

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
GREATER ST. ALBERT ROMAN CATHOLIC
SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 734
HELD on MONDAY, April 29, 2019, 2:00 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; C Moroziuk, assistant superintendent, and D Schlag, secretary-treasurer

CALL TO ORDER Trustee **Becigneul** called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

IN CAMERA

143/19 Trustee **Tremblay**: **THAT** the Board of Trustees move In Camera at 2:02 p.m.
CARRIED (6/6)

OUT OF CAMERA

144/19 Trustee **Crockett**: **THAT** the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 3:24 p.m.
CARRIED (6/6)

The Board recessed until 3:30 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER

Trustee **Crockett** offered the Opening Prayer.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Greater St. Albert Catholic School Board acknowledges that it 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

145/19 Trustee **Schell**: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the agenda as presented with the addition of 14.1 Support of Local Project (Radford).
CARRIED (6/6)

PRESENTATION DELEGATION

There were no presentations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & SUMMARIES

146/19 Trustee **Tremblay**: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on March 18, 2019 as circulated.

CARRIED (6/6)

147/19 **Trustee Shaw:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the summary of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on April 8, 2019 as circulated.

CARRIED (6/6)

148/19 **Trustee Tremblay:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the summary of the Committee of the Whole Budget Meeting held on April 23, 2019 as circulated.

CARRIED (6/6)

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE & EVENT REPORTS

149/19 **Trustee Crockett:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the committee reports from the Board Committee of the Whole meeting held April 8, 2019.

- Business Liaison – St. Albert Chamber
- First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Leadership Committee

CARRIED (6/6)

GOOD NEWS

Trustee Beigneul shared the Good News Report.

Trustee Radford commended Morinville Community High School on the Drama students involved in the productions performed at the One Act Drama Festival. Numerous awards and accolades were received by many students involved.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions.

CONSENT ITEMS

150/19 **Trustee Radford:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees receive the consent items attached and approve all recommendations contained therein as follows:

- 12.1. Review of Board Policy 16: Alternative Programs and Board Policy 18: Naming of Schools
- 12.2. Policy 2: Role of the Board (Long Service Awards)
- 12.3. Junior High School Locally Developed Courses: Sports Medicine 7-8-9, Citizenship 7-8-9
- 12.4. St. Albert Community Foundation Supporting Mental Health Event Sponsorship

CARRIED (6/6)

ACTION ITEMS

2019-2020 Board Directed Transportation Fees

Secretary-treasurer Schlag updated the Board on the rationale for the proposed Schedule of Fees of Transportation for the 2019/20 school year. The schedule includes some increases to the service fees for those students accessing enhanced service and minimal impacts to ride times in St. Albert. It was also highlighted the rates continue to remain competitive with other jurisdictions with the continued practice of a waiver process for those families in need.

151/19 **Trustee Crockett:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the transportation fee schedule for 2019-20 with no

charge for eligible riders living 2.4 km or more from their designated school and the following rates for all other students, which increase from those in 2018-19 by \$15 for the regular rate, \$25 for the cross-boundary rate, \$15 for family rate, to the following:

Grade K-12	\$345
Family of 3 or more	\$960
Cross Boundary	\$485

AND

THAT all students, regardless of distance or fee paid, requesting more than one pick-up/drop-off location requiring more than one bus, will be subject to a second access fee, valued at 50% over and above the current year's applicable category bus pass fee, assessed or applicable if assessed (as in the case of eligible riders), be as follows:

\$173 per year (based on the regular rate; 50% of \$345) or;

\$243 per year (based on the cross-boundary rate; 50% of \$485)

CARRIED (6/6)

Strategic Priority Report

152/19

Trustee Radford: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the 2019-2020 Board Strategic Priority Report as presented.

CARRIED (6/6)

Action on Smoking and Health Legislation – Statement of Support

153/19

Trustee Tremblay: **THAT** the Board of Trustees support the request from Action on Smoking and Health by signing the attached Statement of Support to Stop the Repeal of Important Legislation to Protect Thousands of Alberta Youth from the Hazards of Tobacco, Smoking and Vaping.

