

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
GREATER ST. ALBERT ROMAN CATHOLIC
SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 734
HELD on MONDAY, March 21, 2016, 2:00 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 2:00 p.m.

IN CAMERA

171/16 Trustee Shaw: **THAT** the Board of Trustees move In Camera at 2:00 p.m. **CARRIED (6/6)**

OUT OF CAMERA

172/16 Trustee Proulx: **THAT** the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 3:28 p.m. **CARRIED (6/6)**

OPENING PRAYER Trustee Crockett offered the Opening Prayer and acknowledged the International Day of Racial Discrimination.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

173/16 Trustee Tremblay: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the agenda as amended with the addition of 13.1 New Business Discussion with MLA's re: Educational Issues. **CARRIED (6/6)**

PRESENTATION DELEGATION

No delegations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & SUMMARIES

174/16 Trustee McEvoy: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the following minutes and summaries in one group as circulated:

- Special Board Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2016
- Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2016
- Board Advocacy Committee Meeting Summary of March 7, 2016
- Capital Committee Meeting Summary of March 7, 2016

CARRIED (6/6)

APPROVAL OF REPORTS FROM ADVOCACY COMMITTEE MEETING

175/16 **Trustee Crockett:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the five committee reports from the Board Advocacy Committee meeting held on March 7, 2016 with the amendment to 8.2 Alberta School Boards Association with the term “required” in place of “requested.”

CARRIED (6/6)

GOOD NEWS

Trustee Radford shared the Good News Report.

Trustee Tremblay judged GHP Science Projects and it was mentioned that there were some fascinating Science discoveries.

Trustee McEvoy acknowledged J.J. Nearing School’s participation in the ATB Branch; an outstanding and fun experience for students. This branch makes the total number of schools participating in the District to three schools.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

CONSENT ITEMS

Review of Board Policy 14 – Hearings on Teacher Matters (Keohane)

176/16 **Trustee Shaw:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the review of Board Policy 14 – Hearings on Teacher Matters with no changes.

CARRIED (6/6)

ACTION ITEMS

By-Election Plans

Secretary-treasurer Schlag presented four options for timing of the By-Election between August 2016 and November 2016 to fill the vacant seat of the Board.

177/16 **Trustee Proulx:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the date for the by-election to fill the one vacancy in the St. Albert Ward as September 19, 2016 and that all other associated dates for required actions be in accordance with timelines in the *Local Authorities Election Act*.

CARRIED (6/6)

178/16 **Trustee Proulx:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees appoint Deborah Schlag, Secretary-Treasurer for Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools, as Returning Officer for the school board by-election of one Trustee in the St. Albert Ward on September 19, 2016.

CARRIED (6/6)

179/16 **Trustee Proulx:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees reschedule the Organizational Meeting of the Board from August 29, 2016 to September 26, 2016.

CARRIED (6/6)

Board Meeting Schedule Revision

Secretary-treasurer Schlag updated the Board on the timelines for receiving Provincial Budget information and presented a proposal for consideration to reschedule the Committee of the Whole Meeting for the purpose of Budget Review to optimize discussions for budget planning purposes.

- 180/16 **Trustee Proulx:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees cancel the May 16, 2016 Regular Meeting and reschedule the date for a Committee of the Whole Meeting for Budget 2016-17 review.
CARRIED (6/6)

2017 – 2020 Capital Plan

Secretary-treasurer, Schlag updated the Board on the requirement to annually submit a Capital Plan and a brief overview was provided on the projects under consideration for submission including the modernization of Morinville Community High School, upgrades to Bertha Kennedy Catholic School and a modernization of Legal School.

- 181/16 **Trustee Proulx:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the Legal Modernization for inclusion in the 2017-2020 Capital Plan.
DEFEATED (1 in favor, 5 opposed)

- 182/16 **Trustee McEvoy:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the MCHS CTS Renovation for inclusion in the 2017-2020 Capital Plan.
CARRIED (6/6)

- 183/16 **Trustee Crockett:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the BK Air Handling Renovation for inclusion in the 2017-2020 Capital Plan.
CARRIED (6/6)

- 184/16 **Trustee McEvoy:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees defer consideration of the Legal Modernization until written requests have been received from both the Francophone Board and Sturgeon School Division confirming the priority ranking of this project in their respective Capital Plans, prior to inclusion in the 2017-2020 GSACRD Capital Plan.
CARRIED (5 in favor, 1 opposed-Proulx)

