

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
GREATER ST. ALBERT ROMAN CATHOLIC
SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 734
HELD on MONDAY, May 30, 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 2:01 p.m.

IN CAMERA

224/16 Trustee McEvoy: **THAT** the Board of Trustees move In Camera at 2:02 p.m.

CARRIED (6/6)

OUT OF CAMERA

225/16 Trustee Shaw: **THAT** the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 3:22 p.m.

CARRIED (6/6)

The Board recessed until 3:30 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER Trustee McEvoy offered the Opening Prayer.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT Trustee Radford acknowledged the Board is meeting on the original lands of the Cree, those of Treaty 6, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

226/16 Trustee Crockett: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the agenda as amended with the addition of 13.2 Reallocation of a portion of Former Trustee Caron's Budget Funds.

CARRIED (6/6)

PRESENTATION DELEGATION

No delegations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & SUMMARIES

227/16 Trustee Proulx: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on April 25, 2016 as circulated.

CARRIED (6/6)

228/16 Trustee McEvoy: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the summary of the Board Advocacy Committee meeting of May 9, 2016 as circulated.

CARRIED (6/6)

229/16

Trustee Tremblay: THAT the Board of Trustees approve the summary of the Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board held on May 16, 2016 as circulated.

CARRIED (6/6)

APPROVAL OF REPORTS FROM ADVOCACY COMMITTEE MEETING

230/16

Trustee Crockett: THAT the Board of Trustees approve the Committee Reports from Board Advocacy Committee meeting held on May 9, 2016 as circulated.

CARRIED (6/6)

GOOD NEWS

Trustee Radford shared the Good News Report.

Trustee Shaw commended SACHS staff and students for all of their accomplishments highlighted at recent grad ceremonies. It was also mentioned the school did an outstanding job including a Fort McMurray grad in the celebrations making it memorable.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Melissa Phillips, Parent, Neil M. Ross School

Ms. Phillips submitted the following questions to the Board:

1. Why is transportation access denied to the GSACRD children in Crossing at River's Edge when there is current busing provided to children from Sturgeon School Division by large buses?
2. How do we obtain a copy of the written report detailing the reasons for the refusal of bus service to the Crossing and how do we appeal it?

In addition to the two questions submitted, Ms. Phillips provided some context to Board for background and understanding as to why those questions were being posed to the Board. A request was made by Trustees to Ms. Phillips to have the additional detail she referred to submitted to the secretary-treasurer. Trustee Radford indicated that according to established policy, a written response would be provided within two (2) weeks and referenced at the first meeting following the response.

Alyssa Frew, Parent, Neil M. Ross

Ms. Frew indicated that she was asking her questions on behalf of 25 families, who have 59 children collectively attending Neil M. Ross School.

Ms. Frew submitted the following questions to the Board:

1. Why are the 48 Neil M Ross Catholic School elementary students residing in the Guilbault District designated to Vital Grandin School which has bus times of over 60 minutes for less than 19 elementary students?
2. What are the reasons for designating Guilbault region to VG School and does the decision that was made so long ago still meet the needs of the bulk of GSARCD Guilbault elementary students? How do we meet the school transportation needs for the families of the students in this region?

It was noted the interest is one of choice and there is no intent to erode the education provided at Vital Grandin.

In addition to the two questions submitted, Ms. Frew provided some context to Board for background and understanding as to why those questions were being posed to the Board. A request was made by Trustees to Ms. Frew to have the additional detail she referred to submitted to the secretary-treasurer.

Trustee Shaw inquired as to why educational needs cannot be met at Vital Grandin? Extra-curricular activity options (i.e. running club) and higher staff numbers were two areas mentioned.

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CONSENT ITEMS

Review of Board Policy 16 –Alternative Programs

Superintendent Keohane indicated that Section 21, School Act defines what is acceptable regarding Alternative Programs and updated the Board on the last time the policy was reviewed; there were no updates recommended at this time.

231/16 **Trustee Shaw:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the review of Policy 16 – Alternative Programs with no changes.
CARRIED (6/6)

ACTION ITEMS

Strategic Plan Approval

Superintendent Keohane updated the Board indicating the plan is the result of the Board’s work at their recent planning session, and highlights the priorities arising from the Strategic Priority Report.

232/16 **Trustee McEvoy:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the 2016-2017 Strategic Plan as presented and amend the document to include the addition of Trustee Proulx’s name.
CARRIED (6/6)

Reallocation of Former Trustee Caron’s Remaining Budget Funds

Secretary Treasurer presented a request received regarding reallocation of funds from former Trustee Caron’s budget to address additional attendance at upcoming events and work being completed by other trustees in the interim.

233/16 **Trustee Proulx:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the reallocation of funds from former Trustee Caron’s budget in the amount of \$1,000 for Trustee Crockett’s use and \$2,000 for Trustee Radford’s use for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year.
CARRIED (6/6)

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Report from the Chair

Trustee Radford shared correspondence and updated the Board on the Town of Morinville meeting where the Area Structure Plan for WestWinds received third and final reading and was approved by Council. This action was received positively by all council members. Trustee Radford also highlighted the outstanding Edwin Parr Award ceremony recognizing Aaron Adams from R.S. Fowler who is this years’ District nominee, as well as, two students who performed at the event, representing Notre Dame and G.H. Primeau. They were fantastic. Trustee Radford also shared correspondence with the Board from St. Albert Public thanking GSACRD for hosting a joint meeting

with the three Board and the City of St. Albert. She also mentioned receiving a similar thank you from the Francophone Board's superintendent, Mr. Lemire.

Report from the Superintendent

Assistant superintendent McGuiness updated the Board on the current Field Trip Activity, highlighting that international travel to France is still not recommended.

234/16 **Trustee Crockett:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees receive the superintendent's report as information.
CARRIED (6/6)

BOARD COMMITMENTS

235/16 **Trustee Tremblay:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the Board Commitments as presented and updated at this meeting.
CARRIED (6/6)

CLARIFICATION PERIOD FOR PUBLIC & MEDIA

There were no questions.

TRUSTEE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

There were no requests.

CLOSING PRAYER

Trustee McEvoy offered the closing prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

236/16 **Trustee Shaw:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees adjourn the regular meeting at 4:29 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: 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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- TQS/SLS/SALs (Randy Clarke and Doug McDavid) (2 sessions)

- 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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Committee Report Summary

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/>