

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE GREATER ST. ALBERT ROMAN CATHOLIC
SEPARATE SCHOOL DIVISION
HELD on MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019, 2:00 P.M.
Division Office, 6 St. Vital Avenue,
St. Albert, AB**

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

Trustee Proulx (arrived at 2.07 pm during in-camera session)

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

D Keohane, superintendent; R Nixon, assistant superintendent; C Moroziuk, assistant superintendent, and I Paulik, secretary- treasurer

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

IN CAMERA

98/20 Trustee **Shaw:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees move In Camera at 2:00 p.m.
CARRIED (6/0)

OUT OF CAMERA

99/20 Trustee **Crockett :** **THAT** the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 3:23 p.m.
CARRIED (7/7)

OPENING PRAYER

Trustee **Tremblay** offered the Opening Prayer.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Board of Trustees of The Greater St. Albert Roman Catholic Separate School Division acknowledges that it 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

100/20 Trustee **Proulx:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the agenda as presented.
CARRIED (7/7)

PRESENTATION DELEGATION

Recognition of Cpl Laurel Kading, St. Albert RCMP
Trustee Becigneul on behalf of the Board of Trustees, staff and students, offered thanks and a certificate of recognition to Cpl. Kading for her dedication and contributions in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Visual Identity

Brian Holdsworth, Creative Director of Holdsworth Design, presented a draft visual identity/logo for St. Kateri Tekakwitha School in Morinville.

Faith in Our Future Proposal

Hannah Jamieson, a student from ESSMY presented her concerns on moving ESSMY students to SACHS.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & SUMMARIES

101/20 **Trustee Tremblay:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 25, 2019 as circulated.
CARRIED (7/7)

102/20 **Trustee Shaw:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board held on December 2, 2019 as circulated.
CARRIED (7/7)

103/20 **Trustee Crockett:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the summary of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on December 2, 2019 as circulated.
CARRIED (7/7)

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE & EVENT REPORTS

104/20 **Trustee Schell:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the committee reports from the Board Committee of the Whole meeting held November 4, 2019:

- School Council: Neil M. Ross Report
- Alberta School Boards Association Report
- Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards Report
- Business Liaison: St. Albert Chamber Report
- Business Liaison: Morinville Chamber Report

CARRIED (7/7)

GOOD NEWS

Trustee Bcigneul shared the Good News Report.

Trustee Radford also shared good news for Morinville schools’ success in volleyball tournaments.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A question to the Board was submitted in advance of the meeting.

1. What were the decision-making steps in designing the FIOF proposal (ie. regarding the criteria stage, what criteria was established and what was the ranking for the criteria as well as the generating solutions stage – what were the other solutions)?

CONSENT ITEMS

105/20 **Trustee Shaw:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees receive

the consent items attached and approve all recommendations contained therein as follows:

- 12.1 Review of Board Policy 5: Role of the Board Chair and Board Policy 6: Role of the Vice-Chair.

106/20 **Trustee Proulx:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees forward Policy 5 – Role of the Board Chair to the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

CARRIED (7/7)

107/20 **Trustee Crockett:** **THAT** that the Board of Trustees approve Policy 6 - Role of the Vice-Chair as presented.

CARRIED (7/7)

ACTION ITEMS

St. Kateri Tekatwitha Academy Visual Identity

108/20 **Trustee Radford:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the visual identity logo for St. Kateri Tekakwitha Academy as presented.

CARRIED (7/7)

2019-2020 Budget

The 2019-2020 Budget Fall Budget Update was presented by Secretary-Treasurer Paulik.

109/20 **Trustee Tremblay:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees receive the 2019 Fall Budget Update to the 2019-2020 Budget as information and direct Administration to submit the 2019 Fall Budget Update to the 2019-2020 Budget to Alberta Education along with the request to utilize the operating portion of Infrastructure and Maintenance Renewal dollars (\$700K) to help maintain stability in classrooms in 2019-2020.

CARRIED (7/7)

Combined 2018-2019 Annual Education Results Report and 2019-2022 Three-Year Education Plan

110/20 **Trustee Shaw:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the combined 2018-2019 Annual Education Results Report & 2019-2022 Three-Year Education Plan for submission to Alberta Education.

CARRIED (7/7)

111/20 **Trustee Proulx:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve in principle, the Memorandum of Agreement between the Greater St. Albert Roman Catholic Separate School Division and The Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local No 2550 ending August 31, 2022.

CARRIED (7/7)

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Report from the Chair

Trustee Becigneul reported that letters of response to the 5 questions that were asked at the November 25, 2019 meeting were sent out to the submitters.