- 185/16 **Trustee McEvoy:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees rank the MCHS CTS Renovation as the number one priority and the BK Air Handling Renovation as the number two priority of the 2017-2020 Capital Plan.
CARRIED (6/6)

- 186/16 **Trustee McEvoy:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the Three-Year Capital Plan for 2017-2020 with the following two projects and ranked priorities, MCHS (1) and BK(2), with electronic submission to follow on or before the April 1, 2016 submission deadline.
CARRIED (6/6)

Policy 19 – Acknowledging Territories of Indigenous Communities within District Events

Superintendent Keohane presented a draft policy that would provide guidance to the Board and District to honour Indigenous

people in the communities that the District serves and a protocol for doing this. The Board was credited for their leadership in taking steps to bring this important initiative into policy. Trustee Radford acknowledged the work of trustee Crockett in her work advocating for First Nations Metis Inuit and putting this into action.

- 187/16 **Trustee Crockett: THAT** the Board of Trustees review and make recommendations for Draft Policy 19 – Acknowledging Territories of Indigenous Communities within District Events.
CARRIED (6/6)

Agenda Packages for Regular Meetings

Superintendent Keohane presented an option to address the request for having meeting packages prepared seventy-two hours in advance of Board meetings with consideration for implementation in the next school year.

- 188/16 **Trustee McEvoy: THAT** the Board of Trustees consider the extension of the timeline between package distribution when it plans for its 2016 – 2017 meeting framework, and does so by arranging for bi-weekly meetings.
CARRIED (6/6)

Tracking Systems for Motions and Requests for Information

Superintendent Keohane updated the Board on a tracking system that has been a work in progress which has recently been completed and is currently active.

- 189/16 **Trustee McEvoy: THAT** the Board of Trustees receive this status update as information to support Board accessibility to board motions and trustee requests for information.
CARRIED (6/6)

2016 Edwin Parr Teacher Award Nomination

Assistant superintendent McGuinness presented two outstanding nominees for this year's Edwin Parr Teacher Award: Dean Neumeier, teacher at St. Albert Catholic High and Aaron Adams, teacher at R.S. Fowler; and presented the recommendation to submit Aaron Adams as this year's recommendation.

- 190/16 **Trustee Shaw: THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the nomination of Aaron Adams from Richard S. Fowler Catholic Jr. High School as the district's nominee for the 2016 Edwin Parr Teacher Award.
CARRIED (6/6)

NEW BUSINESS

ASBA Meeting April 12, 2016

Trustee Radford shared with the Board the opportunity to attend a meeting hosted by ASBA with MLA's to discuss topics of educational importance.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Report from the Chair

Correspondence was shared including letters of support and accolades from Archbishop Richard Smith and Bishop Paul Terrio for the District's work in honouring Sister Marie Alphonse and St. Kateri Tekakwitha with the naming of the new school infrastructure in St. Albert and Morinville, respectively.

Letter from Nolan Crouse for the efforts of the District in their work on the Safe Journeys to School. A thank you note from ESSMY was shared for Board's participation in the Blessing of the Chapel. In addition, a letter from Mayor Holmes, President, AUMA regarding current process for citing school sites and acknowledged the letters received responding to the guidelines' for LGBTQ and the impact on parent rights.

Trustee Radford updated the Board on the agenda for the upcoming Annual Reciprocal Use Meeting Agenda. No additional items were contemplated at this time.

MEETING EXTENSION

191/16 **Trustee Crockett:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees extend the Regular meeting of the Board until 6:30 p.m. **CARRIED (6/6)**

Report from the Superintendent

Superintendent Keohane presented the feedback received from the Ministry in response to the 2015/2016 to 2017/2018 Three Year Education Plan and the 2014/2015 Annual Education Results Report which commends the District on their outstanding work and commitment to continuous improvement.

Assistant superintendent McGuinness updated the Board on field trip activity including those approved for International travel.

Secretary-treasurer Schlag provided a Quarterly Financial Update to the Board and also presented a progress report on Plant Operations and Maintenance, and a summary of the projects funded by the Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal Grant across the District.

Superintendent Keohane presented a summary report as a follow up to the recent consultation indicating this report will be shared publicly through the District website.

