

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
GREATER ST. ALBERT ROMAN CATHOLIC
SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 734
HELD on MONDAY, January 25, 2016, 1:30 P.M.
District Office, 6 St. Vital Avenue,
St. Albert, AB**

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

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 1:34 p.m.

IN CAMERA

112/16 **Trustee McEvoy:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees move In Camera at 1:34 p.m.

CARRIED (5/5)

Trustee Tremblay declared pecuniary interest regarding a personnel matter and excused himself at 1:36 p.m.

Trustee Crockett joined the meeting at 1:53 p.m.

OUT OF CAMERA

113/16 **Trustee Shaw:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 2:59 p.m.

CARRIED (5/5)

Trustee Tremblay rejoined the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER **Trustee Crockett** offered the opening prayer and provided recognition of the 200th anniversary of the Oblate Ministry.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

114/16 **Trustee Tremblay:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the agenda as presented.

CARRIED (6/6)

PRESENTATIONS None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & SUMMARIES

115/16 **Trustee McEvoy:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on January 11, 2016 as circulated.

CARRIED (6/6)

APPROVAL OF ADVOCACY MEETING SUMMARIES

- 116/16 **Trustee Shaw:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the summary of the Board Advocacy Committee meeting held on January 18, 2016 as circulated.
- CARRIED (6/6)**

COMMITTEE AND EVENT REPORTS

- 117/16 **Trustee McEvoy:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the committee reports from the Board Advocacy Committee meeting held on January 18, 2016 as follows:
- 8.1 ASBA Zone 2/3 (Nov 27-15; Crockett)
 - 8.2 Business Liaison – St. Albert (Nov 18-15; Crockett)
 - 8.3 Business Liaison – St. Albert (Jan 13-16; Crockett)
- CARRIED (6/6)**

GOOD NEWS

Trustee Radford shared the Good News Report. Trustee Radford mentioned that 100 years ago today marks the historic day in Manitoba when women received the right to vote and shared accolades for their courage in establishing this right for all women today.

Trustee McEvoy recognized the growth of wrestling in the district and the support from school councils for supporting this initiative and funding equipment.

Trustee Proulx commended the 4H Club in Legal School; staff and students, on a fabulous award presentation event and the talent of the students who made speeches. Superintendent Keohane commended the schools on their public speaking model which is outstanding!

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

CONSENT ITEMS

School Council Liaison and Board Committee Representatives

- 118/16 **Trustee Proulx:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the revised appointment of Trustees on School Council Liaisons and Board Committee lists for 2015-2016 as attached.
- CARRIED (6/6)**

ACTION ITEMS

Shaping Our Future Implementation Plan

Superintendent Keohane presented an updated memo on the District initiative regarding future opportunities in St. Albert High Schools. The memo highlights recommendations to improve the student experience at both St. Albert Catholic High School and École Sainte Marguerite d'Youville.

- 119/16 **Trustee McEvoy:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the Shaping Our Future Implementation Plan and anticipated cost implications as presented.
- REMAINS on the floor** with the mover as Trustee McEvoy

Trustee Shaw introduced a MOTION TO POSTPONE.

120/16

Trustee Shaw: **THAT** the Board of Trustees postpone the approval of the Shaping Our Future Implementation Plan and anticipated cost implications to the February 8, 2016 Regular Board Meeting.

CARRIED (4 in favour; 2 opposed – McEvoy, Tremblay)

NEW BUSINESS

None

INFORMATION ITEMS

Report from the Chair

Trustee Radford shared correspondence received.

Report from the Superintendent

Response to Trustee Request for Information

Secretary-treasurer Schlag, in response to Trustee Shaw's request made at the January 11, 2016 meeting, provided information on election timeframes and options for addressing the vacancy on the Board.

121/16

Trustee Crockett: **THAT** the Board of Trustees confirm there is no intent to hold a by-election to fill the vacant seat in the St. Albert Ward; the seat will remain vacant until the next General Election in October 2017.

