

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
GREATER ST. ALBERT ROMAN CATHOLIC
SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 734
HELD on MONDAY, April 10, 2017, 2:00 P.M.
District Office, 6 St. Vital Avenue,
St. Albert, AB**

MEMBERS PRESENT Trustees Becigneul, McEvoy, Proulx, Radford, Shaw, and Tremblay

MEMBERS ABSENT Trustee Crockett

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

D. Keohane, superintendent, R. Nixon, assistant superintendent, S. McGuinness, assistant superintendent, D. Schlag, secretary-treasurer

CALL TO ORDER Trustee Shaw called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

IN CAMERA

179/17 Trustee Becigneul: **THAT** the Board of Trustees move In Camera at 2:01 p.m.
CARRIED (6/6)

OUT OF CAMERA

180/17 Trustee McEvoy: **THAT** the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 3:28 p.m.
CARRIED (6/6)
The Board recessed until 3:30 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER Trustee Tremblay offered the Opening Prayer.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT Trustee Shaw 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.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

181/17 Trustee Radford: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the agenda as presented.
CARRIED (6/6)

PRESENTATION DELEGATION

Sister Alphonse Academy Boundaries and Programming: What We Heard.
Jan Bloomfield, independent consultant/owner of Strategy Plus, presented a report from the Sister Alphonse/Boundary Review/Programming Phase II survey.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & SUMMARIES

182/17 Trustee Becigneul: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on March 20, 2017 as circulated.
CARRIED (6/6)

183/17 **Trustee Proulx:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the summary of the Board Advocacy Committee Meeting held on April 3, 2017 as circulated.

CARRIED (6/6)

184/17 **Trustee Tremblay:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the committee reports from the Board Advocacy Committee meeting held on April 3, 2017, as follows:

9.1 Alberta School Boards Association Zone 2/3

9.2 First Nations, Métis and Inuit Leadership Committee

CARRIED (6/6)

GOOD NEWS

Trustee Shaw shared the Good News Report. Added to the report was a number of good news items from trustees including:

A huge Congratulations to **VJM** for raising over \$39,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation during their recent CYCLEBETES 2017 event, bringing VJM's six year total to over \$250,000!

Trustee Shaw also congratulated the **MCHS** Cheer Team on winning the silver medal at the recent provincials, while **Trustee Radford** commended the **GHP** Cheer Team for their gold championship!

Trustee Becigneul mentioned that the **Bertha Kennedy Wrestling Team** has now claimed back-to-back provincial championships. He also commented on the fabulous morning TV coverage that **Neil Korotash**, teacher at **MCHS** provides on the CTV morning show.

Trustee Proulx commented on the wonderful **SACHS** production on Vimy.

Trustee Tremblay mentioned that the French celebrations planned between all district French Immersion schools were fantastique!

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public.

CONSENT ITEMS

There were no consent items.

Trustee Shaw turned the Chair of the Meeting to Trustee McEvoy @4:25 pm for this item.

ACTION ITEMS

Change of Day for 2017-18 Board Meetings

Trustee Shaw presented the original motion: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve Wednesday, from November 1, 2017 onward, as the day of the week that all Regular meetings will be normally held.

Trustee Radford offered a friendly amendment to include Advocacy Meetings, which was accepted by Trustee Shaw. The motion was amended and voted on as:

185/17

Trustee Shaw: THAT the Board of Trustees approve Wednesday, from November 1, 2017 onward, as the day of the week that all Regular and Advocacy Committee meetings will be normally held.

DEFEATED (3 in favor, 3 opposed; Becigneul, Proulx, Tremblay)

Trustee McEvoy turned the Chair of the Meeting back to Trustee Shaw @4:36 pm for the remainder of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

School Fees Policy Discussion

Secretary-treasurer Schlag presented an option to the Board of Trustees in providing greater clarification around policy and procedures for approving, collecting, and reporting fees and associated waivers as a result of *Bill 1 – An Act to Reduce School Fees*. It was recommended that the Board update Board Policy 2 to include a section on fees to provide direction for school operations around fees, waivers, schedules, and publication to ensure there is a consistent protocol that also aligns with legislation.

