quarterly Financial Statement Report for the 2nd Quarter
- RFP Transportation Tender Timeline Update

182/18

Trustee Crockett: THAT the Board of Trustees receive the superintendent’s report as information.

CARRIED (6/6)

BOARD COMMITMENTS

183/18

Trustee Radford: THAT the Board of Trustees approve the Board Commitments as presented and updated at this meeting.

CARRIED (6/6)

CLARIFICATION PERIOD FOR PUBLIC & MEDIA

There were no questions.

TRUSTEE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

There were no requests.

MOTION TO EXTEND THE MEETING

184/18

Trustee Proulx: THAT the Board of Trustees extend the meeting until 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED (6/6)

CLOSING PRAYER

Trustee Schell offered the closing prayer.

Trustees recessed from 5:08 p.m. to 5:12 p.m.

IN CAMERA

185/18

Trustee Becigneul: THAT the Board of Trustees move In Camera at 5:13 p.m.

CARRIED (6/6)

OUT OF CAMERA

186/18

Trustee Becigneul: THAT the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 5:34 p.m.

CARRIED (6/6)

Visual Faith Enhancements Committee: Sister Alphonse Academy

187/18

Trustee Becigneul: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee, with representation from Chair, Serena Shaw and Trustees Crockett and Radford to bring recommendation to the Board regarding Visual Faith Enhancements for Sister Alphonse Academy. Alternates are Trustee Becigneul or Tremblay.

CARRIED (6/6)

ADJOURNMENT

188/18

Trustee Proulx: **THAT** the Board of Trustees adjourn the regular meeting at 5:35 p.m.

CARRIED (6/6)

Secretary Treasurer

Chair



Committee Report Summary

Board Advocacy Committee Meeting Date: March 5, 2018

Submitted by Trustee: Trustee Crockett

Committee/Event Name: Business Liaison - Chamber of Commerce - St Albert

Committee Meeting Date: February 14, 2018

Chamber Luncheon Relevancy to GSACRD: networking with St. Albert mayor and councillors, St Albert Public trustees, St. Albert business owners, table discussion, introduced as an elected official of GSACRD, and guest speaker enrichment.

Speaker – Todd Hirsch, Chief Economist at ATB Financial (Summary)

- To begin, we must recalibrate our language around ‘growth’ rather than the recession that occurred in 2015-2016.
- 2017 – great global economies in Asia, Europe, and North America. The US, had positive growth with 4% unemployment rate.
- The Canadian economy had a 3% expansion rate which is much more stable than the 2010 – 2014 economic galloping which was out of balance.

Economic Trends for Alberta

- **1 – Pipeline controversy** will be intensified for 2018.
Although Keystone to the US and Kinder Morgan from Edmonton to Burnaby have been approved, protests and debate will continue.
- **2 – High levels of household debt** to income ratio might lead some households to insolvency.
- **3 – International Trade** – Although NAFTA has been beneficial to Canada and Mexico, US is likely to make unreasonable demands and withdraw from NAFTA. Free trade and bilateral agreements are likely with Europe and Japan especially in agricultural products. Japan is considered the third largest economy after United States and China and therefore poses a huge opportunity for the sale of agricultural products.

- **4 – The 8% contraction of Crude Oil** in 2015 unbalanced the whole economy because of one commodity. West Texas at \$60 has somewhat recovered. Heavy oil has been flat for the last year. 2018 will see price stability rather than a roller coaster. 2010 – 2014 oil was the engine of the economy but is now taking on a new role – as a backbone, a supporter of the economy.
- **5 – Automation/Robotics/Artificial Intelligence** is affecting the entire global economy which might mean the elimination and displacement of certain jobs. For 300 years economies have always been disrupted by technology. New innovations may displace jobs but may create new ones and provide the opportunity for industrial opportunities. The Alberta Labor market is young, highly skilled, and entrepreneurial. In fact, Hirsch says we have the second highest skilled labor force in the world after US.