Report from the Superintendent

There were no reports from the superintendent.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

112/20

Trustee Radford: THAT the Board of Trustees receive the Public Engagement Highlights as information.

CARRIED (7/7)

CLARIFICATION PERIOD FOR PUBLIC & MEDIA

Several questions were received from the public.

TRUSTEE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION.

There were no requests at this time.

CLOSING PRAYER

Trustee Tremblay offered the closing prayer at 5:44 p.m.

IN-CAMERA

113/20

Trustee Schell: THAT the Board of Trustees move In camera at 5:54 pm.

CARRIED (7/7)

OUT OF CAMERA

114/20

Trustee Tremblay: THAT the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 6:59 pm.

CARRIED (7/7)

ADJOURNMENT

115/20

Trustee Shaw: THAT the Board of Trustees adjourn the regular meeting at 6:59 p.m.

CARRIED (7/7)

Secretary Treasurer

Chair



Committee Report Summary

Board Committee of the Whole Meeting Date: December 2, 2019

Submitted By: Trustee Shaw

Committee/Event Name: Neil M. Ross School Council

Committee/Event Date: November 26, 2019


Summary of Agenda Items:

Neil M. Ross is looking at purchasing an AED. There is a parent on School Council that is a paramedic and has brought this forward as an Agenda item.

Highlights Relevant to GSACRD:

- Should we be looking at supporting schools in purchasing and maintaining AED's?
- Does the city have them in their facilities?
- Is it something that should be required for reciprocal use agreement?

MOTIONS FROM ASBA FALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Motion	Carried or Defeated %	Amended
Charter Schools	C-89	Amended
Choice in Education Act	C-97	Amended 73
School Fees. - (postponed) 80%	C-93	
Language Learning	D-50	
Naming of Public School Boards	C-83	
Vaping	C-100	
Mandatory Vaccinations	D-65	Amended 55
Inclusive Education	C-98	
Inclusive Practices	C-78	
School Bus Speed Limits	C-90	
Governance and Adm Funding	D-53	
FTE for Early Childhood Services	C-81	
Superintendent Regulation	C-94	1st amend - 87/ 2nd amend 92
SGM 2020 Summit Vote	C-80	



Committee Report Summary

Board Committee of the Whole Meeting December 2, 2019
Date:

Submitted By: Trustee Radford

Committee/Event Name: Rural Caucus

Committee/Event Date: November 17, 2019

Summary of Agenda Items:

1. Chair Holly Bilton stated that letter Minister LaGrange would be submitted with a request to meet and discuss a) Transportation costs b) Water testing and What if questions concerning aging infrastructure c) Insurance and now the need to absorb costs, why not self-funded insurance with AB government holding the insurance

2. Committee update Alberta Rural Education Symposium

A few meetings occurred both face to face and electronically. The symposium will be held at the Fantasyland Hotel on March 1 - 3. Early bird registration prior to January 24 is \$350. After this date it will be \$400. Theme is "A Clear Vision for Rural Alberta Schools & Communities" Questions facing rural boards are: a) What will learning look like in the future? b) How should student health be a priority in our planning? c) How can we prepare our students for the rural workforce of the future? D) How will conceptual understanding position our students for greater success e) how can we re-imagine rural schools of the future.

3. Budget Update

The executive of the RCASB is to remain within a budget of \$36,000 for the previous fiscal year which was complied. With the additional money, the board has been economical by having most meetings by conference calls. They are getting \$315 per district.

4. Terms of Reference change-

i). The budget for the RCASB will be approved in the June meeting prior to the year it represents. The fiscal year shall be September 1 to August 31 of each year.

ii) The number of boards who identify as participating boards at the time of the budget approval shall be responsible for covering the costs of the Rural caucus for that year.

iii). Any participating board that decides to resign from Rural Caucus shall indicate six months prior to the fiscal year end.

5. Election of Officers

Chair - Sherri Cooper

Director - Stuart Angle

Director - Darren Custer

6. Lara Jollymore is working on her doctoral thesis on Funding Rural Education in Alberta.

Some items that she discussed and will ask for further information are:

a. How effective is the funding formula for rural Alberta

b. New research disproves former belief that amount of money doesn't matter for results

c. Funding is varied among large districts and smaller rural districts

- d. Efficiencies and Economies of scale - some have amassed large reserves
- e. There are funding discrepancies in transportation and mental health supports.
- f. There is a common concern with declined population that doesn't address facilities management and transportation
- g. Multiple class grade configurations and distance learning is the norm
- h. In transportation, the distance travelled by the buses is the same, but the number of students riding has decreased
- i. Funding should be on a needs based funding model
- j. Equity of education is a priority

Lara Jollymore will continue to collect data until the end of December. She has also included the ATA and AB Ed in her survey requests.