186/17

Trustee McEvoy: THAT the Board of Trustees approve the direction contemplated for Board Policy 2 – Role of the Board in relation to the proposed School Fee Regulation, as presented, and direct Administration to continue as outlined, bringing back a complete draft package as quickly as possible to allow for consultation.

CARRIED (6/6)

INFORMATION ITEMS

Report from the Chair

There was no report from the Chair.

MOTION TO EXTEND

187/17

Trustee Becigneul: THAT the Board of Trustees extend the meeting until 6:30 p.m.

CARRIED (6/6)

Report from the Superintendent

Assistant superintendent Nixon updated the Board on the request to clarify the anniversary and celebration plans. It was noted to improve the K-12 journey for all French Immersion students and it was noted the number of events happening in schools this year have more than doubled and is building connections between students across the school communities.

Assistant superintendent Nixon provided the Board with the list of recipients who have received the George Soetaert Memorial Award over the last six years and the plans to ensure all high schools in the District are aware of the application process for students.

Superintendent Keohane updated the Board on changes proposed to current administrative procedures to accommodate the receipt of Anonymous Complaints to ensure they are handled consistently across the district and the role of the Board in addressing these. It was noted the rationale for bringing forward procedural processes at this time.

Secretary-treasurer Schlag updated the Board on the current financial position for the 2016/2017 which is currently tracking slightly beyond the planned deficit of (\$669,832).

Secretary-treasurer Schlag provided the Board with the Draft 2017-2018 Principles for the Basis of Allocations to Schools, highlighting some of the changes in the document to reflect current legislation as a result of *Bill 1 – An act to Reduce School Fees* and updated district processes around school generated funds.

Communications manager Bruineman updated the Board on the Open House planned for the Namao area on May 3, 2017, at CFB Edmonton, to share information with residents on schools, programming, and district services, including transportation, now that the area is officially part of the district.

188/17 **Trustee McEvoy: THAT** the Board of Trustees receive the superintendent's report as information, as amended, removing the Long Service Update.

CARRIED (6/6)

189/17 **Trustee Bécigneul: THAT** the Board of Trustees request the Long Service Update be presented at a future meeting.

CARRIED (6/6)

BOARD COMMITMENTS

190/17 **Trustee Bécigneul: THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the Board Commitments as presented and updated at this meeting.

CARRIED (6/6)

CLARIFICATION PERIOD FOR PUBLIC & MEDIA

Carryl Bennett-Brown wondered why the ATA Induction event planned later this month was missing from Board Commitments. **Trustee Shaw** clarified that she would be attending.

TRUSTEE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

There were no requests.

CLOSING PRAYER **Trustee Tremblay** offered the closing prayer.

IN CAMERA

191/17 **Trustee McEvoy: THAT** the Board of Trustees move In Camera at 6:03 p.m.

CARRIED (6/6)

OUT OF CAMERA

192/17 **Trustee Bécigneul: THAT** the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 6:25 p.m.

CARRIED (6/6)

MOTION TO EXTEND

193/17 **Trustee Radford: THAT** the Board of Trustees extend the

meeting until 7:00 p.m.
CARRIED (6/6)

IN CAMERA

194/17 **Trustee Tremblay:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees move In
Camera at 6:26 p.m.
CARRIED (6/6)

OUT OF CAMERA

195/17 **Trustee Becigneul:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees move Out
of Camera at 6:55 p.m.
CARRIED (6/6)

ADJOURNMENT

196/17 **Trustee Proulx:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees adjourn the
regular meeting at 6:55 p.m.
CARRIED (6/6)

Secretary Treasurer

Chair



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

Committee Report Summary

Board Advocacy Committee Meeting Date: April 3, 2017

Submitted by Trustee: Joe Becigneul

Committee/Event Name: ASBA Zone 2/3

Committee Meeting Date & Time: March 24th, 2017 @ 9:30 a.m.

Summary of Agenda Items:

- Standing item—ASBA Issues/Directives for Action
- Chair's Report—Cheryl gave an overview of her Report.
 - Language Reps – looking. Story Boards at SGM.
 - Problems associated with second language learners.
- The Zone Financial Report was presented.

