

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
GREATER ST. ALBERT ROMAN CATHOLIC  
SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 734  
HELD on MONDAY, June 13, 2016, 12:30 P.M.  
District Office, 6 St. Vital Avenue,  
St. Albert, AB**

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**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 12:30 p.m.

**IN CAMERA**

237/16 Trustee McEvoy: **THAT** the Board of Trustees move In Camera at 12:31 p.m.

**CARRIED (6/6)**

**OUT OF CAMERA**

238/16 Trustee McEvoy: **THAT** the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 3:25 p.m.

**CARRIED (6/6)**

**The Board recessed until 3:30 p.m.**

**OPENING PRAYER** Trustee Tremblay 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**

239/16 Trustee Shaw: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the agenda as presented and amended with the addition of 13.2 Municipal Government Act Update.

**CARRIED (6/6)**

**PRESENTATION DELEGATION**

Mr. Kevin George, Lead Engagement Partner with Meyers, Norris, and Penny LLP presented the process they will take for the upcoming audit of the financial records for the year ending, August 2016.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES & SUMMARIES**

240/16 Trustee McEvoy: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on May 30, 2016 as circulated.

**CARRIED (6/6)**

241/16 **Trustee Proulx:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the summary of the Capital Committee meeting of May 31, 2016 as circulated.  
**CARRIED (6/6)**

242/16 **Trustee Proulx:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the summary of the Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board held on June 1, 2016 as circulated.  
**CARRIED (6/6)**

#### **APPROVAL OF REPORTS FROM ADVOCACY COMMITTEE MEETING**

There were no reports.

#### **GOOD NEWS**

**Trustee Radford** shared the Good News Report.

**Trustee Crockett** commended St. Gabriel High School for a wonderful grad ceremony, and **Trustee Tremblay** shared accolades regarding the graduation ceremony for Morinville Community High School students.

**Communications Manager, C. Bruineman** updated the Board on the recognition received for the 150th Anniversary celebrations from the IABC (International Association of Business Communicators), with an award in the Special Events Category.

**Trustee Shaw** commended **Emily Vilscak, St. Albert Catholic High** student for being a recipient of a Cappie Award for her performance in Under Milk Wood.

#### **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions from the public.

#### **CONSENT ITEMS**

##### **Authorization of Locally Developed Courses**

Assistant Superintendent Quick presented a comprehensive list of Locally Approved Courses for the 2016/2017 School Year.

243/16 **Trustee McEvoy moved all 17 Locally Developed Courses for approval as follows:**

**THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the developed locally-developed course **Fit For Life 7** from September 1, 2016 until August 31, 2020 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' junior high schools.

**THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the developed locally-developed course **Leadership 7-8-9** from September 1, 2016 until August 31, 2020 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' junior high schools.

**THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the developed locally-developed course **Learning Strategies 7-8-9** from September 1, 2016 until August 31, 2020 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' junior high schools.

**THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the developed locally-developed course **Marketing 8** from September 1, 2016 until August 31, 2020 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' junior high schools.

**THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the developed locally-developed course **Math Advantage 9** from September 1, 2016 until August 31, 2020 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' junior high schools.

**THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the developed locally-developed course **Sports Recreation 8** from September 1, 2016 until August 31, 2020 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' junior high schools.

**THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the acquired locally-developed course **Avid Readers** for 5 credits beginning September 1, 2016 until August 31, 2020 from Elk Island Public Schools Regional Division No. 14 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' high schools.

**THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the acquired locally-developed course **Biology 35 IB** for 3 credits beginning September 1, 2015 until August 31, 2019 from Edmonton Public School District No. 7 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' high schools.

**THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the acquired locally-developed course **Extended Essay 35IB** for 3 credits beginning September 1, 2016 until August 31, 2020 from St. Albert Public School District No. 5565 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' high schools.

**THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the acquired locally-developed course **Film Studies 15-25-35** for 5 credits beginning September 1, 2016 until August 31, 2017 from Calgary School District No. 19 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' high schools.

**THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the acquired locally-developed course **Forensics Science Studies 35** for 5 credits beginning September 1, 2016 until August 31, 2020 from Pembina Hills Regional Division No. 7 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' high schools.

**THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the acquired locally-developed course **Instrumental Jazz 15-25-35** for 3 or 5 credits beginning September 1, 2016 until August 31, 2020 from Calgary School District No. 19 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' high schools.

**THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the acquired locally-developed course **Religions of the World 35** for 3 or 5 credits beginning September 1, 2016 until August 31, 2020 from Edmonton Catholic Separate School District No. 7 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' high schools.

**THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the acquired locally-developed course **Technical Theatre** for 5 credits beginning September 1, 2016 until August 31, 2018 from Calgary School District No. 19 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' high schools.

**THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the acquired locally-developed course **Theory of Knowledge 35IB** for 3 credits beginning September 1, 2016 until August 31, 2020 from Calgary School District No. 19 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' high schools.

**THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the acquired locally-developed course **Works in Translation 35IB** for 3 credits beginning September 1, 2016 until August 31, 2020 from Edmonton Public School District No. 7 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' high schools.

**THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the acquired locally-developed course **Workplace Essential Skills 25-35** for 3 or 5 credits beginning September 1, 2016 until August 31, 2020 from Edmonton Public School District No. 7 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' high schools.

**CARRIED (6/6)**

#### **Review of Board Policy 18 – Naming of Schools**

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**Trustee Crockett:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the review of Board Policy 18 – Naming of Schools with no changes.

**CARRIED (6/6)**

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

##### **Policy 20 – Laura Bird Memorial Beacon of Hope Award 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

**Superintendent, D. Keohane** presented the context, timing and criteria for selection of award recipients. The award was established through the work of a sub-committee of the Board to celebrate staff who demonstrate witness to Jesus Christ and others in need in a selfless manner. Laura Bird, a teacher in St. Albert during the 1960's and 1970's, was chosen as a namesake for this award as she was passionate about prioritizing service to students with diverse needs. Her family is honored and grant their permission to have this award created in her name.

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**Trustee Shaw:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees review as presented and make recommendations for Draft Policy 20 – Laura Bird Memorial Beacon of Hope Award.

**CARRIED (6/6)**

#### **Municipal Government Act (MGA) Update**

**Trustee Crockett** provided an update on the Government's MGA legislation, based on her attendance at a meeting earlier in the day and, considerations and implications for School Boards. Trustee Crockett inquired about the Boards interest and preferred approach for responding.

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**Trustee Proulx:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees send a letter to Minister Larivee addressing school board related concerns identified at the Board table regarding the recent MGA Review on June 13, 2016.

**CARRIED (6/6)**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **New School Consultation Process Proposed Guidelines**

**Communications Manager Bruineman** presented draft proposed guidelines for the planned New School Consultation Process. Trustees discussed the guidelines and will offer further amendments through an online document, bringing the updated version to the June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting for final review.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

##### **Report from the Chair**

Trustee Radford highlighted the joint meeting held with St. Albert Public and Sturgeon School Division and the mutual benefits of gathering.

#### **MEETING EXTENSION**

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

**CARRIED (6/6)**

##### **Report from the Chair**

**Trustee Radford** shared the Correspondence with the Board, including a letter from St. Albert Public offering to host the next joint meeting between Sturgeon School Division, St. Albert Public, and GSACRD.

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**Trustee Proulx:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees continue meeting with Sturgeon School Division and St. Albert Public on an annual basis and arrange to host a future joint meeting.

**CARRIED (6/6)**

##### **Report from the Superintendent**

**Superintendent Keohane** updated the Board on the highlights from the Accountability Pillar Results which reflects the updating of measures on satisfaction and high school completion success. The report will be updated in the fall with the Diplomas and Provincial Achievement Tests Results.

**Superintendent Keohane** presented the results from the recent Gallup Poll highlighting that employee engagement across the District has reached its highest level in the last eight years. It

was demonstrated that high levels of employee engagement impacts student success in school. Engagement levels are also a predictor of professional success.

**Assistant Superintendent Quick** provided an update on Faith Initiatives across the District highlighting the outstanding progress on many of the Charitable works school were involved in including: raising funds for the building of Pope Francis School and supporting both the Fort McMurray Fire Relief efforts and the annual Sign of Hope Campaign.

#### **MEETING EXTENSION**

249/16 **Trustee McEvoy:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees extend the meeting until 7:00 p.m.

**CARRIED (6/6)**

250/16 **Trustee McEvoy:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees receive the superintendent's report as information.

**CARRIED (6/6)**

#### **BOARD COMMITMENTS**

251/16 **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**

**Carryl Bennett-Brown** inquired as to whether or not schools would be receiving their individual results from the Gallup Poll. Superintendent confirmed that schools would be sharing their results with staff.

#### **TRUSTEE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

**Trustee Radford** requested further information on 3 locally developed courses. The link was provided to all seventeen (17) courses via email for Trustees to review.

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

#### **IN CAMERA**

252/16 **Trustee Shaw:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees move In Camera at 6:25 p.m.

**CARRIED (6/6)**

#### **OUT OF CAMERA**

253/16 **Trustee Shaw:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 7:00 p.m.

**CARRIED (6/6)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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**Trustee Crockett:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees adjourn the regular meeting at 7:01 p.m.

**CARRIED (6/6)**

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Secretary Treasurer

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Chair