

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GREATER ST. ALBERT ROMAN  
CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 734  
HELD on MONDAY, December 15, 2014, 6:30 P.M.  
District Office, 6 St. Vital Avenue  
St. Albert, AB**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT** Trustee Caron

**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 6:30 p.m.

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

**IN CAMERA**

98/15 Trustee Kaup: **THAT** the Board of Trustees move In Camera at 6: 35 p.m.  
**CARRIED (6/6)**

**OUT OF CAMERA**

99/15 Trustee McEvoy: **THAT** the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 7:24 p.m.  
**CARRIED (6/6)**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

100/15 Trustee Proulx: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the agenda as amended with the deferral of item 13.2.1 until February 2015.  
**CARRIED (6/6)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

101/15 Trustee Kaup: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on November 24, 2014 as circulated.  
**CARRIED (6/6)**

102/15 Trustee McEvoy: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the summary of the Board Advocacy Committee meeting held on December 1, 2014 as circulated.  
**CARRIED (6/6)**

**COMMITTEE AND EVENT REPORTS**

103/15 Trustee Crockett: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the three committee reports related to the Board Advocacy Committee meeting held on December 1, 2014, as attached.  
**CARRIED (6/6)**

**GOOD NEWS**

Trustee Radford shared the Good News report.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions from the public.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

104/15 **Trustee Shaw:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the review of Board Policy 5 – Role of the Board Chair and Board Policy 6 – Role of the Vice-Chair, with no changes.  
**CARRIED (6/6)**

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Board Directed Fees**

Secretary-treasurer Schlag presented the Board Directed Fees for 2015-2016 recommending maintaining all fees at current levels with the exception of increasing Out-of-Province Tuition Fees (grade 1- 9) to be aligned with those charged for grades 10 to 12.

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-2016	
<b>Elementary Learning Resource Fee:</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>	
<b>Junior High Learning Resource Fee:</b>	<b>\$70.00</b>	<b>\$70.00</b>	<b>\$70.00</b>	
<b>Senior High Learning Resource Fee:</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	
<b>ECS Fee:</b>	<b>\$130.00</b>	<b>\$130.00</b>	<b>\$130.00</b>	
<b>Out-of-Province Tuition Fees (gr.1-9)</b>	<b>\$7,000/yr.</b>	<b>\$7,500/yr.</b>	<b>\$10,750/yr.</b>	<b>\$3,250 Increase</b>
<b>Out-of-Province Tuition Fees (gr.10-12)</b>	<b>\$10,000/yr.</b>	<b>\$10,750/yr.</b>	<b>\$10,750/yr.</b>	

105/15 **Trustee McEvoy:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the board directed fees for 2015-2016 with no increases to fees for students within the Province, but an adjustment to a single rate of \$10,750/yr. for Out-of-Province Tuition Fees for grades 1-12, as specified above.  
**CARRIED (5 in favor, 1 opposed-Radford)**

**Locally Developed Course Approval**

S Asst. Superintendent, D. Quick presented the dual credit English course option for Morinville Community High School students in partnership with Norquest College.

106/15 **Trustee Proulx:** **THAT** the Board of Trustee approve the use of the developed, locally-developed course English Critical Reading and Writing: Prose 35, for 5 credits from February 1, 2015 until January 31, 2019 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools’ high schools.  
**CARRIED (6/6)**

**Board Development Plan**

Superintendent Keohane reviewed the options for Board development including: Legacy Project, Student Strengths and High School flexibility programming.

107/15 **Trustee Crockett:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the following three topics of interest to advance collective understanding with educational practices being pursued within the School District:

- District Legacy Project through Canadian Development and Peace
- Student Strengths Development in our Schools
- District High School Flexibility Programs

**CARRIED (6/6)**

**2015-2016 Instruction Calendar**

Asst. superintendent McGuinness presented the 2015-2016 Instructional Calendar for approval.

108/15 **Trustee Shaw:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the 2015-2016 Instructional Calendar as presented.

**CARRIED (4 in favor, 2 opposed: Proulx, Radford)**

**Board Meeting Dates Amendment**

109/15 **Trustee Kaup:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the new date of April 11-12, 2015 (Saturday/Sunday) for the Annual Board Planning Session as a replacement for the original approved date of Feb 27-28, 2015.

**CARRIED (6/6)**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Note Cards with Students' Work**

Trustee Radford spoke to the purpose and benefit of printed notecards, with student artwork reproduced on the front, that would be accessible by the Board to use as a public relations tool in corresponding with external public.

110/15 **Trustee Radford:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees direct administration to pursue the creation of note cards with student artwork for use by the Board.

**CARRIED (6/6)**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Report from the Chair**

Trustee Radford shared correspondence including Christmas greetings from external agencies, invitations to upcoming school events and personal greetings to members of the Board and Administration.

**Report from the Superintendent**

Secretary-treasurer Schlag presented the utilization of schools in all communities highlighting those schools at or over capacity. In addition, a summary report of current and historical fee waivers was shared with the Board.

Superintendent Keohane presented a summary of the recent Community Conversation and the communications manager updated the Board on progress of the communications plan. In addition, the date and time for the meeting with Bishop Terrio was confirmed as January 19, 2015.

111/15 **Trustee McEvoy:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees receive the superintendent's report as information.

**CARRIED (6/6)**

**BOARD COMMITMENTS**

112/15                    **Trustee Crockett:**        **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the Board Commitments as presented and updated at this meeting.  
**CARRIED (6/6)**

**CLARIFICATION PERIOD FOR PUBLIC & MEDIA**

There were no questions.

