

**SUMMARY OF THE BOARD COMMITTEE of the WHOLE MEETING OF  
GREATER ST. ALBERT RCSSD NO. 734  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Trustees Becigneul, Crockett, Proulx, Radford, Schell, Shaw, and Tremblay

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Trustee Becigneul called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. and Trustee Schell offered the opening prayer, requesting that Archbishop McNeil, who passed away yesterday, remain in our prayers.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TERRITORIES**

Trustee Becigneul acknowledged that the Greater St. Albert Catholic School 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).

**DELEGATIONS** - None

**POLICY REVIEW FRAMEWORK**

Trustees reviewed Board Policies 5 and 6, Role of the Board Chair and Role of the Vice-Chair, along with Policy 13 – Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters, Policy 14 – Hearings on Teacher Matters, and Policy 19 – Acknowledging Territories of Indigenous Communities. Changes, where required, were discussed and agreed upon. All five policies will move to the Regular meeting on February 26, 2018 for approval.

**2018-2019 INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR**

Trustees were provided with the most recent revision of the 2018-19 Instructional Calendar, along with feedback received from the District Policy Advisory Council, School Councils, Council of Councils, the ATA Local, and Administrators. Trustees discussed the pros and cons of the calendar as presented and will vote on it at the Regular meeting on February 26, 2018.

**REVIEW of INCLUSIVE EDUCATION & MENTAL HEALTH ACCESS**

Trustees discussed the report provided by assistant superintendent Nixon and considered advocacy opportunities as they stressed the importance of Mental Health access by students.

**ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS (BUDGET 18-19)**

Secretary-Treasurer Schlag provided an update of enrollment projections for 18-19, after input from School Administrators. For budget purposes, not including PUF or St. Gabriel, the District will use 5,563 students as the basis for the allocation process to schools for the 2018-19 Budget.

**INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMME REPORT**

Assistant Superintendent Nixon provided a written update on the Middle Years Programme extending into High School. Trustees had opportunity for questions and discussion following the overview.

**ALBERTA SCHOOL COUNCILS' AWARDS PROGRAM**

Trustees were advised that nomination information was shared with School Administration and School Councils. No further action on this topic.

**CONTINUATION OF INTERNATIONAL FIELD TRIPS**

Trustees discussed the merits and challenges of international student field trips and the intent that trips should be inclusive for all rather than exclusive to a few. Trustees agreed that more information should be gathered and the discussion would continue and develop over time.

**BOARD FAITH RETREAT**

Trustee Shaw introduced the idea of a faith formation opportunity for Trustees similar to those available to school staffs and the Board would like to consider this in the next year's meeting calendar.

**MEETING WITH MLA'S**

Trustees discussed the best way to meet and advocate with MLA's and decided the best approach may be one at a time. Trustee Shaw will approach MLA Renaud to set up a meeting in the near future.

**BOARD LENTEN ACTIVITY FOR MARCH 5, 2018**

Trustee Shaw shared her desire for the Board and senior administration to participate in a Lenten activity, in line with the Faith Theme for this year on Servant Leadership, that will take place at the March 5<sup>th</sup>, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

**ADVOCACY DISCUSSION – PARISH ENGAGEMENT**

Since new priests have joined the parishes within the District, Trustees would like to have an opportunity to get to know them better informally and thought inviting them to an informal dinner of a meet and greet type would be a good start. Trustee Tremblay will reach out to find a good time for this after Easter.

**TRUSTEE COMMITTEE & SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORTS**

Trustee Shaw shared the ACSTA Report by email and Trustees verbally shared information from their attendance at School Council meetings and discussed various activities at the schools.

**FIRST NATIONS, METIS, and INUIT ACTIVITY**

Trustees reviewed the Education for Reconciliation February Update, which is available on the District website. Assistant Superintendent Nixon shared a short video and provided Trustees with some resources for an activity to help develop respectful language when speaking about Indigenous Peoples' identities locally, provincially, and internationally.

Trustee Schell offered the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 p.m.

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Meeting chaired by Trustee Becigneul