

**SUMMARY OF THE BOARD COMMITTEE of the WHOLE MEETING OF  
GREATER ST. ALBERT RCSSD NO. 734  
MONDAY, JUNE 11, 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 Crockett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed Elder Ella Arcand, the students, their families, and teachers. Trustee Crockett advised that Elder Edna Arcand was unable to attend and sent her regrets. Trustee Proulx offered the opening prayer.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TERRITORIES**

Trustee Crockett 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).

**TOBACCO OFFERING to ELDERS**

As a gesture of respect and thanksgiving, Superintendent Keohane provided a tobacco offering to Elder Ella Arcand which was gracefully accepted.

**RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS**

Elder Ella Arcand led a smudge ceremony to honor the student award recipient, **Chloe Verhaeghe** from Neil M. Ross, who received the ASBA **The Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Award** at Government House in Edmonton on May 12, 2018, which recognizes First Nations, Métis and Inuit students who model strength and commitment in the pursuit of their personal education path and embrace their own gifts, strengths and potential while celebrating the ways of their people. Four additional students, **Braelynn Callinan** (Neil M. Ross), **Brady Arcand** (Richard S. Fowler Catholic Junior High School), **Creedance Nadeau** (Legal School), **Warren Smoker** (Legal School) all received Honourable Mention for this award and received Certificates of recognition from ASBA. All students received special hand-painted rocks from the Elders that focused on “one of the seven teachings”, such as wisdom, courage, respect, love, truth, honesty, and humility. Students were able to participate in the smudge ceremony with their keepsake rocks. Trustees provided all five students with Certificates of Recognition from the Board and Chair Shaw expressed the Board was proud of the students and this achievement. The students and all present were treated to hospitality with special cupcakes and other treats.

**POLICY REVIEW FRAMEWORK**

Trustees reviewed Board Policy 11 – Board Delegation of Authority and Board Policy 21 – Staff Recruitment and Selection and no revisions appeared to be required. Both policies will move to the Regular meeting on June 25, 2018 for approval.

Trustees also reviewed multiple Administrative Procedures that align with Board Policy 1 – Mission Statement, Values and Beliefs, Goals and Objectives and were updated as a result of Bill 24:

- 140 – Use of Technology
- 149 – Social Media
- 350 – Student Discipline Framework
- 358 – Harassment (District Students)
- 359 – Safe and Caring Learning Environments
- 360 – Code of Conduct Review to Address Bullying
- 361 – Accommodating and Respecting Gender Identity and Expression
- 412 – Occupational Health and Safety
- 460 – Harassment (Employees)

**GALLUP STUDENT POLL ANNUAL REPORT**

Trustees reviewed the 2018 Engagement Results of students and had an opportunity to ask questions and engage with Superintendent Keohane on several areas of interest.

**TRUSTEE ADVOCACY – PRAYING FOR OTHERS**

Trustee Shaw introduced that on occasion special prayers are often included in prayer from time to time and wondered if this might become a standard practice at Regular Board Meetings beginning in

September 2018. Trustees thought this would be a good idea and Administration will assist with coordinating this for the Board.

#### **TRUSTEE ADVOCACY WITH MLA'S**

Trustee Radford advised Trustees that Sturgeon School Division had a section called Political Activism on their website, which outlined the Board's plans to meet with the Minister and Deputy Ministers from the Ministry of Alberta Education, along with plans to meet and liaise with local politicians. Trustee Radford is interested in pursuing a similar plan for GSACRD Trustees.

#### **TRUSTEE COMMITTEE & SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORTS**

Trustee Becigneul provided a written report from his attendance at the Zone 2/3 Meeting on May 25, 2018. Trustee Shaw presented a written report from her attendance at the ACSTA meeting held on May 25, 2018. Trustee Proulx provided information from the Legal School Council that various high profile individuals from the Legal community were invited to share the morning announcements with students.

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

Trustees reviewed the Education for Reconciliation June Update, which is available on the District website. Assistant Superintendent Nixon shared additional information on the Seven Grandfathers, which focused on the seven teachings that define Cree heritage and values. Trustees and Administration were invited to choose a special keepsake hand-painted rock that focused on one of the teachings, just as the students did earlier; although Trustees were able to choose their rock, while Elder Ella Arcand had prechosen for the students Presenting the rock that she felt best represented their "gift" in life.

Trustee Proulx offered the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

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Meeting chaired by Trustee Crockett