

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
GREATER ST. ALBERT ROMAN CATHOLIC
SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 734
HELD on MONDAY, October 26, 2015, 6:30 P.M.
District Office, 6 St. Vital Avenue,
St. Albert, AB**

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

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

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

OATH OF OFFICE Mr. René Tremblay, elected in the October 19, 2015 By-Election took the Oath of Office, as administered by the secretary treasurer, at 6:20 p.m.

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

OPENING PRAYER Trustee Crockett offered the opening prayer.

IN CAMERA

36/16 Trustee Shaw: **THAT** the Board of Trustees move In Camera at 6:31 p.m.
CARRIED (7/7)

OUT OF CAMERA

37/16 Trustee Crockett: **THAT** the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 7:30 p.m.
CARRIED (7/7)

OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW TRUSTEE

Mr. René Tremblay repeated the Oath of Office, as part of public record, presided over by secretary-treasurer D. Schlag.

The Board recessed until 7:45 p.m. to welcome Mr. Tremblay as the new trustee with a cake and coffee celebration.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

38/16 Trustee Proulx: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the agenda as amended with the addition of 13.1 Toonies for Tuition.
CARRIED (7/7)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & SUMMARIES

39/16 Trustee McEvoy: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the summary of the Advocacy meeting of the Board held

September 21, 2015 as circulated;

AND

THAT the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on September 28, 2015 as circulated;

AND

THAT the Board of Trustees approve the summary of the Advocacy meeting of the Board held on October 5, 2015 as circulated;

AND

THAT the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on October 8, 2015 as circulated.

CARRIED (7/7)

COMMITTEE AND EVENT REPORTS

40/16

Trustee McEvoy: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the committee report from the Advocacy Committee meetings, as follows:

- Alberta School Boards Association meeting

CARRIED (7/7)

GOOD NEWS

Trustee Radford shared the Good News Report and also congratulated SACHS student, Kris Akkerman for being awarded the St. Albert and District Chamber of Commerce Work Experience and Apprenticeship Award. In addition, Trustee Radford acknowledged Sobeys in Morinville for their generous contributions to the MCHS Urban Agriculture and HOWLS programs.

Congratulation to Jacquie Hanson, former Trustee, on her appointment as Executive Director for the Alberta School Councils Association. Trustee Shaw recognized the SACHS students involved in producing a video regarding their participation at Light the Night. In addition, Trustee Shaw mention that a SACHS student was selected to produce a video for the Oblate Youth Ministry Team.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

CONSENT ITEMS

Review of Board Policies 2 – Role of the Board and Board Policy 3 – Role of the Trustee

41/16

Trustee Caron: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the review of Board Policies 2 – Role of the Board and Board Policy 3 – Role of the Trustee as presented.

CARRIED (7/7)

ACTION ITEMS

Board Committee Structure and Appointments

42/16

Trustee Crockett: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the updated committee structure and appointments list for 2015-

2016, as updated at this meeting, with one change: Morinville Business Liaison is assigned to Trustee Tremblay.

CARRIED (7/7)

School Council Liaison Appointments

43/16 **Trustee Caron:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of School Council Liaisons for the 2015-2016 school year as selected at this meeting.

CARRIED (7/7)

Cancellation of Meeting

44/16 **Trustee McEvoy:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the cancellation of the December 7, 2015 Board Advocacy Committee Meeting and reassign that date for the purpose of Board Evaluation.

CARRIED (7/7)

Board Directed Committee for Board Planning Session

Superintendent Keohane requested the Board's participation in creating the agenda for the annual Board Strategic Planning Session.

45/16 **Trustee Shaw:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of a board-directed planning committee to assist in the development of the Agenda for Board Planning Session that is scheduled for March 5-6, 2016.

CARRIED (7/7)

NOTICE of MOTION – Criteria for Donations

Trustee Proulx provided Notice of Motion at the September 28, 2015 meeting, around the Development of Criteria for donations.

46/16 **Trustee Proulx:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees direct Administration to develop and recommend criteria to be used for all future donation approvals, of any dollar value, made by the Board and to deliver those recommendations for consideration no later than the April 11, 2016 Regular Meeting.

DEFEATED (1 favor, 6 opposed)

NEW BUSINESS

Toonies For Tuition (supporting Catholic Education across Canada)

Trustee Shaw shared the ACSTA request for boards to provide a Silent Auction Donation Item for the Fall General Meeting, with all proceeds supporting Toonies for Tuition.

47/16 **Trustee Shaw:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of an auction item by Trustee Shaw, up to \$200, as a donation to the ACSTA Silent Auction in support of Toonies For Tuition.

CARRIED (5 in favor, 2 opposed)

INFORMATION ITEMS

Report from the Chair

Trustee Radford shared correspondence with the Board including notice of the upcoming Morinville Recreational Facility Project meeting on Wed., Oct 28 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. A thank you letter was received from M. Richard for the recognition & long service event. In addition, a letter from Alberta Infrastructure was received announcing Capital projects for the District that have been fully approved include: New Jensen Lakes School K-9 and Vincent J. Maloney modernization 7-9. Correspondence was also received from Minister Eggen with regards to appointing a provincial committee to review the Educational Act Regulations.

