

**SUMMARY OF THE BOARD ADVOCACY COMMITTEE MEETING OF
GREATER ST. ALBERT RCSSD NO. 734
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2016**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Trustees Crockett, McEvoy, Proulx, Shaw, Radford, and Tremblay.

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

D Keohane, superintendent

ADMINISTRATION ABSENT

D. Schlag, secretary-treasurer

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Trustee McEvoy requested that 5.1 Presentation, Urban Agriculture be moved up on the agenda prior to 4.0 Written Committee/Trustee Event Reports.

URBAN AGRICULTURE PRESENTATION

A presentation was made by staff member Neil Korotash, Morinville Community High School on the success of the Urban Agriculture program at the school. Introduced three years ago, an overview on the course was provided highlighting some of the key areas of study including: butchering, dairy farming, canning, foraging, the outdoor and indoor gardens, along with many field trips that extend the learning. Mr. Korotash recognized the support of the numerous community partnerships that have supported and contributed to the success of the program. It is now one of the top four option classes that students choose, continues to grow in popularity and teaches students, a variety of life skills including the promotion of healthy eating, and the development of entrepreneurial skills. Trustees commended Mr. Korotash on his initiative in bringing this learning opportunity to students and furthering community support.

TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Crockett provided a written report from her attendance at the April 22, 2016 ASBA Zone 2/3 Meeting. Trustee Crockett highlighted the governments intent to have the new Municipal Government Act (MGA) to be proclaimed in 2017 prior to the next municipal elections, and the Progressive Conservative Party's intent to introduce motion 504 to affirm the provinces commitment to funding educational choice. In addition, trustee Crockett highlighted upcoming Professional Development planned this month and September, as well as the budget being proposed by ASBA. In preparation for the Spring Annual General Meeting (SGM), the Board reviewed motions that will be brought forward for consideration at the upcoming SGM.

Trustee Crockett provided a written report from her attendance at the April 6, 2016 St. Albert Chamber Meeting and highlighted the retirement of Linda Moffat, Chamber President this year.

Trustee Tremblay updated the Board on his written report from the April 6, 2016 Morinville Chamber Meeting indicating that both St. Albert and Sturgeon were acknowledged for their success and progress as reported by the Early Child Development Mapping Project.

TRUSTEE DEVELOPMENT / BOARD ADVOCACY

Governance Rules – Tabling Postponements & Referrals Trustees requested the information on this topic be shared electronically.

RECOMMENDATION ON FUTURE TOPICS

No additional topics were recommended.

REVIEW OF ADVOCACY PLAN

Trustee Proulx requested that the upcoming St. Emile Parish Theology on Tap in Legal be added to Board Commitments.

Trustee Radford offered the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.