

**SUMMARY OF THE BOARD COMMITTEE of the WHOLE MEETING OF
GREATER ST. ALBERT RCSSD NO. 734
MONDAY, MAY 14, 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, C Moroziuk, assistant superintendent

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Radford called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and Trustee Crockett offered the opening prayer.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TERRITORIES

Trustee Radford 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).

RECOGNITION OF STAFF

Trustees recognized staff for their accomplishments as follows:

Edwin Parr Nominees: Callum MacMillan from Georges H Primeau (GHP) and Ryan Harrison from J. J. Nearing (JJN). Principal Allan Menduk from GHP and Principal Gina Anstruther and Vice-Principal Helen Jackson from JJN were on hand to offer a tribute to their respective nominees.

Excellence in Catholic Education Award Recipient: Brent Kieser from Richard S Fowler. Superintendent Keohane provided some background to the award and meaningful examples of why Mr. Kieser was deserving of this award.

2017 Guiding the Journey-Indigenous Educator Award Recipient: Billie-Jo Grant from Vincent J Maloney (VJM). Assistant Superintendent Nixon shared the nomination letter sent on Ms. Grant's behalf, outlining her many contributions to Indigenous education.

Trustees provided each teacher with a token of appreciation and recessed to celebrate with all present.

POLICY REVIEW FRAMEWORK

Trustees reviewed Board Policy 9 – Board Representatives and the changes necessary due to the addition of membership in the Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards. Board Policy 16 – Alternative Programs was reviewed with changes to reflect alignment with the *School Act*, regulations, and Administrative Procedures. A review of Board Policy 18 – Naming of Schools resulted in no further changes. All three policies will move to the Regular meeting on May 28, 2018 for approval.

TRANSPORTATION FEES PREVIEW

Trustees reviewed a draft copy of the Transportation budget with five different scenarios, from no fee increase with deficit consequences to an increase of \$90 for riders accessing enhanced service (students < 2.4 km from their designated school) and the same increase for a family rate, and a \$150 increase for Cross-Boundary fees. Trustees considered each scenario and the impact on the overall budget. This item will move to the Regular meeting on May 28, 2018 for approval.

EARLY DISMISSAL FRIDAYS

Trustees reviewed the information provided by Assistant Superintendents Moroziuk and Nixon on early dismissal Fridays at MCHS, SACHS, and VJM including the research, implications for student safety, associated costs, and transportation impact on schools sharing bus routes. Trustees had good discussion and exchange on the topic. This item will move to the Regular meeting on May 28, 2018 for approval.

DRAFT BASIS for ALLOCATIONS to SCHOOLS REVIEW

Trustees reviewed the changes to the Basis for Allocations to Schools, specific to the 2018-19 school year, following the budget meeting held on April 25, 2018. Changes include updates to budgetary principles, class size adjustments for allocation purposes, additions of allocations for Pedagogy & Technology (which has been provided for a few years) and Chaplaincy (new for 18-19), and the inclusion of the process for the utilization of contingency. All three addendums were reviewed as well. This item will move to the Regular meeting on May 28, 2018 for approval.

TRUSTEE COMMITTEE & SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORTS

Trustee Becigneul provided three written reports from his attendance at the Zone 2/3 Meeting on April 27, 2018, and two St. Albert Chamber of Commerce Meetings on April 11, 2018 and May 9, 2018. Trustee Proulx provided feedback from the Legal School Council on the new Visual Identity rollout.

FIRST NATIONS, METIS, and INUIT ACTIVITY

Trustees reviewed the Education for Reconciliation May Update, which is available on the District website. Assistant Superintendent Nixon shared a short exercise with Trustees, providing an insight to the meaning of names to indigenous peoples. The book, **Thunderboy Jr.**, was shared with the Board to illustrate the power of a “name”.

Trustee Crockett offered the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

Meeting chaired by Trustee Radford