Report from the Superintendent

Assistant Superintendent McGuinness presented a report on the Long Service Award compensation with comparisons to other organization programs.

Superintendent Keohane presented the updated Accountability Pillar Report to the Board, which is updated to reflect Provincial Achievement Tests and Diploma Exam results.

Assistant Superintendent Quick shared an updated report on the District results and plans for maintaining these results as well as targeting areas for improvement.

Assistant Superintendent McGuinness presented the updated Staffing and Enrolment reports.

48/16 **Trustee McEvoy:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees receive the Superintendent’s report as information. **(7/7) CARRIED**

Motion to Extend the Meeting

49/16 **Trustee Tremblay:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees extend the Regular meeting of the Board until 10:00 p.m. **CARRIED (6 in favor, 1 opposed)**

BOARD COMMITMENTS

50/16 **Trustee Shaw:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the Board Commitments as presented and updated at this meeting. **CARRIED (7/7)**

CLARIFICATION PERIOD FOR PUBLIC & MEDIA

There were no questions.

TRUSTEE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Trustee Crockett inquired as to where administration is currently at in determining how a student advisory body could provide feedback on their learning and how the District can best meet students need. Superintendent Keohane responded that a large student voice was present in Shaping our Future and that through the continued use of the provider that facilitated Shaping our Future, there would be continued opportunities for student

participation which would then be forwarded to the Board for consideration.

Trustee Radford requested an update on how the funding allocation from Alberta Education is calculated for diverse needs.

Motion to Extend the Meeting

51/16 **Trustee Crockett:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees extend the Regular meeting of the Board until 10:30 p.m.

CARRIED (6 in favor, 1 opposed)

IN CAMERA

52/16 **Trustee McEvoy:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees move In Camera at 9:57 p.m.

CARRIED (6 in favor, 1 opposed)

OUT OF CAMERA

53/16 **Trustee McEvoy:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 10:21 p.m.

CARRIED (7/7)

CLOSING PRAYER

Trustee Crockett offered the closing prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

54/16 **Trustee Crockett:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees adjourn the regular meeting at 10:23 p.m.

CARRIED (7/7)

Secretary Treasurer

Chair



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

Committee Report Summary

Board Advocacy Committee Meeting Date: October 5, 2015

Submitted by Trustee: Trustee McEvoy/on behalf of Trustee Joan Crockett

Committee/Event Name: ASBA Zone 2/3 Meeting

Committee Meeting Date & Time: September 25, 2015 @ 1:00 p.m.

Summary of Agenda Items:

Zone business: Chair's Report is attached.

Jeanne Fontaine from STAR Catholic will be the Zone 2/3 Auditor this year.

The Chair referenced overview of the upcoming PD for the year.

Zone elections will take place at the next meeting on October 30th, at St. Anthony's Centre.

A Draft 2015/2016 budget was presented. It is much the same as last year.

No proposed increases. The actual budget will be presented at the AGM in November.

Highlights of Items Relevant to GSACRD:

President's Report

Due to a funeral, Helen was unable to attend but Scott McCormick gave the report:

A discussion took place around the upcoming Advocacy meeting on the 30th re the possibility of some changes given that some Boards already are having their Board Retreats at this time of the year.

ASBA is going to try to get a mediator to organize a meeting between ASBA, PPSBA, ACSTA and the Francophone boards to encourage more collaboration between these organizations. Glenis Edwards, Chair, of St. Albert Public, raised a question about the process involved in the communications from the government direct to principals to participate in a short survey re GSAs. Maurice clarified that the communication was sent directly to the Superintendents, who were then to contact their principals. The proper route should have been from the Minister, an elected official, to the Board Chair, another elected official. Otherwise, the communication should have come from the Deputy Minister to the superintendents. In other words, politician to politician. However, there was some confusion around this topic, so Maurice Trottier is taking back the concerns of Zone 2/3 to the department.

Zone 2/3 Director's Report:

Jan Boisvert gave an overview of the Parliamentary issue. As it takes up to two years to change the Parliamentary, the ASBA President will appoint the current Parliamentary for the AGM in November. Maurice Trottier also highlighted parts of the report concerning mathematics, student assessments etc., There will be no public reporting of the SLA results, as it is a pilot program. The results will only be available to the parents. The Director's Report is available for your perusal.

Board Sharing:

Elk Island Public Schools reported on the change to the report cards. After extensive consultations, a new report card was created, in digital form. The results are successful as both teachers and parents like the new report cards. However, the challenges concerned the management of the school construction by Alberta Infrastructure (15 weeks with no one from the government on site) and no compensation for the site they do manage.

Elk Island Catholic Schools reported about the community engagements processes.

Francophone School Board: (Henri's board) reported on the building of the new schools And the opening of a new school in Sherwood Park—no space yet.

BLACKGOLD. Reported on the new schools they are building and the renovations going on In other schools. They implemented a new GCS scanning system for the busses.

Professional Development:

Building a Social Media Campaign: Presented by Suzanne Lundrigan

Trustee Development Video Series Overview: Presented by Jim Gibbons.

Next Zone meeting to take place on October 30th, 2015 at St. ANTHONY CENTRE.