Highlights Relevant to GSACRD:

Our district's identified concerns are transportation funding, a definition of what constitutes a rural division, offering the options students desire with limited resources in both personnel and materials and declining enrolment.

Committee Report Summary

Board Committee of the Whole Meeting Date: December 2, 2019

Submitted By: Trustee Crockett

Committee/Event Name: St Albert Chamber

Committee/Event Date: November 13, 2019

Salvation Army – Major Terry Cook

The Salvation Army is one of Canada's largest and most recognized annual charitable events with more than 2000 kettles across Canada. Major Terry Cook introduced the Christmas Kettle Campaign for St Albert at the Chamber luncheon. This year of goal of \$400 000 will help those in need in our local community. Last year the Salvation Army began its "Feed My Lambs" program in St Albert and Sturgeon County schools. Presently 18 elementary schools are supplied with breakfast food for their students. An annual need for the Salvation Army is to help families at Christmas. Parents come in for toys for their children which allows parents some dignity. Rent, utilities, prescription drugs are all supports that the campaign helps with. \$66 000 in loose change was collected last year. Coins do count.

Quest Speaker – Morinville St Albert MLA Dale Nally, Associate Minister of Natural Gas

- Fall Government Update to the Chamber

- As Associate Minister of Natural Gas, Nally will be travelling to Japan and South Korea to promote Alberta's gas. These meetings with natural gas companies will showcase Alberta's petrochemical industry. The expansion of LNG is particularly important as many jobs have been lost due to numerous bankruptcies over the summer. Nally commented that he has encouraged producers to store natural gas while pipelines are being maintained to keep prices up.
- MLA Nally shared that the budget was one of restraint – a cut of 2.8%.
- Nally noted the \$1.1 billion investment governments have made in the petrochemical industry will help spur business and services in the local area by adding 5000 jobs during construction and 400 jobs post construction.
- Dale Nally has met with 48 chiefs to share the good news regarding the Aboriginal Opportunity Corporations. One billion dollars will be available for back up loans for investment in the energy industry. Presently, Indigenous people do not own land on the reserves and therefore cannot use land as collateral.
- Nally concluded that although multi-cultural services will be decreased, there is \$1.3 billion for a new hospital, an increase of \$200 million in health and infrastructure for schools will continue to be built.

Next Meeting – Christmas Luncheon, St Albert Inn – December 11, 2019



Committee Report Summary

Board Committee of the Whole Meeting

Date: December 2nd, 2019

Submitted By: Trustee Noreen Rardford

Committee/Event Name: Morinville and District Chamber of Commerce

Committee/Event Date: November 6th, 2019

Summary of Agenda Items:

1. Sturgeon Community Hospital Foundation presentation by Corinna Dooley



Ms Dooley highlighted that the foundation assists the hospital by providing: a. Family care day programs b. Leading edge equipment c. Education at the hospital d. Providing innovation

Sturgeon hospital has a catchment area of 160,000 people. Over 49,000 came for a visit and 2715 babies were born.

What the Sturgeon FDN has done: a. Raised \$18 million, provided \$250,000 critical care cardiac equipment, assist in keeping patients close to home, keep pace with the needs of the hospital.

Their January Gala has sold out with 650 attendees.

Highlights Relevant to GSACRD:

If you know of a sturgeon hospital staff member who has gone above and beyond, please nominate them for the Stellar Staff recognition on the Sturgeon Community Hospital Foundation website.

The 2715 babies born will increase our student population in future years.

- 2.



Mayor Hnatiw stated that it was time to put differences aside and work cooperatively. Sturgeon County is showing competitive growth. There needs to be a balance between needs and realities of today. An operational efficiency review was conducted with 48 recommendations. 50% of these recommendations have been completed. Concern about the continued funding for MSI. This may raise concerns with regard to road and bridge

completion. Sturgeon county will take a leadership role by a. Modernizing development projects by streamlining permits, prioritize capital projects and enlist world class investments. A focus will continue with the Villeneuve Landing networking with four other counties including support for the Edmonton air show at Villeneuve airport. Another emphasis for this council will be in job creation and supporting growth in the country. At present fourteen items are addressed with parties to enhance collaboratives efforts. Mayor Hnatiw stated that courage and decisive action is what is needed going forward.

3.

Mark Cardinal with Dairy Queen spoke as a member of the St. Albert Progress Club. To date this club has raised over \$4 million and supported projects in the local community. Their latest endeavour is to support the Neo Natal ICU at Sturgeon Community Hospital. Louis Lavoie will be creating a mural in the family lounge at the ICU. Individuals or businesses are able to purchase a tile with price range from \$1000 to \$100. stollerykids.com