

***SUMMARY OF THE BOARD COMMITTEE of the WHOLE MEETING OF
GREATER ST. ALBERT RCSSD NO. 734
MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018***

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Trustees Becigneul, Crockett, Proulx, Radford, Schell, and Tremblay

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Trustee Shaw

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

D Keohane, superintendent; D Schlag, secretary-treasurer; R Nixon, assistant superintendent, C Moroziuk, assistant superintendent

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Tremblay called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and Trustee Becigneul offered the opening prayer, requesting that those impacted by the Humboldt tragic accident remain in our prayers, acknowledging both the loss to the Saskatchewan community as well as to St. Albert. Trustee Crockett added a second prayer for a former student who also passed away.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TERRITORIES

Trustee Tremblay acknowledged that the Greater St. Albert Catholic School Board is meeting on the original lands of the Cree, those of Treaty 6, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation. Kinanâskomitin Manito (Thank you Creator).

SISTER ALPHONSE ACADEMY UPDATE

Principal Greg Lamer and Operations Manager Ron Gamache provided both a video of the programming expected at the school, their logo, mission, and values and a series of photographs chronicling the construction of the school.

POLICY REVIEW FRAMEWORK

Trustees reviewed Board Policy 17 – Public Interest Disclosure and the changes necessary due to new legislation coming into force on March 1, 2018. Policy 20 – Laura Bird Memorial Beacon of Hope Award was also reviewed with no suggested changes. Both policies will move to the Regular meeting on April 23, 2018 for approval.

NEW BUS HANDBOOK

Trustees were provided with a draft copy of the updated Bus Handbook, which consolidates all relevant information in one place for increased transparency and access for parents, including a “Frequently Asked Questions” section. There was discussion and time for Q & A. This will be posted to the website as soon as possible.

ASBA FGM POLICY STATEMENT – MENTAL HEALTH

Following the last discussion, Trustees reviewed the proposed Policy Statement in the format required by ASBA and will continue to look for one or more seconders to support the position that will be presented by the Board at the ASBA Fall General Meeting. Trustee Becigneul will submit to ASBA by the Friday, April 13, 2018 deadline.

ASBA RURAL CAUCUS MEMBERSHIP

Trustees discussed that it was preferable to be members of the Rural Caucus, since some of the jurisdiction was rural. This item will move to the Regular meeting on April 23, 2018 for approval.

SUMMER JOBS GRANT IMPLICATIONS

Trustees discussed the denial of grant funds to all applications that did not check the box supporting a pro-choice position on pregnancy and abortion. Trustees felt this should be an advocacy concern at both the provincial and federal levels.

TRUSTEE COMMITTEE & SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORTS

Trustee Crockett provided a written report from her attendance at the St. Albert Chamber of Commerce Meeting on March 14, 2018 and Trustee Becigneul provided a written report from his attendance at the Zone 2/3 Meeting on March 16, 2018.

FIRST NATIONS, METIS, and INUIT ACTIVITY

Trustees reviewed the Education for Reconciliation April Update, which is available on the District

website. Assistant Superintendent Nixon shared a short exercise with Trustees, providing a visual for reflection and some sharing on understanding different ways of seeing and acting in the world based on the viewed picture.

Trustee Bécigneul offered the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Meeting chaired by Trustee Tremblay