

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GREATER ST. ALBERT ROMAN
CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 734
HELD ON MONDAY, May 26, 2014, 6:00 P.M.
District Office, 6 St. Vital Avenue
St. Albert, AB**

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

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

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

CALL TO ORDER Trustee Crockett called the meeting to order at **6:00 p.m.**

OPENING PRAYER Trustee Radford offered the opening prayer.

IN CAMERA

243/14 **Trustee Shaw:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees move In Camera at 6:02 p.m.
CARRIED (7/7)

OUT OF CAMERA

244 /14 **Trustee Caron:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 7:25 p.m.
CARRIED (7/7)

The Board Recessed to 7:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

245/14 **Trustee Proulx:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the agenda as presented.
CARRIED (7/7)

PRESENTATION DELEGATION

The Board welcomed three separate delegations that were honoring award recipients as follows (not all who were honored were present):

1. ASCA Executive Director, Michelle Mulder provided background on the two awards and presented the Parent of Distinction Award to GSACRD Parent, Cathy Stefner, and the School Council Award of Merit to the Ecole Marie Poburan Traffic Safety Task Force. Both recipients were nominated by the Board of Trustees for their efforts.
2. Vice-Principal Cathy Giesbrecht, from École Father Jan highlighted the attributes of Excellence in Teaching Nominees, Monique Auray and Bonnie Connelly-Wilson, both from École Father Jan. Graeme Peppink from ESSMY was unable to attend.
3. Superintendent David Keohane provided highlights of the Excellence in Catholic Education Award that was presented to Sandy Cimino, Neil M. Ross Catholic Elementary School Principal, by the Council of

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

246/14 **Trustee Kaup:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on May 12, 2014 as circulated.

CARRIED (7/7)

247/14 **Trustee McEvoy:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees break for a brief recess to share in celebration with the guests present.

CARRIED (7/7)

Trustees recessed from 7:55 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

GOOD NEWS

Trustee Crockett shared the Good News report. Trustee Radford added a notes regarding:

- St. Jean Baptiste Parish recently celebrated Fidelity Sunday and Trustee Kaup and his wife were recognized for their 5th Anniversary
- MCHS was the British Petroleum's Urban Agriculture Award recipient of \$10,000, which will bring new and creative energy projects to the classroom
- MCHS was also the recipient of a \$42,000+ donation directed to new bleachers for the school
- Although not good news for Morinville, Trustee Radford also shared that Father Ignacy will be leaving St. Jean Baptiste and taking over at St. Albert Parish in August 2014.

Trustee Shaw shared that she attended St. Gabe's celebration last week and added that the St. Albert Parish garden plot is now managed by the St. Gabe's students.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public.

CONSENT ITEMS

Locally Developed Courses

248/14 **Trustee Caron:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the acquired locally-developed course **Learning to Lead (9)** for the period September 1, 2014 until August 31, 2018 from Edmonton Public School District No. 7 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' junior high schools.

CARRIED (7/7)

249/14 **Trustee Caron:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the acquired locally-developed course **Abnormal Psychology 35** for 3 credits beginning September 1, 2014 until August 31, 2018 from Pembina Hills Division No. 7 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' high schools.

CARRIED (7/7)

250/14 **Trustee Caron:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the acquired locally-developed courses **Avid Readers 25 & 35** for 5 credits each beginning September 1, 2014 until August 31, 2016 from Elk Island Public Schools Regional

Division No. 14 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' high schools.

CARRIED (7/7)

251/14

Trustee Caron: THAT the Board of Trustees approve the use of the acquired locally-developed courses **Ceramics (Advanced Techniques) 15, 25, 35** for 5 credits each beginning September 1, 2014 until August 31, 2015 from Edmonton Public School District No. 7 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' high schools.

CARRIED (7/7)

252/14

Trustee Caron: THAT the Board of Trustees approve the use of the acquired locally-developed course **Exercise Science 35** for 5 credits beginning September 1, 2014 until August 31, 2016 from Edmonton Public School District No. 7 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' high schools.

CARRIED (7/7)

253-14

Trustee Caron: THAT the Board of Trustees approve the use of the acquired locally-developed course **Fantasy and Science Fiction** for 5 credits beginning September 1, 2014 until August 31, 2018 from Aspen View Public School Division No. 78 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' high schools.

CARRIED (7/7)

254/14

Trustee Caron: THAT the Board of Trustees approve the use of the acquired locally-developed course **Fire Department Course 25** for 3 credits beginning September 1, 2014 until August 31, 2015 from Buffalo Trail Public Schools Regional Division No. 28 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' high schools.

CARRIED (7/7)

255/14

Trustee Caron: THAT the Board of Trustees approve the use of the acquired locally-developed course **Fire Protection 25** for 3 credits beginning September 1, 2014 until August 31, 2015 from Edmonton Public School District No. 7 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' high schools.

CARRIED (7/7)

256/14

Trustee Caron: THAT the Board of Trustees approve the use of the acquired locally-developed courses **Forensic Science Studies 25 & 35** for 3 credits each beginning September 1, 2014 until August 31, 2018 from Edmonton Public School District No. 7 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' high schools.

