

**SUMMARY OF THE BOARD ADVOCACY COMMITTEE MEETING OF
GREATER ST. ALBERT RCSSD NO. 734
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

None

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

D Keohane, superintendent; D Schlag, secretary-treasurer.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

TRUSTEE DEVELOPMENT / BOARD ADVOCACY

Philippines Project Update

Superintendent Keohane, recently retired Religious Education and Family Life Consultant, Louis Kloster, and EMP Principal Marie Gamache-Hauptman, visited the Philippines from August 12-21, 2015, at the invitation of the Canadian Organization for Development and Peace (D&P) and provided Trustees with an overview of their trip. As part of the Legacy Project for GSACRD's 150th Anniversary, the district's staff and students have partnered with D&P to help build a school in the Philippines, to be located 2 km from Pope Francis Village, next to the Scandinavian School, currently operating. The goal is to raise \$200,000 (over 2 years) to build the school; the campaign is ongoing to December 2016. Development & Peace representatives will be at a special meeting of Administrators on October 20 to provide another update.

ASBA Nominations

Trustees discussed potential nominees for the various awards and agreed to organize the nomination for the Friends of Education Award with the RCMP Detachments of St. Albert and Morinville around their contribution of School Resource Officers. The recommendation will be endorsed by Board Motion at the September 28th Regular Meeting of the Board.

Strategic Plan Communication

Superintendent Keohane provided Trustees with a condensed pamphlet version of the Strategic Plan for sharing with School Councils and other members of the public. The 2015-16 Strategic Plan is also posted on the website under Board of Trustees/Advocacy and Commitments.

TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustees Crockett and Radford provided written reports from their attendance at the Sept 9, 2015 and July 28th meetings of the St. Albert Chamber of Commerce. Trustee Shaw provided a written report of her attendance at the ACSTA meeting held on Sept 10-11, 2015. Reports will be approved at the September 28 Regular Meeting.

TRUSTEE EVENT UPDATES

Trustee Caron provided a written report on his July 15th attendance at a Mindfulness Teaching session at the U of A. Trustee Radford also provided a written report of her attendance at the Rotary meeting on September 2 in Morinville, where a Mentorship Partnership initiative was signed between the Rotary, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, GSACRD, and Sturgeon School Division.

Trustee Radford offered the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Meeting chaired by Trustee Caron