

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GREATER ST. ALBERT ROMAN
CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 734
HELD on MONDAY, October 27, 2014, 6:30 P.M.
École Notre Dame School, 9717 Morinville Drive
Morinville, AB**

MEMBERS PRESENT Trustees Caron, Crockett, Kaup, McEvoy, Proulx, Radford, and Shaw

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

D. Keohane, superintendent, S. McGuinness, assistant superintendent, D. Quick, assistant superintendent, D. Schlag, secretary-treasurer

CALL TO ORDER **Trustee Radford** called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER **Trustee Crockett** offered the opening prayer.

IN CAMERA

54/15 **Trustee Kaup:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees move In Camera at 6: 34 p.m. **CARRIED (6/6)**

Trustee McEvoy joined the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

OUT OF CAMERA

55/15 **Trustee Proulx:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 7:34 p.m. **CARRIED (7/7)**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

56/15 **Trustee Proulx:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the agenda as amended with the addition of:
11.4 Ratification of UNIFOR Local 72-A MOA
11.5 Grievance Committee Endorsement
11.6 Long term school plans in St. Albert
11.7 Nominations for Healthy School Community Award
CARRIED (7/7)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

57/15 **Trustee Kaup:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 29, 2014 as circulated. **CARRIED (7/7)**

58/15 **Trustee Shaw:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Board held on October 20, 2014 as circulated. **CARRIED (7/7)**

59/15 **Trustee McEvoy:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the summary of the Board Advocacy Committee meeting held on October 20, 2014 as circulated. **CARRIED (7/7)**

65/15 **Trustee Proulx:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees ratify the Memorandum of Agreement of October 3, 2014 between Greater St. Albert Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 734 and UNIFOR Local 72-A for a three-year term from September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2017, with the salary schedule and other items, most of which are outlined in the background.

CARRIED (7/7)

Grievance Committee Endorsement

66/15 **Trustee McEvoy:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees support the recommendation made by the Grievance Committee as a result of the meeting held on Monday, October 20, 2014 at 3:00 pm.

CARRIED (7/7)

Long-term School Plans in St. Albert

Trustee Caron spoke to the need to work closely and quickly with the City of St. Albert at all levels to meet the timelines establish by the government to open the new K to 9 school by September 2017.

67/15 **Trustee Caron:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees, through means to be determined, advocate to the St. Albert City Council on a Long Term School Plan Strategy, specific to the recently approved new school for GSACRD.

CARRIED (7/7)

Nominations for Healthy School Communities Award

68/15 **Trustee Crockett:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees support the co-nomination of Dolores Andresson and Cathy Traynor from Bertha Kennedy School for the Healthy School Communities Award that will be submitted by the Health Promotion Coordinator of Alberta Health Services on October 31, 2014.

CARRIED (7/7)

NEW BUSINESS

ACSTA Silent Auction Item

Trustee McEvoy presented a suggestion for a silent auction item that would be reflective of, and unique to the Catholic faith for donation the upcoming ACSTA event.

69/15 **Trustee Crockett:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees delegate the responsibility to Trustee McEvoy for purchasing one or more appropriate silent auction items up to \$400 in total, as the Board's contribution to the ACSTA's Toonies for Tuition Fundraising Campaign.

CARRIED (7/7)

INFORMATION ITEMS

Report from the Chair

Chair Noreen Radford shared correspondence received on behalf of the Board including a thank you from B. Kallal for the opportunity to share her expertise on governance. The Report of the Blue Ribbon Panel on Inclusive Education was circulated.

Report from the Superintendent

Superintendent Keohane provided an update on the modernization plans and progress for St. Albert Catholic High.

Assistant Superintendent Quick shared information on the District's progress in implementing the Student Learning Assessment (SLA).

Superintendent Keohane commended leadership at all levels – teachers, principals, and District support services for the outstanding performance as reported through the government Accountability Pillar Report. In particular, the success of our high school students and our First Nations, Metis and Inuit students were highlighted.

Assistant Superintendent McGuinness shared a good news story regarding strong enrolments across the District and increasing numbers at the early years and grade ten at St. Albert Catholic High School. Correspondingly staffing levels remained strong.

Secretary-Treasurer Schlag updated the Board on the installation of the final modular to Ecole Notre Dame Elementary. This completes the pod of eight and brings the school total for modulars to 18 for the site.

70/15 **Trustee Caron:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees receive the superintendent's report as information.

CARRIED (7/7)

BOARD COMMITMENTS

71/15 **Trustee Shaw:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the Board Commitments as presented and updated at this meeting.

CARRIED (7/7)

CLARIFICATION PERIOD FOR PUBLIC & MEDIA

Lucie Roy, from the Morinville News, inquired about any planned changes to Remembrance Day ceremonies as a result of recent national events.