CARRIED (6/6)

NEW BUSINESS

Support for Local Area Project

Trustee Radford shared information from the Morinville Rotary Club and the Centralta Tourism Society who are seeking community support and government funding to bring into Morinville a LAV III Monument Project that honours Military families.

154/19

Trustee Radford: **THAT** the Board of Trustees confirm support for the LAV III Monument Project in Morinville, honoring the Canadian Forces, by providing letters of support on behalf of both the Rotary Club of Morinville and Centralta Tourism Society.

CARRIED (6/6)

INFORMATION ITEMS

Report from the Chair

Board Chair, Becigneul circulated correspondence including the response from the Deputy Minister on the inquiry regarding High School CEU's changes; the letter highlights the recovery of funding was rescinded and the 45 CEU cap has been removed for both the 2018-19 and 2019-20 school year.

Congratulatory letters, sent on behalf of the Board, to the successful MLA's serving the constituencies of Morinville-St. Albert and St. Albert, were also shared.

Chair Becigneul also provided an update on the district's inaugural GrACE meeting including the committee membership and plans for an upcoming community engagement event. This event would assist in providing some strategic direction for the Committee that honours the local context.

Report from the Superintendent

Information updates from administration included the following items:

Open House Advertising (Bruineman)
Grants that Provided Add-ons or Enhancements to Core Services (Nixon)
Leadership Succession Planning (Moroziuk)
Field Trip Activity Report (Moroziuk)

155/19 **Trustee Tremblay:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees receive the superintendent's report as information.

CARRIED (6/6)

MEETING EXTENSION

156/19 **Trustee Crockett:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees extend the regular meeting of the Board until 6:30 p.m.

CARRIED (6/6)

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

City of St. Albert Engaging in Reconciliation

Trustee Crockett highlighted the City of St. Albert's initiative to establish an ongoing committee committed to Truth and Reconciliation. The Board discussed participation on this committee.

157/19 **Trustee Radford:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees direct Trustee Crockett to attend the City of St. Albert's initiative of Payhonin Reconciliation for the remainder of the school year, on behalf of the Board and any associated costs for this event be charged to the General Fund.

CARRIED (6/6)

158/19 **Trustee Shaw:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees receive the Public Engagement Highlights as information.

CARRIED (6/6)

CLARIFICATION PERIOD FOR PUBLIC & MEDIA

There were no questions.

TRUSTEE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION.

There was no request at this time.

CLOSING PRAYER

Trustee Crockett offered the closing prayer.

IN CAMERA

159/19

Trustee Radford: **THAT** the Board of Trustees move In Camera at 5:22 p.m.

CARRIED (6/6)

OUT OF CAMERA

160/19

Trustee Shaw: **THAT** the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 6:30 p.m.

CARRIED (6/6)

ADJOURNMENT

161/19

Trustee Tremblay: **THAT** the Board of Trustees adjourn the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

CARRIED (6/6)

Secretary Treasurer

Chair



Committee Report Summary

Board Committee of the Whole Meeting Date: April 8, 2019

Submitted By: Trustee Crockett

Committee/Event Name: St Albert Chamber of Commerce

Committee/Event Date: March 13, 2019

St Albert's Chamber of Commerce - Candidates Forum 2019

St Albert

Alberta Advantage Party – Don Petruka

Green Party – Cameron Jefferies - Absent

New Democratic Party – Marie Renaud

United Conservative Party – Jeff Wedman

Don Petruka, a candidate for the Alberta Advantage Party, a former Wildrose Party member believes in a common-sense type of politics. Don stated there is too much government in Alberta at this time and government involvement must step back. Don, a mechanic for 20 years and former employer of 8 employees feels government must raise basic exemption to \$45 000 and decrease flat tax for business.

Marie Renaud seeking re-election, worked for non-profits for 20 years prior to her election in 2015. Marie feels the collapse of the oil and gas industry in 2014, low rates for oil and infrastructure deficits made difficult choices for the NDP government. In the past 4 years: 244 school were built or renovated, \$2 million investment in the Sturgeon Hospital, \$2.3 million investment in the NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) at Sturgeon Hospital, increased minimum wage to \$15 an hour, increased index for severely handicap, made a priority for diversification and the greening of the economy and made deliberate choices to hire teachers and nurses. Marie concluded her talk stating we had huge challenges and huge opportunities.

