

**SUMMARY OF THE BOARD ADVOCACY COMMITTEE MEETING OF  
GREATER ST. ALBERT RCSSD NO. 734  
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Trustees Caron, Crockett, McEvoy, Proulx, Radford, and Shaw

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT**

D Keohane, superintendent; D Schlag, secretary treasurer

**CALL TO ORDER**

Trustee Crockett called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and Trustee McEvoy offered the opening prayer.

**PRESENTATION – EDUCATION ACT POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

ASBA Education Consultant, Terry Gunderson, reviewed changes in the *NEW Education Act* with Trustees from the perspective of impacting existing Board Policy. Mr. Gunderson provided recommendations and guidance on policy changes and new policy development that will be required once the new legislation comes into effect.

**SHAPING OUR FUTURE UPDATE**

Superintendent Keohane provided Trustees with an update on the Shaping Our Future process that began in 2012 with *Incite Marketing*, continued with *Dialogue Partners* in 2013 and 2014, and finally came to a close in 2015 with *Thoughtexchange*. A summary was shared with Trustees and the Final Report will come to a Regular Meeting for approval,

**TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Trustees provided written reports (attached) for the following meetings attended:
  - St. Albert Business Liaison – May 11, 2015 (Crockett)
  - AB Catholic School Trustees' Assn – May 11, 2015 (McEvoy)
- Trustee Shaw provided a verbal report on the latest ASBA Zone 2/3 Meeting she attended, which focused on the need for political advocacy, as it was held previous to the provincial election of May 5, 2015 and the 5 ASBA Policy Motions that are to be advanced at the Spring General Meeting at the beginning of June.

**OTHER EVENT REPORTS**

None at this time

Trustee McEvoy offered the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

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Meeting chaired by Trustee Crockett



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## Committee Report Summary

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**Board Advocacy Committee Meeting Date:** May 11, 2015

**Submitted by Trustee:** Trustee McEvoy

**Committee/Event Name:** Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association (ACSTA)

**Committee Meeting Date & Time:** Via email

**Summary of Agenda Items:** Revised ACSTA Bylaws 2015

**Highlights of Items Relevant to GSACRD:** The ACSTA Governance Committee is looking forward to receiving comments and suggestions from school boards for the attached bylaws. The deadline to submit comments is May 15, 2015.



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**Submitted by Trustee:** Trustee Crockett

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

**Committee Meeting Date:** April 8, 2015

**Chamber Luncheon Relevancy to GSACRD:** networking with St. Albert mayor and councillors, St Albert Protestant trustees, St. Albert business owners, table discussion, introduced as an elected officials of GSACRD, and guest speaker enrichment.

**Topic:** Role of Government in a Free Market Economy  
Keynote Speaker – Brent Rathgeber, Member of Parliament

- ❖ MP Rathgeber feels that strict regulations by the federal government prohibit a free market economy. He believes that the \$600 billion debt has been partially reached by propping up businesses that should be left to field the free market system on their efficiencies and not on subsidies. For example, Industry Canada gave \$22 billion in the last 5 years to private businesses, many in the form of grants which will not be paid back. Strict regulations have also blocked foreign investment