A public member requested information on the progress made in securing land for a new school site. In addition, clarification was requested on how to find information on the website regarding board meeting dates and agendas. It was noted that receiving more detailed information in advance of the meeting would be appreciated.

TRUSTEE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

There was no request for information.

MEETING EXTENSION

72/15 **Trustee Crockett:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees extend the meeting to 10:00 pm.

CARRIED (6 in favor, 1 opposed-Caron)

IN CAMERA

73/15 **Trustee McEvoy:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees move In Camera at 9:22 p.m.

CARRIED (7/7)

OUT OF CAMERA

74/15

Trustee Kaup: **THAT** the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 9:52 p.m.

CARRIED (7/7)

CLOSING PRAYER

Trustee Crockett offered the closing prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

75/15

Trustee Crockett: **THAT** the Board of Trustees adjourn the regular meeting at 9:53 p.m.

CARRIED (7/7)

Original Signed

Secretary Treasurer

Original Signed

Chair



Greater St. Albert Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 734

Committee Report Summary

Board Advocacy Committee Meeting Date: October 20, 2014

Submitted by Trustee: Dave Caron

Committee Name: Linkages

Committee Meeting Date & Time: October 2, 2014 (9:00 am)

Summary of Agenda Items:

Highlights of Items Relevant to GSACRD: The meeting commenced with tendering of a resignation letter by Edmonton Public, citing competing priorities to the work of Linkages that they instead wished to focus on.

Following was a discussion centering around the role Linkages may still play, especially in view of the new Regional Collaborative Service Delivery Model (RCSD model). RCSD's mandate is to make change as needed, to ensure timely and seamless coordination of the wrap-around services that Albertans expect. This in large part was the role of Linkages but Linkages was a regional organization (Edmonton centric) and RCSD is provincial in scope with several panels around the province.

Our only concern was that the RCSDs do not have any political appointees so the potential to bring political pressure to bear may be lacking.

Consequently it was resolved and approved unanimously to dissolve Linkages with the final act being to provide input to provincial political organizations through it former members to lobby for a political seat at the various RCSD tables. For eg, we would advance this through Zone 2/3 if desired, and a municipality may advance through AUMA.



Greater St. Albert Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 734

Committee Report Summary

Board Advocacy Committee Meeting Date: October 20, 2014

Submitted by Trustee: Trustee McEvoy

Committee/Event Name: Chamber Luncheon Mtg. St. Albert

Committee Meeting Date & Time: October 8th, 2014

Summary of Agenda Items: Chamber Elections
Business Awards
Community Spotlight
Lynda Moffat—New appointment
Farmers' Market

Highlights of Items Relevant to GSACRD: Elections:

New Executive as follows:

Chair-- Barry Bailey of Bailey Events Management

First and second vice-chairs—Ken McRae and Brian Bachynaski

Past Chair—Paul Quantz

Ten other members of the business community make up the Board.

Business Awards:

There are 42 nominees for the small business awards. The ceremony will take place on Thursday, October 16, 2014 at the Arden.

The Affordable Housing Society gave the community Spotlight this month. The presentation highlighted all the good work that has already been done and plans for future developments. The video featured families who have moved into newly built apartments at Northridge and how the affordable rents and safe environment has made a big difference in their lives.

Lynda Moffat has been appointed President of the Chamber of Commerce Executives of Canada and Director on the Board of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. Congratulations Lynda.

The indoor Farmers' Market will begin on Saturday, November 29th, 2014.

Submitted by: Trustee McEvoy.

For Advocacy Meeting Monday, October 20th, 2014.



Greater St. Albert Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 734

Committee Report Summary

Board Advocacy Committee Meeting Date: October 20, 2014

Submitted by Trustee: Joan Crockett

Committee/Event Name: Trustee Breakfast Launching 150 Years of Education in St. Albert

Committee/Event Meeting Date & Time: September 19, 2014 (7:30 am)

Highlights of Items Relevant to GSACRD:

GSACRD Trustees were honored to host a breakfast to launch a series of celebrations for the Districts 150th anniversary. Honorable Minister Stephen Khan, Mayor Nolan Crouse along with many other dignitaries, priests, nuns, media and local citizens gathered to share in the 150th anniversary launch.

Highlights included a congratulatory certificate presented by Mayor Nolan Crouse. The certificate in part read, *“Since the Grey Nuns arrival in St. Albert in 1863, countless individuals have contributed to this achievement, living your vision of Excellence in learning through faith, relationships, and engagement”*. The Grey Nuns philosophy placed a great emphasis on developing a moral compass in children.