Jeff Wedman, a UCP candidate has served in the military prior to his career in the Edmonton Police Service. His wife, Sherry is a teacher and they have 2 sons that attend Paul Kane High School. Jeff stated that North Dakota too had a recession in 2015 but now the economy is thriving. Investment growth declined 40% from 2015 – 2018 in Alberta due to poor job stats, he claimed, with 42 000 private jobs lost including public service jobs. His party, if elected would reduce business tax from 12 – 8% which would help small business owners (90% of businesses are small business and have less than 50 employees). “Calgary has the highest unemployment rate in Canada with Edmonton having the third highest,” quoted Jeff. The UCP if elected, would cut taxes by 1% July 1, and a further 1% each July 1 in their 4-year term.

Morinville- St Albert

Alberta Party – Neil Korotash

Green Party – Cass Romyn - Absent

New Democratic Party – Shawna Gawreluck

United Conservative Party – Dale Nally

Neil Kortash, a candidate for the Alberta Party has served 2 terms in Council for the City of St Albert, has taught for 15 years and presently coaches’ hockey and basketball. His Party, led by Stephen Mandel believe that there are too many regulations in safety, WCB and too many barriers in trade. Their platform includes building healthy communities, sustaining infrastructure, and implementing the new curriculum.

Shawna Gawreluck – chose to step aside March 16, 2019

Next Chamber Luncheon – April 10, 2019

Speaker – Alanna Hnatiw

Sturgeon Valley Golf Course



Committee Report Summary

Board Committee of the Whole Meeting Date:	April 8, 2019
Submitted By:	Joan Crockett (Serena Shaw, René Tremblay)
Committee/Event Name:	First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Leadership Committee
Committee/Event Date:	March 15, 2019

Hospitality and Networking

Tobacco Offering and Opening Prayer

Acknowledgement of Territories

Enculturated Mass - National Indigenous Peoples' Day

- **When** - June 21, 2019 @ 9:00am

- **What** - Enculturated Mass co-celebrated with Archbishop Sylvain and Father Susai from Sacred Heart Parish. Prayers, smudging, drumming, round dance and a sign of peace will be incorporated into the mass. Messaging will be going out to schools immediately. Dignitaries to be invited.

Where - Grotto behind St Albert Parish (weather permitting), if not in the church.

Indigenous Spirituality and Catholic Faith Connection - Colin Loselle, Religious Ed Consultant

- How does our Catholic faith connect to Indigenous spirituality and culture? This year, Colin has purchased artifacts to visibly connect our faith to Indigenous culture. With each artifact, a teaching card will be shared with a few teaching points.

- Review and discussion to the accuracy and authenticity of the Fact Cards took place: Inuksuk, Metis Sash, Medicine Wheel, Smudging. More discussion to take place on the Inukshuk fact card as more information is needed. Rene Tremblay will try to engage an Inuit friend to help with authenticity.

Indigenous Literacy Connections - Yvonne Stang - Literacy Consultant

Truth and Reconciliation Model presented:

1. Awareness of the past
2. Acknowledgment of the harm that was done
3. Atonement
4. Action to change behavior

"Speaking Our Truth" by Monique Gray Smith

- A British Columbian author writes personal stories and reflections for middle grade students to learn more about residential schools and reconciliation. Impacts of Colonialization are reflected on through thinking and question prompts.

- **Analyzing Stereotypes of First Nations** - In pairs, we shared ideas of messages conveyed, misconceptions and stereotypes present in cartoons, movies etc. Example - Picture of an Indigenous person dressed for a Powwow and the question - So which are you? A sport team or a Disney character?

I'm not the Indian You Had in Mind - Thomas King (Video) suitable for English 30 -1

- Indigenous actors recite a poem explaining that society's perception is guided by images in films and other media of "Indians", but that they are not the "Indians" as portrayed in those images which tend to be stereotypes. Summary - I am an ordinary fellow human being, your neighbor, your bus driver or activist in jail. But we must live the way that was provided from decisions made from long ago.

Phyllis Kelly - Chair, Diversity, Equity, and Human Resources Committee (subcommittee of ATA)

- shared that as a chair, she is a medium for information to flow through. Phyllis will help inform staff of events that may increase their knowledge.

