

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GREATER ST. ALBERT ROMAN
CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 734
HELD on MONDAY, June 15, 2015, 6:30 P.M.
District Office, 6 St. Vital Avenue,
St. Albert, AB**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT Trustee Proulx

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

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

CALL TO ORDER Trustee Radford called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER Trustee Radford offered the opening prayer.

IN CAMERA

243/15 Trustee McEvoy: THAT the Board of Trustees move In Camera at 6:31 p.m.

CARRIED (4/4)

Trustee Caron joined the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

OUT OF CAMERA

244/15 Trustee Crockett: THAT the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 7:29 p.m.

CARRIED (5/5)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

245/15 Trustee Caron: THAT the Board of Trustees approve the agenda as amended with the addition of 13.2 Morinville School Site.

CARRIED (5/5)

PRESENTATION DELEGATION

Audit Plan and Engagement Presentation

Kevin George, C.A., and Benji Waser, C.A. of Meyers, Norris & Penny presented their approach to the audit of the financial statements for the year ending August 31, 2015.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & SUMMARIES

246/15 Trustee Shaw: THAT the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on May 25, 2015 as circulated.

CARRIED (5/5)

247/15 Trustee McEvoy: THAT the Board of Trustees approve the summary of the Board Advocacy Committee meeting

held on June 8, 2015 as circulated.

CARRIED (5/5)

COMMITTEE AND EVENT REPORTS

248/15

Trustee Crockett: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the committee reports from the Board Advocacy Committee meeting held on June 8, 2015, as follows:

- Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association meeting
- St. Albert Business Liaison meeting

CARRIED (5/5)

GOOD NEWS

Trustee Radford shared the Good News Report and commented on the marvelous 150th Anniversary grand finale events, the Mass on the Hill and the Gala evening. The generous donation of \$25,000 from the Sisters of Charity of Montreal; the Grey Nuns was highlighted. The Grey Nuns will be recognized as a "Legacy Donor" by the Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools Foundation. **Trustee Crockett** also provided an update on the Morinville Community High School graduation ceremonies that she and Trustee Radford attended and the outstanding 2015 grad class.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

UNIFOR President (Maureen Petty) inquired as to whether or not the large number of support staff (25 EA's) laid off as a reduction in inclusive education funding by the previous government would be reinstated with funding now being restored.

Public member (Alanna Dalton) inquired about the following:

- Notification requirements and protocols for gaining consent from families for their children to participate in the human sexuality health curriculum content. She noted that one notification was received on this topic for one child but no notification was received for the other child.

David Keohane highlighted Section 50 of the *School Act* as the legislation that outlines requirements/protocol for notification.

- Lunch Supervision – what is an appropriate number; does it vary per grade?

David Keohane, superintendent indicated the practice varies from school to school with the guiding principle of "appropriate duty of care."

- French Immersion Program in Morinville – school / parents working together in support of the program; inquired as to why there is not a French speaking administrator in the Morinville Schools and what the Board position is regarding support for French Immersion programming in Morinville.

David Keohane, superintendent responded that all Dual Track French Immersion Schools receive the same support through the Basis for Allocations to Schools document, which is posted on the website and that it is not a requirement for an Administrator to speak French, if assigned to a Dual Track School.

Superintendent Keohane stressed the District desires the best qualified personnel for all schools and always looks for the best fit regardless of language spoken.

- School Calendar inquiry as to the student start date occurring in August.

The response was that start time varies from year to year, depending on how Christmas falls for the balancing of two semesters for high school. Mrs. Dalton was advised that she would receive a written response to her questions.

Janet Hooke, UNIFOR vice-president, inquired as to whether or not the District will be rehiring the EA staff laid off, and whether or not they would be hired back as full or part-time.

Carryl Bennett-Brown, ATA Local #23 President, inquired as to what the Board's position was regarding the Spring Alberta School Board Association's discussion on local bargaining?

Trustee Radford indicated that a written response would be provided on all Union questions.

CONSENT ITEMS

Review of Board Policy 8 – Board Commitments and Board Policy 9 – Board Representatives.

249/15

Trustee McEvoy: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the review of Board Policy 8 – Board Commitments and Board Policy 9 – Board Representatives with the recommended changes and Board Policy 11 – Delegation of Authority with no changes. .