A local historian, Ray Pinco, provided a historical background dating back to when the nuns arrived in St Albert and started the first public school out of a log cabin. Students learned French, English, history, math and religion along with practical skills such as farming, weaving and spinning. Ray’s talk concluded with his memories of being educated in the Little White School House.

To conclude our Trustee Breakfast, Board Chair Noreen Radford, Superintendent David Keohane and Trustee Dave Caron announced key events that will take place in the 2014 – 2015 school year. The District’s website is set up to highlight activities across the District and capture stories and memories from those who attended our schools. The 150th anniversary will conclude with a celebratory Mass on the Hill Thursday, June 11 and a Gala Event Saturday, June 13, 2015.

Much thanks to the District staff for the preparation and organization of this significant event.



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Committee Report Summary

Board Advocacy Committee Meeting Date: October 20, 2014

Submitted by Trustee: Serena Shaw

Committee Name: ASBA Zone 2/3

Committee Meeting Date & Time: September 26, 2014

Summary of Agenda Items:

Highlights of Items Relevant to GSACRD:

Message from Helen Clease:

- David Anderson's replacement should be in place by December 15th.
- FGM Theme for this year will be, Advocacy
 - Boards will be asked about what the top three advocacy issues are
- We will receive feedback from the ASBA Board strategic planning in October. You can find the past plan on the website
- ASBA will be working with CASS and ASBOA to come up with key messaging for the associations
- There was great feedback on the "Dial in" to speak with the Minister.
- Minister is still saying that we will have another change to provide input on the Education Act regulations
- Greg Bass is no longer Deputy Minister of Education
- Hopeful that we will be relooking at Inspiring Ed. This is a document, however, that should guide not drive education.
- Legal Conference in Calgary Oct 6-7.

Michael Janz:

- PDAC: education of teachers has been answered by the Task Force for Teacher Excellence
- The topic of modulars in the province has been addressed as well

Scott McCormack

- There will be a session on Reimagining School Board Governance on Oct 6th. They will also talk about aligning policies and admin procedures with the new education act.
- We have given our submission on the Task Force. We are awaiting response from the government and the new Minister seems interested in working collaboratively on recommendation
- We are waiting for a response from the government regarding negotiating with teachers. What we heard from the government didn't provide clarification. We only have two years, so we need to get ready for bargaining.
- There will be an Ever Active Schools conference. More info follow. Hopefully there will be a student component as well

Board of Directors:

- Participated in a self-evaluation over the summer. It is great to hold the Board and education to such high standards and it also helps to set some direction.
- They want every board to have input on the strategic plan and what the three priorities should be

Cheryl Dumont President

- They will do an evaluation of how the year went for the zone meetings. They decided to
- Bernie will have a report at the next meeting on U of A services. He will be stepping down from the position, so there will be an opening.
- We do not currently have a policy on healthy living. Please see the attachment for other Boards in the zone
- There will information coming forward on structure and transparency of internal and external committees.

Colleen

- Please see the attached for changes to Zone Bylaws. We will be voting on these at the October meeting.

Director's Report.

- I have attached the Director's report. I will answer any questions.
- Please note the Healthy School Communities Award. Have we awarded this before?
- Elk Island Public is having some problems with auditing within the Transportation Department. They have requested Boards to fill out a quick survey and return in to Heather Wall at Elk Island Public.

Jim Gibbons

- Results Based Budgeting. Again information is attached.
- This was to be the pre amble to Christine Lee. She is the Director of Finance for the Lethbridge school District No. 51. Christine gave a great presentation on reading and interpreting financial documents.
- Do we need to look at a Finance committee? There has been talk at our table about wanting to spend more time looking at the budget before approval. This is something that we could consider. We can find more info on how to go through a budget at the ASBOA website.

Attachment

**TRUSTEE/SCHOOL COUNCIL LIAISONS
2014-2015**

Schools

2014-2015

Albert Lacombe School	Serena Shaw
Bertha Kennedy Community School	Dave Caron
École Father Jan	Dave Caron
École Marie Poburan	Serena Shaw
École Secondaire Sainte Marguerite d'Youville	Joan Crockett
École Georges H. Primeau Middle School	Noreen Radford
J. J. Nearing Catholic Elementary	Joan Crockett
Legal School	Cathy Proulx
Morinville Community High School	Brendan Kaup
Neil M. Ross School	Dave Caron
Notre Dame School	Brendan Kaup/Noreen Radford
Richard S. Fowler Jr. High	Joan Crockett
St. Albert Catholic High School	Rosaleen McEvoy
St. Gabriel High School	Serena Shaw
Vincent J. Maloney Jr. High	Rosaleen McEvoy
Vital Grandin School	Rosaleen McEvoy

