

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
GREATER ST. ALBERT ROMAN CATHOLIC
SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 734
HELD on MONDAY, May 15, 2017, 2:00 P.M.
District Office, 6 St. Vital Avenue,
St. Albert, AB**

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

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

212/17 Trustee Becigneul: **THAT** the Board of Trustees move In Camera at 2:01 p.m.
CARRIED (7/7)

OUT OF CAMERA

213/17 Trustee Proulx: **THAT** the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 3:16 p.m.
CARRIED (7/7)

The Board recessed until 3:30 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER Trustee McEvoy 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

214/17 Trustee Becigneul: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the agenda as presented.
CARRIED (7/7)

PRESENTATION DELEGATION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & SUMMARIES

215/17 Trustee Crockett: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on April 24, 2017 as circulated.
CARRIED (7/7)

216/17 Trustee Proulx: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the summary of the Audit Committee Meeting held on May 1, 2017 as circulated.
CARRIED (7/7)

217/17

Trustee McEvoy: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the summary of the Committee of the Whole Budget meeting held on May 8, 2017 as circulated.

CARRIED (7/7)

GOOD NEWS

Trustee Shaw shared the Good News Report.

Trustee McEvoy commended the Neil M. Ross School Community on the amazing Spring Concert which tied in Canada's 150th Celebration with a beautiful faith connection!

Trustee Shaw shared the success of SACHS students who competed in the recent Skills Competition and their successes. This included a mention regarding those individuals going to compete at Nationals.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were 2 questions from the public submitted and read by a single submitter, as follows:

1. Why was the final definition of "grandfathering" only provided to us after the consultation process was complete, as we were told that "grandfathering" would be applied to the entire family regardless of age or grade?
2. Will the GSACRD Board of Trustees grandfather my Grade 5 child through the Neil M Ross-Fowler bussing route, as our educational plan for her has been disrupted through the current boundary changes? Furthermore, would this grandfathering include my child in the current 2.4km guideline for waved bussing fees?

CONSENT ITEMS

Review of Board Policy 16 – Alternative Programs, and Board Policy 18 – Naming of Schools.

Trustee Radford requested Policy 20 – Laura Bird Memorial Beacon of Hope Award be moved to New Business as item 14.1

218/17

Trustee Tremblay: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the review of Board Policy 16 – Alternative Programs, and Board Policy 18 – Naming of Schools with no changes.

CARRIED (7/7)

ACTION ITEMS

Strategic Priority Report

Superintendent Keohane updated the Board on the process for bringing their 2017/18 Strategic priorities forward that would inform and update the Board's Strategic Priority Report.

219/17

Trustee McEvoy: **THAT the Board of Trustees** approve the 2017 - 2018 Board Strategic Priority Report as amended with a correction to the CCLC meeting date as May 16, 2017.

CARRIED (7/7)

Board Directed Instruction Fees Amendment

Secretary treasurer Schlag updated the Board on the previous motion that requires an update now that the provincial government has approved *Bill 1*, eliminating certain school fees. It was presented to the Board that current approved Instructional fees will need to be reversed with the exception of the out-of-province fee to align with this new legislation.

220/17

Trustee Becigneul: **THAT** the Board of Trustees rescind motion 120/17 and approve the elimination of Board directed fees for ECS and Learning Resources at the Elem, Jr. High, and Sr. High levels for the 2017-2018 school year (previously set at \$60- Elem, \$70-Jr High, \$100-Sr. High, and \$130 for ECS) and that Out-of-Province Tuition Fees for grades 1-12 students remain at \$10,750/year.

CARRIED (7/7)

Board Directed Transportation Fees

Secretary treasurer Schlag presented the Board with four options for consideration that would address new legislation, *Bill 1, An Act to Reduce School Fees*, and maintain an enhanced level of transportation service that is provided for communities and responds to feedback received through an online survey regarding increases and walk boundaries.

Trustees had a rigorous discussion on Transportation Fees and the enhanced service levels offered by the District. It was noted that students living less than 2.4 km from their designated school have never been funded by Alberta Education and *Bill 1* does not change that. In an attempt to recognize an increase of fees by \$150 would share the potential cost of enhanced service, without the opportunity to charge fees to all riders, equally between the Board and parents, the following motion was advanced:

221/17

Trustee Proulx: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the transportation fee schedule for 2017-18 with no charge for eligible riders living 2.4 km or more from their designated school and the following rates for all other students, which increase by \$150 from those in 2016-17: Grade K-12 \$420 Family of 3 or more \$995 Cross Boundary \$510

AND

THAT all students, regardless of distance, requesting more than one pick-up/drop-off location that requires more than one bus, will be subject to a fee of \$210 per year for access to a second bus, over and above the current year's applicable category bus pass fee.

