

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE GREATER ST. ALBERT ROMAN CATHOLIC
SEPARATE SCHOOL DIVISION
HELD on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2020 at 12:30 P.M.
Meeting held virtually, via ZOOM, and Livestreamed to YouTube
St. Albert, AB**

MEMBERS PRESENT Trustees Becigneul, Crockett, Proulx, Radford, Schell, Shaw, and Tremblay

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

C. Moroziuk, superintendent of schools; R. Nixon, deputy superintendent; J. Dumont, assistant superintendent of human resource services; I. Paulik, secretary-treasurer; R. Zacharias, manager – community engagement and communications (Recorder)

OTHERS PRESENT

M. Stevens – finance manager; A. Hu, CPA (MNP LLP); P. Moore, CPA, CA (MNP LLP); B. Perry, public member (Audit Committee); J. Smith, public member (Audit Committee);

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Radford called the meeting to order at 12:36 p.m.

IN CAMERA

75/21

Trustee Crockett: **THAT** the Board of Trustees move In-Camera at 12:37 p.m.

CARRIED (7/7)

OUT OF CAMERA

76/21

Trustee Schell: **THAT** the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 3:24 p.m.

CARRIED (7/7)

Trustee Radford called for a recess at 3:25 p.m.

Trustee Radford called the meeting back to order at 3:40 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER

Trustee Proulx offered the Opening Prayer.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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. Kinanâskomitin, Manito (Thank you, Creator).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

77/21

Trustee Becigneul: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the agenda as amended with the addition of the Faith in Our Future Initiative (13.12) added to Action Items.

CARRIED (7/7)

PRESENTATIONS / DELEGATIONS

There were no presentations or delegations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & SUMMARIES

- 78/21** **Trustee Tremblay:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on October 26, 2020, as circulated.
CARRIED (7/7)
- 79/21** **Trustee Shaw:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on November 9, 2020, as circulated.
CARRIED (7/7)
- 80/21** **Trustee Schell:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the summary of the Audit Committee meeting held on November 18, 2020, as circulated.
CARRIED (7/7)
- 81/21** **Trustee Crockett:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the summary of the Board Committee of the Whole Meeting held November 18, 2020, as circulated.
CARRIED (7/7)

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE & EVENT REPORTS

- 82/21** **Trustee Proulx:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the committee reports from the Board Committee of the Whole meeting held on November 18, 2020.
- Alberta School Boards Association Zone 2/3 (Becigneul)
 - GSACRD Education Foundation (Becigneul)
 - First Nations, Métis and Inuit Leadership Committee (Crockett)
 - Business Liaison: St. Albert Chamber (Becigneul)
- CARRIED (7/7)**

GOOD NEWS

Trustee Radford shared the Good News Report.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

The following questions were submitted, as per *Policy 7 – Board Operations* (Page 7), via the [online form](https://goo.gl/forms/hNpp5UvaHp) published on the Division website at <https://goo.gl/forms/hNpp5UvaHp>.

1. I would like to ask when a statement on the status of Faith in our Future as it relates to École Marie Poburan (EMP) will be released by the Board of Trustees? I believe the perception in the EMP community, as well as the general St. Albert community, is that the future of EMP is unknown. When attending an activity with my six-year-old this summer, I was talking to some mothers who had just registered their children in kindergarten. They asked me which school my children attended, and when I mentioned EMP, the first response was, “Isn’t that school closing?” I really think this perception may have, and will

continue to, negatively affect EMPs registration numbers. I would also like to mention that EMP has started fundraising work to build a new playground. As the Board will know, it involves countless hours by a volunteer team and tens of thousands of dollars raised. Some parents have said they are confused by the fundraising efforts. They wonder why we are raising money for a playground with the future of EMP uncertain. The committee may be hampered in their efforts with this perception present with parents at the school. EMP really needs strong support from the Board of Trustees to help in the fundraising efforts. I would like to ask the Board when a statement regarding the status of Faith in Our Future as it relates to EMP will be released? (J.S.)