To conclude, although Alberta’s economy is improving, unemployment remains a challenge. However, ATB Financial Economists expect improvements and moderate growth next year particularly in the areas of: agriculture, agri-foods, technology, and health. Although high unemployment is expected next year, Hirsch forecasts GDP growth of 2.7 percent which is considered moderate.

Spiders in Space: Successfully Adopting to Unwanted Change - authors Todd Hirsch and Robert Roach 2017

Learning How to Thrive in New Environments

Overview of Book: From small disappointments to heartbreaking tragedies, unwanted change blind sides us and leaves us wondering what to do next. The spiders sent into space by NASA found ways to spin their webs without the aid of gravity, we must find ways to overcome pitfalls that life places in our path.

Next Chamber Luncheon – 11:30 am, March 14, 2018



Greater St. Albert Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 734

Committee Report Summary

Board Committee of the Whole Meeting Date: March 5, 2018

Submitted by Trustee: Joe Becigneul

Committee/Event Name: ASBA Zone 2 / 3

Committee Meeting Date & Time: February 23, 2018. 9 am to 3 pm

Summary of Agenda Items: The Agenda was circulated to Trustees prior to the meeting. Key items will be the review of the Policy Process.

Highlights of Items Relevant to GSACRD:

- Edwin Parr nomination deadline March 16, 2018.
- **Boards to submit proposed bylaw amendments to ASBA by March 20, 2018.**
- Indigenous Shining Student Award submissions due March 23.
- **April 13 - Boards to submit proposed policies to Zone 2/3 secretary. Discussion will be held at April meeting and voting on policies to bring forward will be held at May meeting.**
- **April 27 – Deadline to submit emergent policies for Spring Meeting.**
- Devonna Klassen, Black Gold, was elected as the Alternate Director for Zone 2 / 3.
- Summer Leadership Academy Aug 24-25, 2018 in Canmore, Alberta.

ASBA President's Report:

- CRA are removing the non-taxable honorarium for trustees (I believe all elected officials) effective April 1, 2019.
- Copyright – school jurisdictions across the country need some clarification and protection against infringement of copyright. Discussion ongoing at National level including the Canadian Association of Ministers of Education.
- Mary Martin addressed the information that had been circulated to the media re Superintendent Salaries.
- N.S. situation and potential impact across the country. 8 English School Boards abolished, 1 French Board retained. Effective March 31. Boards instructed they have no decision-making authority from now until March 31.
- Principals removed from the Union.
- Quebec talking about dissolution of English Boards due to low voter turnout (not elected during municipal elections, so turnout is typically 5%).

- Manitoba – School Boards to be elected next year & then the government of MB will examine the issue.
- CSBA National Conference will go ahead in Halifax as over \$200,000 had already been guaranteed for facility.
- A National Repository of FNMI Acknowledgements has been created. Would like all Boards who currently acknowledge and recognize Treaty lands to submit. (details of where to do this were not provided).
- Student Health & Wellness Committee has concluded their work, submitted their recommendations and have disbanded.
- The Indigenous Shining Star Award is to be renamed – details to follow.
- The Budget – due to be passed at the SGM. ASBA are discussing the possibility / logistics of a webinar discussion prior to the SGM to share and discuss the budget prior to the SGM.

ADVOCACY (With MLA's) at Royal Glenora Club March 15. To my knowledge, Trustee Radford and Myself have registered.

Alberta Education: Maurice Trottier, Metro Services Branch. Trustees are directed to the website. <https://education.alberta.ca> and click on "In the Loop" for information.

Ryan Stierman, V.P. ASBOA gave an excellent 90 minute presentation on the Alberta Education Funding Framework. What I learned from the presentation is that we are well informed through our Secretary-Treasurer. There was absolutely nothing in the presentation that has not been presented to us.

Upcoming Events:

March 14 – 16: Think Indigenous Education Conference, Saskatoon.

March 15 – Zone Advocacy Event – Royal Glenora Club, Edmonton.

March 16 – Next Zone 2/3 meeting.

April 20 – 22 Alberta School Council Association Conference and AGM – Edmonton.

April 27 – Zone 2/3 Meeting moved to the Genesis Early Learning Centre 10537 – 44 Street, Edmonton