Secretary-treasurer Schlag presented information on a Memorandum of Understanding that outlines how the District would co-operate and respond to emergencies that impact the City of St. Albert by allowing school facilities to be used as evacuation centres.

192/16 **Trustee Proulx:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees receive the superintendent's report as information. **CARRIED (6/6)**

BOARD COMMITMENTS

193/16 **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

Janet Hooke requested an amendment to Good News to include Jacqueline Weir, teacher and Leanne Oake, library technician, both with SACHS in the acknowledgement for their work with the cheerleading team.

TRUSTEE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Trustee Radford would like to receive more information on the following three topics: (1) Open classroom concept (Hub), (2) update on the Thought Exchange next steps and (3) district organizational charts. Superintendent Keohane provided information on the next steps in the Thought Exchange process. Responses on the open concept classroom and district organizational charts will be provided at a future meeting.

CLOSING PRAYER

Trustee Crockett offered the closing prayer.

IN CAMERA

194/16

Trustee Tremblay: **THAT** the Board of Trustees move In Camera at 5:58 p.m.

CARRIED (6/6)

OUT OF CAMERA

195/16

Trustee Tremblay: **THAT** the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 6:23 p.m.

CARRIED (6/6)

MEETING EXTENSION

196/16

Trustee Tremblay: **THAT** the Board of Trustees extend the Regular meeting of the Board until 7:00 p.m.

CARRIED (6/6)

IN CAMERA

197/16

Trustee Tremblay: **THAT** the Board of Trustees move In Camera at 6:24 p.m.

CARRIED (6/6)

OUT OF CAMERA

198/16

Trustee Shaw:**THAT** the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 6:49 p.m.

CARRIED (6/6)

ADJOURNMENT

199/16

Trustee Tremblay: **THAT** the Board of Trustees adjourn the regular meeting at 6:49 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: March 7, 2016

Submitted by Trustee: Joan Crockett

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

Committee Meeting Date: February 26, 2016

Highlights:

Helen Clease – ASBA President

- Working on Strategic Plan (90% of Boards liked the Strategic Priority Plan in existence)
- Emphasis on Explaining Reserve Funds, Locally Elected School Boards
- ASBA considering having an Issues Forum with Minister Eggen Possible date - April 13
- Issues: Municipal Government Act, LGBTQ, Education Act, Table Discussions

Doreen Lupaschuk – Alberta Education Director's Report

- Child, Youth, and Enhancement Act – every person must report suspected child abuse
- SLA's – Much more work to do
- Grade 6 & 9 PAT – 2016-2017 will be writing as scheduled.

Glenys Edwards – U of A Experience

- ADU 100 for education students will be compulsory next year. Therefore, all education students will need volunteer hours working with youth in their first year of studies.
- All student teachers will be required to take a Special Education course.

Cheryl Dumont - Zone Chairs Report

- March 18 – Zone 2/3 Meeting – PD History of the Indigenous People through a Blanket Exercise – Edmonton Catholic – Pam Sparkling Eyes and students.
- April 22 – PD - ASEBP Presentation – Jennifer Carson
 - Learning Technology Framework – Phase 2 – Brian Callaghan

ASBA Second Language Caucus – Cheryl Dumont, Laura Thibert, Patricia Pederson

- Second Language Caucus is no longer a task force.
- What do Boards need for ELL?

Professional Development Presentation

- Proposed Policy Development Workshop – Heather Tkachuk -
- Robert's Rules of Order – Becky Kallal

Next meeting – March 18, 2016 – St Anthony Centre, 10425 – 84 Ave Edmonton



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Committee Report Summary

Board Advocacy Committee Meeting Date: March 7, 2016

Submitted by Trustee: Trustee Crockett

Committee/Event Name: Business Liaison - St Albert

Committee Meeting Date: February 10, 2016

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

Speaker: Mayor Nolan Crouse – State of the City Address

Mayor Crouse shared that Gallop suggests 3 drivers as Fundamental to Canadian Urban Life: Community Safety, Social Comfort and Environmentally Friendliness.

Community Safety - Committed to a safe, comfortable, welcoming City

- Lowest crime rates in Alberta
- \$836 000 earmarked for 30 schools . . . recommendations made by Safe Journeys to Schools
- 60 RCMP officers.