2. Can the Board provide the French Immersion enrollment numbers for École Secondaire St Albert Catholic High School? This breakdown is available for the dual-track schools in Morinville as part of the enrollment report. Can the Board also please define what is considered a French Immersion student at École Secondaire St Albert Catholic High School? How many French Immersion courses does a student need to be enrolled in to be considered a French Immersion student? (H.J.)
3. What is the status of FiOF proposal? The ongoing uncertainty of the future of French Immersion and of schools in the district remains a worry and is directly contributing to reduced enrollment in French elementary schools that are not being seen in other GSACRD schools. There needs to be closure on the 2019 proposals so the status of existing schools is no longer in question while a new proposal is developed in consultation WITH parents, the community, and school administrators to clearly define the drivers for change, and more than one option for addressing those drivers. Will the Board formally commit to closing (not "pausing") the current FiOF project, openly communicate such in the media, to parents and online, and re-set the need for fiscal and programming changes in the District with a collaborative project that includes all stakeholders, not just Board members? (T.D.)

Written responses from the Board Chair will be provided to those who submitted questions within two weeks from the time that these questions were read aloud at the meeting.

CONSENT ITEMS

There were no consent items.

ACTION ITEMS

2020-2021 Board Strategic Plan

83/21

Trustee Becigneul: THAT the Board of Trustees approve the *2020-2021 Board Strategic Plan* as presented.

CARRIED (7/7)

2020-2021 Board Advocacy Plan

84/21 **Trustee Crockett:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the *2020-2021 Advocacy Plan* as presented.
CARRIED (7/7)

Alberta School Foundation Fund Opt-Out

85/21 **Trustee Shaw:** As further endorsement of Motions 35/20, 122/18, and 84/14 currently on the books regarding ASFF Opt-Out status for Catholic Boards, **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Division 4 of Part 6 of the *Education Act* does not apply to this Board.
CARRIED (7/7)

2019-2020 Audited Financial Statements

86/21 **Trustee Becigneul:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the Audited Financial Statements (AFS) and Notes for the year ending August 31, 2020, as presented.
AND
THAT the Board of Trustees receive the Unaudited Schedules (UAS) to the Financial Statements for the year ending August 31, 2020 as information and direct Administration to post the UAS on the Division website, along with the AFS and Notes by November 30, 2020.
CARRIED (7/7)

Combined 2019-2020 Annual Education Results Report and 2020-2023 Three-Year Education Assurance Plan

87/21 **Trustee Schell:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the combined *2019-2020 Annual Education Results Report* and *2020-2023 Three-Year Education Assurance Plan* for submission to Alberta Education.
CARRIED (7/7)

Technology Proposal: Livestreaming of Board Meetings

88/21 **Trustee Tremblay:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees receive the *Technology-Livestreaming of Board Meetings Report* as information.
CARRIED (7/7)

2020-2021 Trustee School Results Review Meetings

89/21 **Trustee Proulx:** **THAT THAT** the Board of Trustees cancel the scheduled 2020 Trustee School Results Review meetings and consider alternative means of connecting meaningfully with schools at a time when it is safe to do so.
CARRIED (7/7)

Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards Executive

90/21 **Trustee Crockett:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees accept the Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards 2019-2020 executive members who were up for election this fall to remain until November 2021.
CARRIED (7/7)

Trustee Tremblay (Vice-Chair) assumed the role of Chair for Motion 91/21.

Branded Facemasks and Cards

91/21 **Trustee Radford:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of branded facemasks and greeting cards.

Trustee Radford withdrew the motion.

Trustee Radford resumed the role of Chair.

Staff Appreciation

91/21 **Trustee Tremblay:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees allocate \$5000 from the Trustee General account for the purpose of Division staff appreciation.

AND

THAT the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of an ad hoc committee for the purpose of coordinating Division staff appreciation with the following members as part of this committee:

- Vice-Chair Tremblay
- Trustee Proulx
- Trustee Crockett
- Superintendent Moroziuk

CARRIED (7/7)

Promotional Items for Board Advocacy

92/21 **Trustee Tremblay:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the allocation of \$1000.00 for the purchase of promotional items and direct the Superintendent to consult with the Chair and Vice-Chair as to materials to be purchased that will enhance the work of the Board in their advocacy efforts when meeting with educational partners and stakeholders.

