



BOARD OF TRUSTEES ADVOCACY COMMITTEE MEETING
Greater St. Albert Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 734
District Office Board Room
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AGENDA

Monday, May 9, 2016 – 7:30 P.M – Call to Order

- 1. Call to Order:** Rosaleen McEvoy
- 2. Opening Prayer:** Noreen Radford
- 3. Acknowledgment of Territories:** Rosaleen McEvoy
The Greater St. Albert Catholic School Board acknowledges that it is meeting on the original lands of the Cree, those of Treaty 6, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation.
- 4. Submission of Written Committee/Trustee Event Reports**

✓ **Committee Reports**

Committee	Trustee	Report Attached
Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association	Shaw	
Alberta School Boards Association 2/3	Crockett	✓
Alberta School Boards Association Second Language Caucus	Crockett	
Alberta Teachers' Association Liaison	Proulx/Radford	
Business Liaison – St. Albert	Crockett	✓
Business Liaison – Morinville	Tremblay	✓
Business Liaison – Legal	Proulx	
Capital Committee	Shaw/Proulx	
C2 Committee	McEvoy	
Education Foundation	McEvoy	
Grievance Committee	Committee of the Whole	
Negotiations – ATA	Crockett/McEvoy	
Negotiations – Support Staff	Shaw/Proulx	
Policy Advisory Committee	Radford/Proulx	

✓ **Other Reports**

Trustee	School Council Report	Event Report
Crockett		
McEvoy		
Proulx		
Radford		
Shaw		
Tremblay		

- 5. Trustee Development | Board Advocacy Discussion**
 - 5.1. Presentation: Urban Agriculture by Neil Korotash from Morinville Community High School
 - 5.2. Restoration of Funding for the Alberta Foundation of the Arts (Radford)
 - 5.3. Governance Rules: Tabling Postponements & Referrals (Keohane)
 - 5.4. Recommendation of Future Topics
 - 5.5. Review of Advocacy Plan
- 6. Closing Prayer:** Noreen Radford

7. Adjournment

Upcoming Advocacy Meeting Topics

June 20 – Board Advocacy Committee Meeting

- ✓ Recognitions of Excellence in Teaching & Edwin Parr
- ✓ Religious Education Programming in the District (BDP)
- ✓ Impact of High School Flexibility on student learning within the District (BDP)
- ✓ Recommendation of Future Topics
- ✓ Review of Advocacy Plan



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Committee Report Summary

Board Advocacy Committee Meeting Date: May 9, 2016

Submitted by Trustee: Joan Crockett

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

Committee Meeting Date: April 22, 2016

ASBA President's Report provided by Mary Martin, Vice President

ASBA Expenses

-ASBA is posting expenses online for members of the ASBA Board of Directors and the Executive Director effective January 1, 2016.

Review of the Municipal Government Act (MGA)

- Municipal Affairs Minister Larivee, has announced the next steps in their public Consultation process.
- ASBA has presented these issues to Minister Larivee and Minister Eggen. MGA will be tabled in late May, 2016, and it is anticipated that from this point, events will unfold very quickly
- Materials circulated at the ASBA Provincial Issues Forum may be accessed on the ASBA Website.

Significant concerns:

- Erosion of local autonomy for school boards
- Disregard for agreements currently in place in Alberta that are working well
- Negative impacts on educational outcomes through the disruption of current reserve processes and structures (site size, use and design)
- Legislative requirements which may conflict with other provincial legislation (School closures)
- Loss of control of local elector base through the potential repeal of Education Property Tax
- Substantive increase in costs for sites with the creation of off-site levies
- Amendments to the legislation must protect local autonomy
- School boards ought to be directly consulted in review of the legislation and as a discrete stakeholder group – both in advance and subsequent to tabling any amendments.
- The new MGA will be proclaimed in 2017 prior to the next municipal elections.

Implementation of Bill 10

- ASBA Directors are working in collaboration with the ATA, CASS, ASCA, the Society for Safe and Caring Schools, Alberta Education, AISCA and others in supporting the implementation of Bill 10.

Motion 504

-Ric McIver, the Progressive Conservative Party interim Leader introduced Motion 504 in the legislature which reads as follows: *“Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to affirm its commitment to allowing parents the choice of educational delivery for their children, including home, charter, private, francophone, separate, or public education programs”*.

Spring General Meeting

-Keynote speaker on Monday evening – Dan Pontefract, Author of FLAT ARMY: Creating a Connected and Engaged Organization

The following lists the confirmed **breakout sessions** for Tuesday (2 blocks of time – one in the morning and one in the afternoon):

- Student Mental Health and Wellness (Dr. David Swann)
- The Art of Chairing OR Building Board Relations (Jim Beaubien and Karen Casear) – session details being finalized and may have a slightly alternate focus – (2 sessions)
- Alberta’s Political Landscape: Working in the new political reality (Paul McLoughlin and Janet Brown) (2 sessions)
- Education Partners’ FNMI Task Force: Collaboration Success Story and what’s next? (Brian Callaghan and Mary Martin)
- EICS/ASBOA: District Reserves and School Fees (Ryan Stierman and Susan Lang) (2 sessions or may offer second one on the Assurance Model)
- TQS/SLS/SALs (Randy Cla