**TRUSTEE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

There were no requests for information.

**MEETING EXTENSION**

113/15                    **Trustee Proulx:**        **THAT** the Board of Trustees extend the meeting to 10:00 pm.  
**CARRIED (6/6)**

**IN CAMERA**

114/15                    **Trustee McEvoy:**        **THAT** the Board of Trustees move In Camera at 9:03 p.m.  
**CARRIED (6/6)**

**OUT OF CAMERA**

115/15                    **Trustee Shaw:**        **THAT** the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 9:47 p.m.  
**CARRIED (6/6)**

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**Trustee McEvoy** offered the closing prayer.

**ADJOURNMENT**

116/15                    **Trustee Kaup:**        **THAT** the Board of Trustees adjourn the regular meeting at 9:50 p.m.  
**CARRIED (6/6)**

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Secretary Treasurer

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Chair



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

# Committee Report Summary

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**Board Advocacy Committee Meeting Date:** December 1, 2014

**Submitted by Trustee:** Joan Crockett

**Committee/Event Name:** Business Liaison - St. Albert Chamber

**Committee/Event Meeting Date & Time:** November 12, 2014

**Summary of Agenda Items:** Guest Speaker: Guest Speaker – Stephen Khan, MLA St Albert, Minister of Services

## **Highlights of Items Relevant to GSACRD:**

Networking with St. Albert mayor and councillors, regional mayors and councillors, St Albert Protestant trustees, St. Albert business owners, table discussion, introduced as an elected officials of GSACRD, and guest speaker enrichment.

## **Other Highlights:**

Khan's priority is to represent the citizens of St Albert. How? Through leadership characteristics of: integrity, creativity, passion and advocacy.

As Services Minister, Khan feels his key roles are of modernization and improvement. This ministry includes all services such as: birth, marriage and death certificates, land titles, business and license registration with a recent "support our troops" license plate in which \$55 of each plate goes toward military families in need of support. Improving high speed broadband internet in rural areas, bulk-buying and selling and consumer education are other services provided in this Ministry.

Khan concluded his remarks by saying that he is willing to work hard to maximize the full potential for all and welcomes all ideas and questions.



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## Committee Report Summary

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**Board Advocacy Committee Meeting Date:** December 1st, 2014

**Submitted by Trustee:** Trustee McEvoy

**Committee/Event Name:** ACSTA Directors' Meeting at the Westin

**Committee Meeting Date & Time:** November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**Summary of Agenda Items:**

AGM Convention Guide  
Office Lease Update  
Advocacy Plan Update  
Bylaw Review  
Catholic Education Forum.

**Highlights of Items Relevant to GSACRD:**

**The Convention Guide was agreed upon (movers and seconders etc.) and distributed.**

**The ACSTA office lease was renewed at a favourable market rate for the next five years.**

Advocacy Chair, John Acheson, provided an update on the Committee's vision for the development of an Advocacy plan. The Directors will ask their individual boards what key item or issue pertinent to Catholic education should be included in the plan.

The President advised that the last review of the ACSTA Bylaws took place in 1996. An extensive review is necessary to properly reflect the terminology used in the new Education Act. It was agreed that over the next year, the Board would conduct a review of the bylaws with the plan to present a new set of bylaws to the next AGM.

Serafino Scarpino moved that the ACSTA approve the formation of a Catholic Education Forum. This Motion was carried.

Next meeting: January 30, 2015 – Board of Directors' Meeting Executive Royal Inn-Nisku.

Submitted by: Trustee McEvoy for Advocacy meeting December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.



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# External Committee Report Summary

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**For Presentation at Regular Board Meeting: December 1, 2014**

**Submitted by Trustee: Serena Shaw**

**Committee Name: ASBA Zone 2/3**

**Meeting Date & Time: November 16-18, 2014**

## **Summary of Agenda Items:**

During the business meeting, we had the approval of the draft minutes from the 2014 SGM as well as the Agenda for the FGM for 2014. This included four items for voting.

1. A policy for posed by ASBA Board of Directors regarding Excellence in education.
  - a. This was approved by the assembly.
2. Proposed policy position on:
  - a. Weighting of provincial diploma examinations.
    - i. The assembly voted on a position of changing the weighting from the current 50% weighting to 30% weighting.
  - b. Need-based funding for public rural schools.
    - i. The assembly did not vote in favour of this position.
3. Proposed emergent issue
  - a. Funding new school and modular start-up costs.
    - i. This was accepted as amended.

We had a presentation by David Pickler, Past president, NSBA. He spoke of the strength of our system. Much time was spent on the topic of Advocacy. He was part of starting the Army of Advocates. This is a group that is made of up community stakeholders that feel that education is important and is used for the purpose of lobbying the Government. He suggested that we should consider similar organizations here.

We were very honoured to attend the Dinner and Awards event. We were able to enjoy the great MC'ing abilities of Bridget Ryan (former GSACRD student). It was very inspiring to see all of the awards go to such deserving recipients in the categories of:

President's Award: Free the Children

Edwin Parr First-year Teacher Award to teachers from all zones.

Friends of Education: We were proud to have nominated Carolyn Dagenais, a member the EMP community for her work with Edmonton String Players Association.

Premier's Award for School Board Innovation and Excellence.

Public Engagement Award.

The next day we had an address from the Minister of Education. He will be getting up to speed on issues in the next few weeks.

Our Keynote speaker was Iris Evans. Her topic was Speaking u for public education. Many good tips and advice on working with the government in terms of advocating for students.

We then broke off into individual sessions. You will be able to find presentation for these in the near future on the ASBA website.