CARRIED (5/5)

PRESENTATION DELEGATION

Morinville School Resource Officer Report

An update on the support to Morinville Community High School was presented by Constable Short.

ACTION ITEMS

Board Policy 18 – Naming of Schools Final Approval

250/15

Trustee Crockett: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve Board Policy 18 – Naming of Schools as presented.

CARRIED (5/5)

School Site Allocation Agreement Signing

251/15

Trustee Shaw: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve and direct the superintendent to sign the new School Site Allocation Agreement.

CARRIED (4 in favor, 1 opposed)

NEW BUSINESS

2015-2016 Board Meeting Calendar

Secretary-treasurer Schlag presented the upcoming Board Calendar for 2015-2016 for discussion based on the input provided at the June 8 Advocacy Meeting. The calendar reflects some changes to start times and location of meetings. A discussion was held to gather trustee perspective on the proposed changes.

Morinville School Site

Secretary-treasurer Schlag presented an update on the discussions with the Town of Morinville on available site.

252/15

Trustee Caron: **THAT** the Board of Trustees confirm intent for the location of the recently announced K-6 Elementary School for Morinville to be located in the Westwind Area Structure Plan (ASP) and direct the Superintendent to work with the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for Morinville to provide written confirmation to the Board of this site designation for the sole benefit of Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools, as soon as possible.

CARRIED 5/5

INFORMATION ITEMS

Report from the Chair

Trustee Radford requested trustees review Policy 3 and Policy 4 to fully understand the proposed Code of Ethics. Correspondence was shared including a reminder that ASBA Awards are open for submissions and the deadline is September 21, 2015. Discussions regarding Board self-evaluation will happen in fall 2015. Special Congrats for GSACRD’s 150th Anniversary were received from Living Waters. Former Trustee Hanson, & Tony Sykora, President of ACSTA, also sent in their best wishes on the anniversary celebrations. Trustee Radford provided a reminder that June 19th is the Sod Turning for the Francophone Board’s new school in St. Albert.

Report from the Superintendent

Superintendent Keohane shared the May 2015 update on the Accountability Pillar Report highlighting the District success on all measures. The report includes the recent Satisfaction Survey Results – Prov. Testing results will be added in fall 2015.

MOTION TO EXTEND THE MEETING

253/15

Trustee Crockett: **THAT** the Board of Trustees extend the regular meeting until 10:00 p.m.

CARRIED (4 in favor, 1 opposed - Caron)

Report from the Superintendent continued.

Assistant superintendent Quick provided an update on the Faith and Spiritual Initiatives take took place across the District during the past year. Mr. Quick highlighting Penny Baragar-Brcic, Principal, ESSMY as a recipient of the Excellence in Catholic Education Award presented by the Council of Catholic School Superintendents of Alberta (CCSSA). The Mass on the Hill celebration was also highlighted as one of the 18 different events included on the report.

254/15

Trustee Caron: **THAT** the Board of Trustees receive the superintendent’s report as information.

CARRIED (5/5)

BOARD COMMITMENTS

255/15 **Trustee McEvoy:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the Board Commitments as presented and updated at this meeting.
CARRIED (5/5)

CLARIFICATION PERIOD FOR PUBLIC & MEDIA

Public member (Alanna Dalton) requested clarification on the engagement activities planned for Morinville and Legal in place of hosting a District Board meeting.

TRUSTEE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Trustees requested that recognition of recent award recipients in the District be extended to include local media as a medium to share the good news.

MOTION TO EXTEND THE MEETING

256/15 **Trustee Shaw:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees extend the regular meeting until 10:30 p.m.
CARRIED (4 in favor, 1 opposed - Caron)

IN CAMERA

257/15 **Trustee Crockett:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees move In Camera at 9:58 p.m.
CARRIED (5/5)

OUT OF CAMERA

258/15 **Trustee Crockett:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 10:29 p.m.
CARRIED (5/5)

CLOSING PRAYER **Trustee Caron** offered the closing prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

259/15 **Trustee Shaw:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees adjourn the regular meeting at 10:30 p.m.
CARRIED (5/5)

Secretary Treasurer

Chair