DEFEATED (2 in favor, 5 opposed; Becigneul, McEvoy, Radford, Shaw, Crockett)

Upon recognizing the many uncertainties for the upcoming year, including actual riders, the argument was introduced to cover the cost of the enhanced service for a one year period, minimize costs as best as possible, and review costs again mid-year in 2017-18 to reassess for 2018-19 with solid information, the following motion was advanced:

222/17

Trustee McEvoy: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve

the transportation fee schedule for 2017-18 with no charge for eligible riders living 2.4 km or more from their designated school and the following rates for all other students, which remain the same as 2016-17: Grade K-12 \$270 Family of 4 or more \$845 Cross Boundary \$360

AND

THAT all students, regardless of distance, requesting more than one pick-up/drop-off location that requires more than one bus, will be subject to a fee of \$135 per year for access to a second bus, over and above the current year's applicable category bus pass fee.

CARRIED (5 in favor, 2 opposed; Crockett, Proulx)

Program Approval

Assistant superintendent Nixon updated the Board on programming plans resulting from community consultation that would introduce a Recreation Academy for grades four to six at Vital Grandin with some corresponding programming options to coincide, providing all students with enriched experiences. The boundary for the school will continue to remain open.

An update was provided to the Board regarding the feedback received regarding the programming opportunities for Sister Alphonse Academy. In response to this, an Academic Focus program will be introduced in will be introduced in grades four to six and an Advanced Placement Program in grades seven to nine. Additionally, the school will offer a Recreation Academy in grades four to nice and a range of CTS Options that would provide opportunities to explore interest in foods, fashion, etc. It was noted that, given the size of the school, a closed boundary is necessary for the Recreation Academy.

223/17

Trustee Becigneul: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve a Recreation Academy for Grades 4-6 students at Vital Grandin Elementary School with an open boundary for the 2017-2018 school year.

CARRIED (7/7)

224/17

Trustee Tremblay: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve a Recreation Academy for Grades 4-9 students at Sister Alphonse Academy (K-9) with a closed boundary for the 2017-2018 school year.

CARRIED (7/7)

225/17

Trustee McEvoy: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve Advanced Academic Programming (Grades 4-6) and Advanced Placement Programming (Grades 7-9) at Sister Alphonse Academy (K-9) with a closed boundary for the 2017-2018 school year.

CARRIED (7/7)

MOTION TO EXTEND

226/17

Trustee Becigneul: **THAT** the Board of Trustees extend the meeting until 7:00 p.m.

CARRIED (7/7)

NEW BUSINESS

Board Policy 20 – Laura Bird Memorial Beacon of Hope
Trustee Radford asked clarifying questions around the recognition to be provided to the successful recipient.

227/17

Trustee Proulx: **THAT** the Board of Trustees defer the consideration of Board Policy 20 Laura Bird Memorial Beacon of Hope Award to the June 26, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Board.

CARRIED (7/7)

INFORMATION ITEMS

Report from the Chair

Trustee Shaw updated the Board on correspondence received including invitations for participation in further consultation by the Ministry on the K-12 curriculum development.

Trustee Shaw also shared information on the Skills Development Competition held and the success of a select group of GSACRD students.

Report from the Superintendent

Assistant superintendent McGuinness provided **responses to Trustee Requests for Information** on three different questions, (1) the District’s current practice on criteria for Continuous Contracts for teachers, (2) the timelines and success of the Vice-Principal Application process, and (3) supports for Masters Degree study in the District.

Assistant superintendent McGuinness provided a Field Trip Activity Report and **Assistant superintendent Nixon** provided an overview on the plans to integrate the Nutrition Program Pilot within 1-2 and possibly more schools within the District.

Assistant superintendent Nixon updated the Board on the 150th Anniversary celebration plans including tree planting of the Autumn Blaze Maple – a growing symbol of our heritage at all St. Albert elementary schools. In Morinville, they will participate in a 150th Canada Mural Project, while Legal will celebrate Canada’s 150th milestone through a series of projects.

228/17

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

CARRIED (7/7)

BOARD COMMITMENTS

229/17

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

CARRIED (7/7)

CLARIFICATION PERIOD FOR PUBLIC & MEDIA

There were no questions.

TRUSTEE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

There were none.

MOTION TO EXTEND

230/17

Trustee Crockett: **THAT** the Board of Trustees extend the meeting until 8:00 p.m.

CARRIED (7/7)

CLOSING PRAYER

Trustee McEvoy offered the closing prayer.

IN CAMERA

231/17

Trustee Radford: **THAT** the Board of Trustees move In
Camera at 6:19 p.m.

CARRIED (7/7)

OUT OF CAMERA

232/17

Trustee Radford: **THAT** the Board of Trustees move
Out of Camera at 7:47 p.m.

CARRIED (7/7)

ADJOURNMENT

233/17

Trustee Becigneul: **THAT** the Board of Trustees adjourn
the regular meeting at 7:48 p.m.

CARRIED (7/7)

Secretary Treasurer

Chair