CARRIED (7/7)

Faith in Our Future Initiative

93/21 **Trustee Shaw:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees relinquish the Faith in Our Future Initiative and direct administration to communicate to our families and staff that the Division will continue to evaluate its capital priorities as part of our ongoing Capital Plan process.

Trustee Bécigneul made a friendly amendment:

THAT the Board of Trustees relinquish the Faith in Our Future Initiative and direct administration to communicate to our families, staff, and the broader community that the Division will continue to evaluate its capital priorities as part of its ongoing Capital Planning process.

CARRIED (7/7)

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Report from the Chair

Trustee Radford reported on, or shared, the following:

- letters or cards of thanks from the following staff:
 - C. Samson for the 2020 Excellence in Catholic Education Award;
 - M. Aultman for recognition and support for receiving her Masters in Religious Education (M.R.E.) Degree; and
 - M. Receiver for the Five-Year Long-Service Award.
- a letter received from The Hon. A. LaGrange, Minister of Education, thanking the Division for its work on *Bylaw 0120* to bring clarity for Trustee elections in October 2021.
- a letter received from His Worship B. Turner, Mayor of the Town of Morinville, thanking the Board of Trustees for nominating the Town for The Alberta School Board Association's (ASBA) 2020 Friends of Education Award.
- a letter received from D. Keohane, former Superintendent of Schools, thanking the Board for the retirement reception and gift.
- a letter sent by Chair Radford, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, to the Edmonton Catholic School Division (ECSD) Board to express sympathies following a tragedy at ECSD and
 - a letter of response received from the ECSD Board Chair thanking the GSACRD Board of Trustees for its condolences.
- the Board Chair participated in a video for Catholic Education Sunday (November 8, 2020) and thanked all those involved in making the video. She also thanked Administration for developing the school banners that were displayed in all parishes on Catholic Education Sunday.
- On Nov. 12, Trustees Radford and Becigneul met with D. Lloyd, MP for Sturgeon River-Parkland, to discuss the possibility of federal funding for a commemorative project for St. Kateri Tekakwitha Academy.
- On Nov. 14, Trustees attended The Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association (ACSTA) Virtual Annual General Meeting.
- On Nov. 16 and 17, members of the Board attended The Alberta School Boards Association's Virtual Annual General Meeting.
- On Nov. 18, the Board Chair thanked the Division for sponsoring the rapid COVID-19 testing for Division staff and Trustees.
- On Nov. 19, Catholic School Division Board Chairs and Superintendents from across Alberta met with provincial Archbishops for a virtual meeting to discuss concerns about COVID-19.
- On Nov. 24, The Hon. J. Kenney, Premier of Alberta, announced new mandatory, province-wide public health measures. Following this announcement, the Board Chair and Superintendent joined chairs and superintendents from across the province for a confidential meeting with

The Hon. A. LaGrange, Minister of Education.

- On Nov. 27, 2020, the Board Chair met with The Hon. D. Nally, Associate Minister of Natural Gas and Electricity and MLA for Morinville-St. Albert, to discuss rising insurance costs for the Division.

Report from the Superintendent

Information updates from Administration included the following items:

- Educational/Interagency Partnerships Update (Nixon)
- Modular Classrooms Submission Update (Paulik)

94/21 **Trustee Becigneul:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees receive the Superintendent’s report as information.
CARRIED (7/7)

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

95/21 **Trustee Crockett:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees receive the Public Engagement Highlights Report as information.
CARRIED (7/7)

CLARIFICATION PERIOD FOR PUBLIC AND MEDIA

There were no requests for clarification from the public or media.

TRUSTEE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

There were no Trustee requests for information.

CLOSING PRAYER **Trustee Proulx** offered the closing prayer at 6:47 p.m.
CARRIED (7/7)

IN CAMERA

96/21 **Trustee Shaw:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees move In-Camera at 6:48 p.m.

OUT OF CAMERA

97/21 **Trustee Schell:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 7:41 p.m.
CARRIED (7/7)

ADJOURNMENT

98/21 **Trustee Becigneul :** **THAT** the Board of Trustees adjourn the regular meeting at 7:42 p.m.
CARRIED (7/7)

Secretary Treasurer

Chair