CARRIED (7/7)

257/14

Trustee Caron: THAT the Board of Trustees approve the use of the acquired locally-developed courses **Learning Strategies 15/25/35** for 3 or 5 credits each beginning September 1, 2014 until August 31, 2018 from Calgary

Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 1 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' high schools.

CARRIED (7/7)

258/14

Trustee Caron: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the acquired locally-developed course **Myth-Busting Science 25** for 3 credits beginning September 1, 2014 until August 31, 2015 from Elk Island Public Schools Regional Division No. 14 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' high schools.

CARRIED (7/7)

259/14

Trustee Caron: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the acquired locally-developed course **Portfolio Art 35** for 5 credits beginning September 1, 2014 until August 31, 2018 from Edmonton Catholic Separate School District No. 7 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' high schools.

CARRIED (7/7)

260/14

Trustee Caron: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the acquired locally-developed courses **Workplace Essential Skills 25 & 35** for 3 or 5 credits each beginning September 1, 2014 until August 31, 2016 from Edmonton Public School District No. 7 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' high schools.

CARRIED (7/7)

261/14

Trustee Caron: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the acquired locally-developed courses **Yoga 15, 25, 35** for 3 credits each beginning September 1, 2014 until August 31, 2015 and **Yoga 15, 25, 35** for 5 credits each beginning September 1, 2014 until August 31, 2016 from Calgary School District No. 19 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' high schools.

CARRIED (7/7)

ACTION ITEMS

2014-2015 Budget Approval

Secretary-treasurer Schlag presented a one-page (double sided) visual infogram of budget principles and details along with a power-point presentation outlining the key elements of the budget, which is balanced operationally but will draw from unrestricted reserves for various one-time initiatives valued at \$287,692.

262/14

Trustee Shaw: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the district 2014-2015 operating budget with estimated revenues of \$68,049,638 and expenditures of \$68,337,330.

CARRIED (7/7)

Shaping our Future Report

Superintendent Keohane presented the "Shaping Our Future" report as prepared by Dialogue Partners as a result of the many opportunities for the community to express their opinions.

263/14 **Trustee Caron: THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the attached Shaping Our Future Report and request a feasibility study for implementation to be presented to the Board prior to January 1, 2015.

CARRIED (7/7)

264/14 **French Immersion Programming at SACHS**
Trustee Radford: THAT the Board of Trustees confirm its support for French Immersion Programming at St. Albert Catholic High School (SACHS) for 2014-2015.

CARRIED (7/7)

NEW BUSINESS None

MEETING EXTENSION

265/14 **Trustee McEvoy: THAT** the Board of Trustees extend the meeting until 10:00 p.m.

CARRIED (5 in favor, 2 opposed)

INFORMATION ITEMS

Report from the Chair

Trustee Crockett shared correspondence received from the Minister of Education regarding the “No Stone Left Alone” ceremony.

Report from the Superintendent

Superintendent, D. Keohane provided a summary on the responses to the Council of Councils’ Generative Questions and an update to the minor changes made to Administrative Procedure 355 – Use of Alcohol, Restricted and Illicit Drugs. An out-of-province fieldtrip report was also provided for 2013-14 and 2014-15 as prepared by assistant superintendent McGuinness.

Trustee Kaup shared related information on drug trends and that an addictions counselor is available to MCHS students if required.

266/14 **Trustee Proulx: THAT** the Board of Trustees receive the superintendent’s report as information.

CARRIED (7/7)

TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Radford provided a verbal report from her attendance at the ASBA Zone 2/3 Meeting and Trustee Shaw that the recent Chamber of Commerce Meeting for St. Albert focused on the Rodeo kick-off and that the City of St. Albert’s Safe Journeys to School Committee has hired consultants and they will be engaging 26 schools in public participation, likely this Fall.

MEETING EXTENSION

267/14 **Trustee McEvoy: THAT** the Board of Trustees extend the meeting until 10:30 p.m.

CARRIED (4 in favor, 3 opposed)

TRUSTEE EVENT REPORTS

None at this time.

BOARD COMMITMENTS

268/14 **Trustee Shaw:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the Board Commitments as presented and updated at this meeting.
CARRIED (7/7)

QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC & MEDIA CLARIFICATION

The ATA Representative, Carryl Bennett-Brown, asked when the recommendations of the feasibility study requested from the Shaping Our Future Report be implemented. Superintendent Keohane replied that it would depend on what the feasibility study recommended for implementation.

TRUSTEE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

There are no requests for information.

IN CAMERA

269/14 **Trustee Radford:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees move In Camera at 10:08 p.m.
CARRIED (7/7)

OUT OF CAMERA

270/14 **Trustee Proulx:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 10:25 p.m.
CARRIED (7/7)

271/14 **Trustee McEvoy:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees supports the recommendation made by the Grievance Committee as a result of the meeting held on Monday, May 26, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.
CARRIED (6 in favor, 1 opposed)

CLOSING PRAYER

Trustee Radford offered the closing prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

272/14 **Trustee McEvoy:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees adjourn the regular meeting at 10:28 p.m.
CARRIED (7/7)

Secretary Treasurer

Chair