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- Social Media: Building Engagement (Heather Massel and Angela Town)
- ASEBP: Wellness and/or Sandbox (2 sessions – details being finalized)
- Collaborating with Board Chairs (Heather Welwood) (2 sessions – second session on Trustee Connections)
- Creating WCRSLE Resources for your School? (Safe and Caring/Barry Davidson/Lesley MacEachern) OR Aggression Replacement Training (Safe and Caring)
- Joint Use Agreements and School Site Planning (Terry Gunderson, AUMA, ARPA)
- Learning Technology Policy Framework 2.0 (Brian Callaghan and Edna Dach, Alberta ED)
- ASBA Legal: Do's and Don'ts for Superintendent Contracts (ASBA legal)

FNMI Task Force

-“Elder in the Making” – excellent documentary. Available on Telus and Youtube

May Professional Development

- Mental Health in our Schools - Videos on ASBA website
- Final Discussion of Zone Proposed Policies

September Professional Development

- LGBTQ Student Panel
- Treaty 6 Information

Upcoming Events

May 27 – Zone 2/3 meeting and Edwin Parr Evening @ Executive Royal Inn

June 5 – 7 – Spring General Meeting – Red Deer

June 9-11 – Canadian Catholic School Trustee Association – Yellowknife

July 6 – 9 – Canadian School Board Association Conference - Winnipeg

Next meeting – May 27, 2016 1pm – Executive Royal Inn, Edmonton



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Committee Report Summary

Board Advocacy Committee Meeting Date: May 9, 2016

Submitted by Trustee: Trustee Crockett

Committee/Event Name: Business Liaison - St Albert

Committee Meeting Date: April 6, 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 official of GSACRD, and guest speaker enrichment.

An item of interest - Chamber President, Linda Moffat announced her retirement April 6 to become effective December 2016. Michael Cooper in his address, stated that Linda Moffat was not only a pillar of the Chamber, she was also a pillar of the community. The Selection Committee is asking anyone interested to come forward by contacting the past board chair Barry Bailey.

Speaker: Michael Cooper – Member of Parliament “The Shape of the New Government”

@Cooper4SAE

- Michael was formerly a student in the GSACRD District, was and presently is an elector and Eucharistic Minister of the St Albert Parish. He attended the University of Alberta and received his Bachelor of Law Degree with Distinction. Prior to being elected in 2015, he worked as a civil litigator.
- Michael has recently served a Co-Vice Chair of a Committee on Physician Assisted Dying. A key recommendation of the Committee was appropriate funding for Palliative Care. He feels the Federal Budget of 2016 has reneged on the promise, leaving behind vulnerable Canadians.
- The federal budget has no new funds of roads, railroads, or other transportation systems. The ill-defined \$11.9 billion of infrastructure dollars over 5 years will go toward green and social programs. There is a 76% discretionary increase in program spending.
- Taxes will increase for all Canadians especially small businesses, although 98% of all commerce are small businesses employing more than 70 percent of the private sector.
- Member of Parliament Cooper disagreed with the 3.7 billion dollars deferred on military hardware and equipment when there is such a serious threat from terrorism.
- Cooper did commend the government’s effort to fund public transportation and Michael said he would fight for St Albert’s fair share to help build the LRT to Edmonton.

Next Chamber Luncheon – May 11, 2016



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Board Advocacy Committee Meeting Date: May 9, 2016

Submitted by Trustee: Trustee Tremblay

Committee/Event Name: Business Liaison-Morinville Chamber Lunch

Committee Meeting Date & Time: April 6, 2016

Summary of Agenda Items: Early Child Development Mapping Project (ECMAP)

Scientific research shows that the early years (from before birth to age five) are the most critical period of human development and that children's early environments shape the structure of their rapidly growing brains. Creating the nurturing environments essential for healthy development takes a collective effort that involves parents, caregivers, governments, educators, service providers, businesspeople and community members — the entire village, in fact.

AREA	OVERALL	KEY STATS
ST. ALBERT COMMUNITY PROFILE	ST ALBERT IS ABOVE THE NORM FOR ALBERTA	Developing appropriately in all areas of development 61.1%
STURGEON COUNTY	ABOVE THE NORM	Developing appropriately in all areas of development 54.2%
ALBERTA		Developing appropriately in all areas of development 46.4%

Highlights of Items Relevant to GSACRD:

This is a list of the community resources accessed by the community both within and outside its boundary as identified by coalitions using an ECMap template. Further research is being done on these resources. # of resources mapped resource type: 65 Park or trail, 51 Spiritual centre , 45 Other ECD parks; recreation; or community centre asset, 41 other early learning and care asset, 41 Schools, 30 Community health centre or public health centres, 21 Playschool/Preschool, 19 Licensed day care centre, 17 Playground, 11 Head Start/Pre-Kindergarten, 11 Community hall or community league facility, 9 Child- or family-serving agency or organization, 6 Library, 6 Other ECD asset, 6 Recreation centre or community centre, 2 Hospital, 1 Addiction services centre, 1 Food support, 1 Housing support, 1 Mental health services centre, 1 Nursery school, 1 Other ECD health asset, 1 other portable ECD asset, 1 Parent Link Centre, 1 Portable ECD religious or spiritual asset.

Conclusion:

STURGEON COUNTY AND ST. ALBERT ARE DOING VERY WELL IN EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT HOWEVER WE NEED TO BE AWARE OF THE RECENT ECONOMIC AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC CHANGES. THE

ONLY WAY TO STAY ON TRACK IS TO CONTINUE ADDING COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND CULTIVATE EXISTING ONES

SEE ALL OF THE VALUABLE INFO AT <http://www.ecmap.ca/>