

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
GREATER ST. ALBERT ROMAN CATHOLIC
SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 734
HELD on MONDAY, February 26, 2018, 2 P.M.
District Office, 6 St. Vital Avenue,
St. Albert, AB**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT Trustee Proulx

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

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

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

IN CAMERA

140/18 Trustee Becigneul: THAT the Board of Trustees move In Camera at 2:00 p.m.
CARRIED (6/6)

OUT OF CAMERA

141/18 Trustee Becigneul: THAT the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 3:01 p.m.
CARRIED (6/6)

The Board recessed until 3:30 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER

Trustee Radford 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. Kinanâskomitin Manito (Thank you Creator).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

142/18 Trustee Schell: THAT the Board of Trustees approve the agenda as presented.
CARRIED (6/6)

PRESENTATION DELEGATION

There were no presentations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & SUMMARIES

143/18 Trustee Becigneul: THAT the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on January 29, 2018 as circulated.
CARRIED (6/6)

144/18 **Trustee Crockett:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the Special Meeting (Land) held on February 12, 2018 as circulated.
CARRIED (6/6)

145/18 **Trustee Radford:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the summary of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 12, 2018 as circulated.
CARRIED (6/6)

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE & EVENT REPORTS

146/18 **Trustee Tremblay:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the ACSTA Report, distributed by Trustee Shaw, from the February 12, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting.
CARRIED (6/6)

GOOD NEWS

Trustee Shaw shared Good News Report.

Trustee Becigneul shared the Neil M. Ross Shrove Tuesday net proceeds were \$1,428.07; of which \$1,000 was donated to the Holy Child Foundation and the remaining \$428.07 was donated to the Catholic Social Services Sign of Hope.

Trustee Radford commented on the athletic success at MCHS in a range of sports including the boys and girls curling teams who received medals at their zone final. Congratulations!

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions.

CONSENT ITEMS

Board Policy Review

147/18 **Trustee Tremblay:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the review of the following 3 policies with the changes presented:

- Board Policy 5 – Role of the Board Chair,
- Board Policy 6 – Role of the Vice-Chair,
- Board Policy 13 – Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters;

AND the following 2 policies with no changes as presented:

- Board Policy 14 – Hearings on Teacher Matters and,
- Board Policy 19 - Acknowledging Territories of Indigenous People within District Events

CARRIED (6/6)

ACTION ITEMS

2018-2019 Instructional Calendar

148/18 **Trustee Crockett:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the 2018-2019 Instructional Calendar as presented.
CARRIED (6/6)

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Report from the Chair

Trustee Shaw updated the Board on a recent meeting with the new Mayor of Sturgeon County, Alana Hynatiw, and reinforced

is was beneficial to connect on topics of mutual interest from time to time.

Trustee Shaw also indicated that she participated in a recent consultation hosted by the Alberta Government to gather feedback on the proposed Assurance Model, a mechanism that may replace the Accountability Pillar Report.

Report from the Superintendent

Superintendent D. Keohane shared reports on the following:

- ✓ Technology Fee Update
- ✓ Safe and Caring Schools Report
- ✓ Inclusive Education Report
- ✓ International Baccalaureate Programme Update
- ✓ 2017/2018 Student Enrolment Update
- ✓ 2017/2018 Staffing Update
- ✓ Transportation Overview
- ✓ Plant Operations & Maintenance Report
- ✓ Infrastructure Maintenance Renewal Update
- ✓ Faith and Spiritual Initiatives Report
- ✓ Board Commitments Update – public package vs. Trustee package.

Superintendent Keohane highlighted a significant indicator of success in the District’s Safe and Caring Schools Report was the reduction in the suspension rate across the district over the past 5 years of more than 50%.

Trustee Radford commended assistant superintendent Nixon on the work and information contained within the Inclusive Education Report.

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Trustee Radford: **THAT** the Board of Trustees direct administration to prepare information in the format required for submission as a policy statement at the 2018 Fall General Meeting by the indicated ASBA deadline and as outlined by Dr. Nixon’s Report on Inclusive Education and Mental Health Access and Advocacy.

CARRIED (6/6)

The **Transportation Overview** resulted in the following comments:

Trustee Shaw commented on the information related to early dismissal and the desire of the Board to review it in more detail.

Trustee Radford wondered what level of service other school authorities are providing around pre-K transportation.

Trustee Radford inquired as to the protocol around notification if cameras are being used on district buses. Secretary-treasurer Schlag indicated that signage in buildings and/or notification is always provided to parents when cameras are introduced on bus runs.

Trustee Radford inquired about looking at a different date rather than early August for portal information sessions to ensure they are scheduled at an optimal time for families.

150/18 **Trustee Becigneul:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees receive the superintendent's report as information. **CARRIED (6/6)**

BOARD COMMITMENTS

151/18 **Trustee Crockett:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the Board Commitments as presented and updated at this meeting. **CARRIED (6/6)**

CLARIFICATION PERIOD FOR PUBLIC & MEDIA

C. Bennett-Brown inquired about the 2018/2019 Instructional Calendar as to whether or not the reference to "no exams" on June 21 is accurate, and inquired as to the rationale for having the Year-End Mass in the morning of June 28 vs the afternoon.

TRUSTEE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Trustee Tremblay inquired as to whether or not we have implemented security measures at the District Office. Secretary-treasurer Schlag indicated this is an unfunded Capital Project and would need to wait until additional funds are set aside in Capital Reserves.

Trustee Shaw inquired as to what the student population is in the current Ward structure and whether or not the Electoral Wards should be reviewed in light of recent 4X4 formations. Secretary-treasurer Schlag indicated the enrolment report is organized by Wards.