DEFEATED (3 in favour; 3 opposed – McEvoy, Proulx, Tremblay)

Safe and Caring Schools Report

Superintendent Keohane presented a comprehensive report on all elements that contribute to a safe and caring environment. This included an update on the actions and the progress the District has made in response to the Safe Journeys to School report and a recent review of the District's Critical Incident/Emergency Response protocol on the opportunities for improvement.

Superintendent Keohane shared an updated vision for the Gallup Student Poll which responds to a large scale poll that identified a rewarding and engaging occupation as a significant driver of engagement. Modification to the student poll reflects this important driver. The poll still recognizes the importance of "hope" in students succeeding.

MEETING EXTENSION

122/16

Trustee Crockett: **THAT** the Board of Trustees extend the Regular meeting of the Board until 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED (6/6)

Superintendent Keohane shared the new administrative procedure 360 - Accommodating and Respecting Gender Identity and Expression with the Board. The document is a procedure that would enable schools to respond to requests in a consistent and respectful/caring way. This document respects Catholic teachings, meets government guidelines and recognizes parents/guardians as primary educators of their child.

Field Trip Activity Report

Assistant Superintendent McGuinness presented an updated Field Trip Activity Report that includes additional measures to safeguard those trips involving International Travel that are

scheduled for the remainder of the school year.

Communications and Community Relations

The Board was reminded of the deadline for submitting award nominations to the Alberta School Councils' Association.

123/16 **Trustee Proulx:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees receive the Superintendent's report as information. **CARRIED (6/6)**

BOARD COMMITMENTS

124/16 **Trustee McEvoy:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the Board Commitments as presented and updated at this meeting. **CARRIED (6/6)**

CLARIFICATION PERIOD FOR PUBLIC & MEDIA

Lucie Roy with the Morinville News inquired about whether or not the District was making changes to the forms that collect information on students to accommodate Gender Identity; including changing terminology? Superintendent Keohane indicated the current forms are updated and allow for maximum flexibility for students to identify their gender.

TRUSTEE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Trustee Crockett requested administration to provide an update on the myPass system and use of it within the District.

MEETING EXTENSION

125/16 **Trustee Proulx:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees extend the Regular meeting of the Board until 7:00 p.m. **CARRIED (6/6)**

IN CAMERA

126/16 **Trustee Shaw:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees move In Camera at 5:57 p.m. **CARRIED (6/6)**

OUT OF CAMERA

127/16 **Trustee Crockett:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees move In Camera at 6:36 p.m. **CARRIED (6/6)**

CLOSING PRAYER **Trustee Proulx** offered the closing prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

128/16 **Trustee Shaw:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees adjourn the regular meeting at 6:37 p.m. **CARRIED (6/6)**

Secretary Treasurer

Chair



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

Committee Report Summary

Board Advocacy Committee Meeting Date: January 18, 2016

Submitted by Trustee: Joan Crockett

Committee/Event Name: ASBA Zone 2/3 Annual Meeting

Committee Meeting Date: November 27, 2015

Highlights:

Zone 2/3 Board Rep Roles and Responsibilities (manual provided)

- On a go forward basis, Minutes, Director's Report and Agenda will be sent to trustees when received from Zone Secretary.

Meeting Summary:

Zone Fees: One time reduction in fees in order to reduce the Zone surplus created by not having an advocacy event during election and by the non-use of funds set aside for Chair or Vice-chair to attend the CSBA Conference.

Zone Advocacy Priorities: Transportation funding, Board Reserves, Student Mental Health, Relevance and Importance of Locally Elected School Boards.

- State of the Zone Report will be an annual part of the FGM going forward.

ASBA President Report:

- Helen Clease is concerned about a letter from Quebec School Boards where government wants to appoint school boards.
- Education Act Consultation continues. Transportation, school age of access and residency fees are regulations being discussed. Minister is concerned about school fees and wishes to close the FNMI gap within ten years.
- Motion #503 was introduced in the Legislature in mid-November regarding having high school students on school boards. Zone will encourage Karen Ship from Alberta Education to come to Zones to speak to it. Alberta Education does want feedback from school boards on how to help engage students.