Social Pillar – Communities where people can meet, socialize and call home

- Committed to social gatherings: Farmers Market, Rock ‘n August, Block Parties (102 in 2015), Youth Festival, Outdoor Music Festival, Family Comic Festival
- Two more gathering places in the future: New Arena and Branch Library
- 30 churches in St Albert and these will take care of refugee families – 2 Syrian and 1 Iraqi family at present
- 10 hospice beds just created in Foyer Lacombe
- Healing Garden (Truth and Reconciliation Project) to be located north of St Albert Place along Sturgeon River.

Environment

- Committed to make community attractive, with parks, green spaces, public art, tree lined boulevards, and safe trails
- 3 electric busses ordered
- Upgrade for one of the 35 storm pipes
- Funding for Black Knot Tree Disease on public property
- \$250 000 to replace trees along boulevards.

Economic Development

- Population increase has been consistent for the last 50 years at 1000 per annum - true for 2015 as well
- Single family dwellings have declined whereas multi-family homes have increased
- Building permits were up 9% from 2014
- \$40 million needed to build sewer pipe to help spur development in west and southwest St Albert. Proposal will go before Council in the spring.
- City receives \$16 million in provincial grants and \$3 million in federal grants.
- \$143 million in operating revenue, \$137 million in operating expenses, \$5 million estimated surplus.
- *No metrics to suggest concerns in 2016 – Solid Growth – no boom or bust.*



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

Committee Report Summary

Board Advocacy Committee Meeting Date: March 7, 2016

Submitted by Trustee: Trustee Radford

Committee/Event Name: Morinville and District Chamber of Commerce

Committee Meeting Date & Time: February 3, 2016

Highlights of Items Relevant to GSACRD:

Relevance to the Board:

- President Simon Boersma indicated that the chamber members should be aware of any refugees that might be in their area. If there is anything as a business that they could do to make their transition easier, it would be greatly appreciated.
- Morinville Chamber Trip for an adventure to CHINA

Attached:

1. 15 reasons to join Morinville & District Chamber of Commerce
2. China Trip

15 REASONS TO JOIN MORINVILLE & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

1) NETWORK, NETWORK, NETWORK

2) Attend monthly networking lunches where special guest speakers will talk about our economy, business ideas, growth and marketing.

3) Group Insurance Plan - whether you're a one person business or have many employees, the Chamber Plan can help you (more information page 17).

4) Special discounts on advertising in this directory, participating in our annual Trade show and competing in our Annual Golf Tournament.

5) Attend special events such as our Annual Gala where you could be nominated for our Business Awards. These awards recognize business who offer service beyond what is expected.

6) Join us in our Annual Trade Show - Explore the Wonders... April 22/23. An opportunity to display your business or service, participate in a career fair or simply enjoy family entertainment.

7) Bon Jour Bags- as a member of Chamber of Commerce you can help fill our specially designed bags with promotional items to welcome every new resident into Morinville and District.

8) Join us for a Chamber Sponsored trip to the Far East, Iceland and other places where we can mix business with pleasure.

9) Shop Local - Our Chamber has special events to promote shopping local.

10) Market your business in our Christmas booklet - colouring pages, recipes and special Christmas projects. A fun and economical way to advertise while helping families. Get your name in the public eye!

11) Membership Referrals - Have your business cards on our business Showcase wall and when people are looking for business we can give them your card.

12) Members are welcome to attend special seminars and workshops

13) Internet Listings - all members and their information will be listed on our website

14) Bi-weekly fan-outs - What is happening in our Chamber world? An email will be sent out regularly to all our members bringing you up-to-date. We will also include any special announcements you may wish to pass along to all of our members. One free announcement per month.

15) An exclusive membership to Alberta Chamber of Commerce and Canadian Chamber of Commerce is included when you join Morinville & District Chamber of Commerce. With this membership you have access to Value Added Benefits such as:



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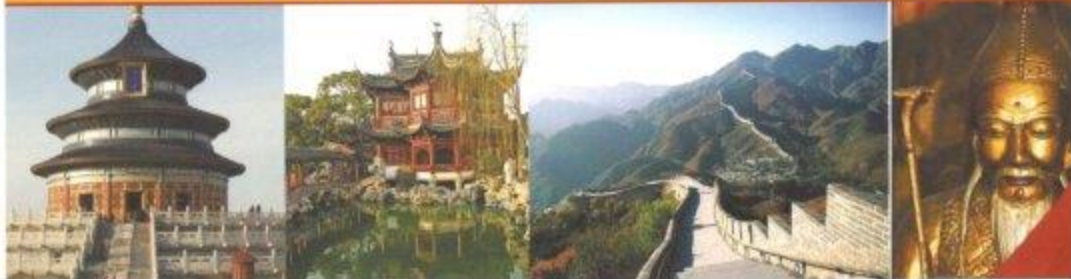
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Day 1 - YVR/Beijing

Check in at Vancouver International Airport for an afternoon flight. Cross the international dateline.