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

ADJOURNMENT

152/18 **Trustee Tremblay:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees adjourn the regular meeting at 4:38 p.m. **CARRIED (6/6)**

Secretary Treasurer

Chair



EXECUTIVE summary

Elected Officers

Adriana LaGrange, President
Paul M. Bourassa, Vice President

Directors

Lory Iovinelli
Calgary RCSSD No. 1
Sr. Edith Elder
Catholic Education
Association of Yukon (CEAY)
John de Jong
Christ the Redeemer CSRD No. 3
Natalie Béland
Conseil scolaire Centre-Est No. 3
Steve Daigle
Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord No. 2
Stéphanie Ambrose
Conseil scolaire du Nord-Ouest No. 1
Louis Arseneault
Conseil scolaire Francosud
Greg Ibach
East Central Alberta CSSRD No. 16
Alene Mutala
Edmonton CSSD No. 7
Michelle Szott
Elk Island CSRD No. 41
Mel J. Malowany
Evergreen CSRD No. 2
Robert Yaro
Fort McMurray RCSSD No. 32
Michael Ouellette
Grande Prairie RCSSD No. 28
Serena Shaw
Greater St. Albert RCSSD No. 734
John Kuran
Holy Family CRD No. 37
Pat Bremner
Holy Spirit RCSR No. 4
Vince MacDonald
Lakeland RCSSD No. 150
Tammy Kennedy
Living Waters CRD No. 42
Dick Mastel
Medicine Hat CSRD No. 20
Kim Pasula
Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools
Rhonda Lafrance
St. Paul ERD No. 1
Henry Effen
St. Thomas Aquinas RCSR No. 38
Erin Currie
Yellowknife Catholic Schools

Ex-Officio

Most Rev. William McGrattan, Liaison Bishop
Karl Germann, CCSSA President
Dean Sarnecki, Executive Director

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ACTION ITEMS

2018-2020

ACSTA Strategic Plan

The Board approved its 2018-2020 Strategic Plan. This plan is the dynamic blueprint for moving ACSTA forward over the next three years

Catholic Education

Legal Summit

The Board directed administration to proceed with organizing a Catholic Education Legal Summit. It will be held on September 28, 2018 in Calgary, in conjunction with the Conference of Fellowship of Catholic Scholars Canada. More details will follow.

Local Engagement

Communities (SPIRITUS)

The Local Engagement Communities (SPIRITUS) Committee circulated a draft document titled "Covenant-Catholic Education Partners" and Vice President Paul Bourassa made a presentation to the Board on February 1st. The Board requested more clarity and information. This item will be brought forward to the May 25, 2018 meeting.



Conseil scolaire Centre-Est No. 3

Shared Initiatives

The Board received the November 30, 2017 letter from Edmonton Catholic Schools regarding shared initiatives. The Board has asked CCSSA to gather information from ACSTA member boards regarding partnerships that benefit children and local communities.

ASCA 2018 AGM

ACSTA values the parental voice and is encouraging parents to attend the ASCA 2018 AGM, April 20-22 at the Delta Edmonton South.

Board Ad Hoc Committee Selection

The Board members selected their committees. A listing of the 2017-2018 Board Ad Hoc Committees will be available in the member services section of the website.



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Blessings On Your Lenten Journey





REPORTS

Board

- ACSTA President
- Advocacy/Communications Committee
- Directors

Administration

- 2016-2019 Strategic Plan Action Taken
- Finance
- Accountability Reports
 - The Board reviewed Policy GP-1: Governance Commitment, GP-2: Philosophical Governing Style, GP-3: Role of the Board of Directors, GP-4: Duties and Powers of the Board of Directors, GP-5: Director Commitment and Responsibility, GP-6: Elected Officers' Roles, GP-7: External Board Representation, GP-8: Meetings of the Board of Directors, GP-9: Policy Development, Amendment and Deletion, GP-10: Awards.
- 2017 AGM & Convention Evaluation Statistics

Education Partners

- ASBA Zone 7
 - Michael Ouellette was acclaimed as the 2018 Zone 7 Representative
- CCSSA
- CCSTA
 - The Board received a progress report regarding the 2019 CCSTA Convention. ACSTA is hosting this event May 30-June 1 at the Coast Canmore Hotel and Conference Centre. The theme is *Faith Moving Mountains*.
 - ACSTA will be nominating Tony Sykora posthumously for the 2019 CCSTA Justice James Higgins Award
 - CCSTA is working with Ensignt Canada to increase contact with Members of Parliament at the provincial level. Directors were asked to reach out to their respective MP and encourage their board colleagues to do the same.

Upcoming Events

2018 Mark Your Calendar

- March 16-18
Religious Education Congress
(Anaheim)
- March 21-23
CASS/AE Annual Learning Conference
(Chateau Lacombe Hotel, Edmonton)
- April 20-22
Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA)
(Delta Edmonton South)
- April 26-29
ACSTA SPICE Retreat
(Kananaskis)
- April 30-May 1
CCSSA Meeting
(Kananaskis)
- May 1-4
ACSTA Blueprints Retreat
(Kananaskis)
- June 4-5
ASBA Spring General Meeting
(Red Deer)
- June 7-9
CCSTA Convention
(Kelowna)
- September 28
ACSTA Catholic Education Legal Summit
(Calgary)
- November 16-18
ACSTA Convention & AGM
(The Westin - Edmonton)

INFORMATION ITEMS

Registration Open for 2018 SPICE and Blueprints Retreats



Fr. Richard Leonard

"Rekindling the Fire:
On Mission with Christ in the Here & Now"