

**SUMMARY OF THE BOARD COMMITTEE of the WHOLE MEETING
OF GREATER ST. ALBERT RCSSD NO. 734
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Trustee Radford

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

D Keohane, superintendent; R Nixon, assistant superintendent, C Moroziuk, assistant superintendent

ADMINISTRATION ABSENT

D Schlag, secretary-treasurer

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Schell called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and Trustee Becigneul offered the opening prayer.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TERRITORIES

Trustee Schell 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).

POLICY REVIEW FRAMEWORK

Trustees reviewed Policy 11: Board Delegation of Authority; Policy 13: Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters and Policy 20: Laura Bird Memorial Beacon of Hope Award. All three (3) policies will move to the Regular meeting on January 28, 2019 for approval with no substantial revisions from what was presented. The changes to policy 11 are to incorporate the Guide to Education expectations regarding online learning and shared responsibility programs. The Laura Bird Memorial Beacon of Hope Award Policy 20 background statement includes a revision to provide clarity that ensures all staff members who meet the criteria are eligible.

Review of Inclusive Education Programming

Assistant Superintendent, R. Nixon presented the report highlighting the extensive work on the review and updating of Safe and Caring policy and procedures has been quite intensive. The District has done excellent work in completing this and it is being recognized by other jurisdictions. Nixon highlighted new initiatives that are providing great results in supporting students. It was also noted that a grant to access the Wellness Fund was submitted and that the anonymous reporting system See It, Report It tool has been used by our students appropriately resulted in investigating and addressing inappropriate behavior.

Alberta School Councils' Association Awards

Superintendent, D. Keohane reviewed the award categories and criteria and noted it would be shared with principals and School Council Chairs at their upcoming Council of School Council Meeting. It was highlighted that nominations need to be submitted by February 28, 2019.

TRUSTEE ADVOCACY

- **Alberta School Boards Association Questions Regarding Board Autonomy** – Trustee Becigneul received input from the Board and will compile responses that align with the 2018 – 2019 Board Advocacy Plan to share at the upcoming zone meeting.
- **Distribution of Topics for Presentation at Upcoming MLA Meetings** – Trustees discussed the areas of significance to review with MLA's that would align with their provincial role.
- **Sweetheart Soiree – GSACRD Foundation** – The event will be held February 9, 2018 at Holy Family Parish and include dinner, Silent Auction and entertainment provided by singer, songwriter, Martin Kerr.
- **Alberta School Councils' Association** – Trustee Shaw highlighted the importance in ensuring parents are informed about the opportunity to attend the ASCA Annual Conference and General Meeting and the opportunity it provides to shape the organization's governance.

TRUSTEE COMMITTEE & EVENT REPORTS

- Trustee Crockett provided a written report from her attendance at the St. Albert Chamber of Commerce Meetings held on November 14, 2018.
- Trustee Crockett provided a summary report from her attendance at the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Leadership Committee meeting held on December 14, 2018 highlighting the addition of new members, the Medicine Wheel teaching cards and how they will be used to support understanding across district schools. The importance of a protocol for teachers to engage students in smudging was also discussed.

TRUSTEE SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORTS

Several trustees shared the positive feedback they received at recent School Council meetings with regard to the proposed schedule for the Instructional Calendars for the 2019 – 2020 and 2020 – 2021 school years. It was highlighted that parents appreciated the opportunity to participate in the process via the survey to share their thoughts on what mattered most to their families.

Trustee Bécigneul offered the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Meeting chaired by Trustee Schell