Day 2 – 6 Beijing

Arrive in Beijing, the Capital of China by midnight. You will be met at the airport by your tour guide and transferred to the hotel. Visit the **Tian An Men Square**, and the **Temple of Heaven**, built in 1420 A.D., for emperors to pray for a good harvest. Sightseeing today will continue with a tour of the **Palace Museum**, also known as the **Forbidden City**, home of 24 emperors with a total space of 9,999 rooms, and the **Summer Palace**. Tour bus excursion to the **Great Wall**, the 4,000 mile long and 2,000 years old. Visit the **Ming Tombs**. One of the 13 Ming Emperors' Tombs is fully excavated and open for exploration. Sightseings also include **Lama Temple**.

Day 6 – 7 Beijing/Xi'an

Fly to Xi'an, the Chinese ancient capital with 14 dynasties, followed by a bus trip to the ancient **City Wall** and the **Big Wild Goose Pagoda**. Evening will include a show featuring traditional Chinese music. Morning

tour bus excursion to **Terra-Cotta Warriors**, considered as the 8th Wonder of the World. Visit **Huaqing Spa Garden** and the **Banpo Museum**, featuring a pre-historical cave-man site.

Day 8 – Xi'an/Shanghai/Suzhou

Fly to Shanghai, followed by a bus trip to Suzhou for the **Lingering Garden**, **Tiger Hill**, **Hanshan Temple** and the **National Embroidery Institute** to see silk embroidery, a local craft with thousands of years of history.

Day 9 - 10 Suzhou/Shanghai

Afternoon tour bus trip to Shanghai. Visit the **Yu Garden**, a maze of marvelous pavilions, ponds, rocky works and overarching trees. Also visit the **Bund**, Shanghai's famous waterfront park. Tour the **Pudong Economic Development Zone**, seeing the fast speed of Chinese developing economy.

Day 11 - Shanghai/Beijing/YVR

Morning flight to Beijing to connect to the afternoon flight depart for Vancouver where you will arrive at 10:30am on the same day.

Price reflects Double occupancy
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Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Who you are sharing a room with: _____

Who you would like to travel with: _____

Type of Room (please check one): 1 King Bed 2 Queen Beds Triple Beds

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China is a modern country, so you need not feel as though you are preparing to travel back in time, to a less sophisticated society. In many instances, the country is not "behind" so much as "different." For example, you will find very few ATM machines, but travelers' checks and credit cards are accepted everywhere, so leave your checkbooks and check cards behind. The electricity in China is 220 volts and an adapter is required to operate even an American hair dryer. Both the adapter and the hair dryer are available at the hotels in which we will be staying, but it is recommended that you bring your own adapter if you will need to plug anything in. Though you will be treated to sumptuous regional foods, you will also find many American fast-food chains including McDonalds, KFC and Starbucks.



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Committee Report Summary

Board Advocacy Committee Meeting Date: March 7, 2016

Submitted by Trustee: Trustee Tremblay

Committee/Event Name: Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta (APEGA) President's Luncheon

Committee Meeting Date & Time: February 16, 2016

Summary of Agenda Items: APEGA Edmonton branch luncheon and President's visit

APEGA President	Discussed issues affecting Alberta due to the economic downturn and how we can work together to keep business moving forward
Mayor Don Iveson	spoke about his role in advocating with the Federal gov't for development and design, rather than just shovels in the ground
APEGA Foundation	I spoke with the CEO regarding APEGA's role in working with schools to grow the awareness and importance of Engineers in today's' Alberta

Highlights of Items Relevant to GSACRD:

The APEGA luncheon was a very useful forum to network with the diverse groups involved in building Alberta during difficult economic times. I was able to exchange ideas and thoughts about how school boards fit into the picture while opening the eyes of many business minded individuals.