Professional Development Presentation – Robert's Rules of Order – B Kallal

Next meeting - January 22, 2016 – St Anthony Centre, 10425 – 84 Ave Edmonton

Professional Development: How to Explain Board Reserves



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Committee Meeting Date: November 18, 2015

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

Speaker: Marie Renaud MLA St Albert

Overview of Alberta's Budget

Provincial budget of 2015 focuses on 3 main initiatives:

- 1) Providing stable funding for public services
- 2) Fostering jobs and diversifying the economy
- 3) Building a path to a balanced budget.

Stable Funding for Public Services

- Budget demonstrates a strong commitment to students and families by ensuring schools for student enrollment and enough teachers and resources for every student to succeed.
- Stabilizing Alberta's public health care system with long term funding while looking for efficiencies.
- Budget supports vulnerable families.

Fostering Jobs and Diversifying the Economy

- A new job creation incentive program will provide Alberta's employers with grants of up to \$5000 for each new job.
- Reintroduction of STEP (Summer Temporary Employment Program) will help students gain work experience and build transferable skills in the labor market.

Building a Path to a Balanced Budget

- Tax increase a reality to balance budget by 2019 - 2020

Philosophy of the government is to share prosperity and focus on what unites us.

Marie's favorite saying, "Be the change you wish to see in the world."



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Topic: Economic Outlook 2016

Speaker: J Angus Watt (National Bank)

Challenges: new provincial and federal governments, lower commodity prices, current volatility, low inflation, and instability of global growth.

- **Opportunities:** diversify the economy, support growth of small businesses and manufacturing and innovation growth.
- **Alberta Needs:** immigration, skilled labor, better rates of high school completion and research expertise.

Considerations:

- Completion of pipeline from Hardisty to St John NB. Billions of barrels are being imported into Ontario and Quebec from US every year.
- Fund Universities to capitalize on innovation and expertise. Canada ranks 9th on world stage. Alberta places low on innovation indicators.
- Support small businesses as they contribute more than 50% of Canada's GDP. 6.4 in 10 Canadians work in a SME and there are 826,000 entrepreneurs in Canada.

2016 Growth Expected: Global 3%, Canadian 1.6%, US 2.5%

Next Chamber Luncheon – Mayor's State of the City Address - February 10th – Enjoy Centre

TRUSTEE/SCHOOL COUNCIL LIAISONS 2015-2016

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Schools

2015-2016

Albert Lacombe School

Rosaleen McEvoy

Bertha Kennedy Community School

Serena Shaw

École Father Jan

Joan Crockett

École Marie Poburan

René Tremblay

École Secondaire Sainte Marguerite d'Youville

Rosaleen McEvoy

École Georges H. Primeau Middle School

René Tremblay

J. J. Nearing Catholic Elementary

Rosaleen McEvoy

Legal School

Cathy Proulx

Morinville Community High School

René Tremblay

Neil M. Ross School

Joan Crockett

Notre Dame School

Noreen Radford

Richard S. Fowler Jr. High

Joan Crockett

St. Albert Catholic High School

Serena Shaw

St. Gabriel High School

Joan Crockett

Vincent J. Maloney Jr. High

Noreen Radford

Vital Grandin School

Serena Shaw



BOARD COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES 2015-2016

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Committees	Representative(s)	Alternate
ACSTA	Serena Shaw	Rosaleen McEvoy
ASBA Zone 2/3	Joan Crockett	Serena Shaw
ASBA Second Language Caucus	Joan Crockett	Serena Shaw
ATA Liaison	Cathy Proulx Noreen Radford	Rosaleen McEvoy
Business Liaison		
a) St. Albert	Joan Crockett	Rosaleen McEvoy
b) Morinville	René Tremblay	Noreen Radford
c) Legal	Cathy Proulx	
Capital Committee	Cathy Proulx Serena Shaw (Reporter)	Joan Crockett
C2 Committee	Rosaleen McEvoy	Joan Crockett
Education Foundation	Rosaleen McEvoy	
Grievance Committee	Committee of the Whole	
Negotiations:		
a) Support Staff	Serena Shaw Cathy Proulx	Joan Crockett
b) ATA	Joan Crockett Rosaleen McEvoy	Noreen Radford
Policy Advisory Committee	Noreen Radford Cathy Proulx	Serena Shaw