ASBA REPORTS:

Jennifer Tuininga – New foundational statements for Chair.

Vision – Governance is ASBA focus as well as supporting Boards.

Mission – To serve Boards – so Trustees can serve grassroots.

Strategic Plan supported by budget – will be presented April 28th. Trustees encouraged to attend.

New President is Mary Martin.

Budget will be e-mailed before next meeting.

SGM – Register through ASBA Website (June 4 – 6)

FGM – Nov. 19 – 21.

ASBA President's Report:

Bill 1 now in Committee of the Whole. Regulations will be in place by April 30. Survey sent out March 23.

Bill 202 – MLA Cyr. Images Act – Amanda Todd and references to bullying. Will require modest changes to Education Act.

Bill 6 – 24th of March. Tabled by Minister Eggen. Northlands School Division Act.

FNMI Successes – Well being task force.

Saskatchewan Report – Left School Boards as is – no amalgamation. Continue with elected Boards rather than appointed.

Rural Caucus – 50 members attended. Mary invited. Very positive and supportive of ASBA.

Met with ACSTA and will meet with Edmonton Public later this spring.

ASBA – Harder stance on the budget. Need to challenge the government more.

AB Ed Report:

- Excellence in Teaching awards are on hold.
- Minister's Youth Council – 32 Jr. and Sr. High students from all regions in AB – May 5th deadline.
- Applications encouraged.

Advocacy Committee Report – Value of locally elected Trustees – to be shared.

- What does your district do to promote Trustees? Relationship building. Communication. - Trustee corner in newsletters, social media, website activity, local press at Board Meetings, PAC attendance, School events, concerts, Parent Advisory Council meetings.
- What is done to attract candidates to run as Trustees? – Approach School council members, school staff, social media, politician to politician.

Edwin Parr Report – 18 nominees.

U of A Field Experiences Advisory Council Report

- Practicums organized around # of days as opposed to start date / end date.
- 1st practicum 25 days, second 45 days.
- Classroom management course required by 1st practicum.
- Experiential student component to become a requirement.
- Spring session courses to be held in 3 schools.
- Special Ed. Settings.
- Ed students are building a course on how to be a substitute teacher.
- ATA created resource on proper terminology for FNMI.
- U of A searching for a new Dean of Education.

Comprehensive School Health Report: - Shaping the Future Conference. 950 delegates attended late January.



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

Committee Report Summary

Board Advocacy Committee Meeting Date: April 3, 2017

Submitted by Trustee: Joan Crockett

Committee/Event Name: FNMI Leadership Committee (FLC)

Committee Meeting Date: March 13, 2017

Highlights:

- After acknowledgement of Territories and a tobacco offering from Barb Brochu to Edna Arcand, Edna shared a prayer in Cree.
- Superintendent Keohane and Assistant Superintendent Nixon reviewed the draft for the Alberta Curriculum Teacher Quality Standard and our Three-Year Education Plan Goals.
- The Government of Alberta has committed \$5.3 million to start a curriculum which includes the history of Indigenous people.
- GSACRD has applied for and received a grant of \$47,500 for literature which features stories about FNMI children.
- June 21 is National Aboriginal Day. To celebrate FNMI heritage within our schools, the elders suggested a Pipe Ceremony. This ceremony might include smudging, a practice used to cleanse and purify thoughts, feelings, and emotions, drummers, and singers and perhaps with a Round Dance to conclude the Ceremony.
- Edna Arcand felt that the grotto behind the church would be the ideal place for the Pipe Ceremony due to the historical significance on the hill and the cherished relationship between Fr Albert Lacombe and Chief Katsaweskum.
- Senior Admin will be consulted to see what and how the ceremony(ies) could be offered to attendees (representatives from the schools).
- New Strategy suggested for the 2017-2020 Three Year Education Plan – School funds will be used to support appropriate interventions for those students not achieving acceptable standards on provincial achievement tests and diploma exams.
- Edna led the closing prayer.
- Next meeting April 25th, 2017.