- Examples:

- Reconciling Edmonton Exhibit - March 30 - Art Gallery of St Albert

- Walk With Me Display - St Albert Public Library - ends March 31

- Understanding TRC - March 27 - St Albert Public Library

- In This Together: An Honest Chat about Reconciliation Since TRC - March 30 - Arden Theatre

Billie-Jo Grant - Métis Curriculum & Resource Développement (Rupert's Land Institute)

- Billie-Jo makes up lesson plans and presents to schools. She spoke of going to Elk Island Catholic and presenting to grades 5 - 12. Several teachers from VJM were invited to learn how a lesson plan may be developed and implemented.

Closing prayer.

Next meeting - April 26, 2019

**STATEMENT OF SUPPORT TO STOP THE
REPEAL OF IMPORTANT LEGISLATION
TO PROTECT THOUSANDS OF
ALBERTA YOUTH FROM THE HAZARDS OF
TOBACCO, SMOKING AND VAPING**

DEAR PREMIER:

Five years have passed since the Legislative Assembly approved life-saving tobacco legislation—the *Tobacco Reduction Amendment Act* (2013). This legislation received all-party support in the Assembly including backing from your Caucus members.

As you know, several important sections of this bill remain unproclaimed and are now at risk of being permanently revoked under the requirements of the *Statutes Repeal Act*. The Repeal Act stipulates that any legislation (or sections thereof) not proclaimed into force within five years must be repealed unless the sections are proclaimed into force within one year of the five-year deadline.

The following sections of the tobacco legislation are now on the **chopping block** and will be permanently repealed in 2019 unless they are proclaimed into force beforehand:

- A ban on flavoured waterpipe tobacco (shisha tobacco), which has become increasingly popular among Alberta youth. Almost 5,000 Alberta youth reported smoking shisha tobacco in 2017.
- A ban on waterpipe use in indoor establishments. No one should be forced to breathe secondhand smoke in public establishments. Many of these establishments allow minors to enter.
- A ban on e-cigarettes and vaping in public establishments. Vaping among Alberta high school students almost tripled in Alberta between 2015 and 2017 and has become epidemic in scope. There are now over 35,000 youth vapers in Alberta. Kids must be protected from all forms of nicotine addiction.

Your Cabinet can rescue these outstanding sections in just *one meeting* by simply proclaiming them into force. If your government is truly committed to protecting Alberta youth from the deadly consequences of tobacco use, then you must rescue this important legislation from the chopping block. The health of Alberta youth should not be subject to political stalling and shenanigans.

Several more sections of the tobacco law have been proclaimed but remain unimplemented including:

- Mandatory training for all tobacco retailers.
- Mandatory carding of any tobacco purchaser who appears to be under 25.
- Prohibiting minors from selling tobacco. Minors as young as 13 can legally sell tobacco due to an unjustified exemption. Only properly trained adults should be allowed to sell harmful drugs.

Ironically, parallel requirements presently apply to *every* alcohol and cannabis retailer in Alberta. Retailers who sell the deadliest drug on the planet are not subject to the same rules as those who sell cannabis and alcohol. This deadly double standard cannot be justified.

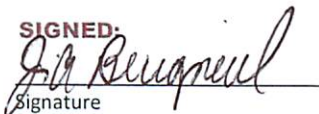
Tobacco kills 3,800 Albertans annually and there are 27,000 school-aged youth tobacco users in Alberta. The tobacco legislation is intended to provide children and youth with effective protection from the ravages of tobacco use and to help them remain tobacco-free for life.

As you know, the tobacco lobby has mounted a *full-court press* of 12 registered lobbyists who are now working the political backrooms, trying to derail important tobacco policy measures including those referenced above. Tobacco companies and their lobbyists cannot be allowed to dictate public health in Alberta.

We urge you and your Cabinet to move swiftly to protect Alberta youth by rescuing the tobacco legislation from the chopping block and by fully implementing this critical life-saving law.

Alberta youth deserve first-class protection from the ravages of tobacco use and addiction. Protection delayed is protection denied. Further delays cannot be justified.

SIGNED:


Signature

JOE BELIGNEUL
Print name

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