

**SUMMARY OF THE BOARD ADVOCACY COMMITTEE MEETING OF
GREATER ST. ALBERT RCSSD NO. 734
MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2016**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

D Keohane, superintendent; D Schlag, secretary-treasurer, D. Quick, assistant superintendent

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Shaw called the meeting to order at 7:29 p.m.; Trustee Crockett offered the opening prayer.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

The Chair was handed to Trustee Radford for the Staff Recognition section of the meeting.

STAFF RECOGNITION

Trustees recognized the following staff members:

- Excellence in Teaching Nominees: Leisa Michael (AL), Monique Auray (EFJ)
- Edwin Parr Nominees: Aaron Adams (RSF), Dean Neumeier (SACHS)
- Excellence in Catholic Education: Maureen Offenberger (JJN)

Unfortunately Dean Neumeier was unable to attend. Principals from AL, EFJ, and RSF were on hand to provide an overview of the talents of their respective staff members and Superintendent Keohane spoke on behalf of CASS about JJN staff member Maureen Offenberger.

The Board recessed and invited guests for a brief fellowship with refreshments for 20 minutes.

The Chair was returned to Trustee Shaw following Staff Recognition.

DISTRICT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMMING OVERVIEW

Assistant superintendent Quick provided a comprehensive written overview, including the scope and sequence, of Religious Education Programming in the District for students in grades 1-12. He explained that a new revamped curriculum was introduced last year for students in grade 1 and provided Trustees with an understanding of the transition timeline and general plan for the remaining grades. Assistant superintendent Quick stressed that since the relationship between home, school, and parish is paramount, all digital resources purchased by the district would be made available to all four parishes to access as desired.

HIGH SCHOOL FLEXIBILITY AND IMPACT ON STUDENT LEARNING

Assistant superintendent Quick provided an overview of the approach taken by both SACHS and MCHS on High School Flexibility and the impact on student learning, along with successes and opportunities with both approaches. Trustees had opportunity for questions and discussion to gain a better overall understanding.

TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Crockett provided a written report from her attendance at the May 27, 2016 ASBA Zone 2/3 Meeting. Trustee Crockett provided a brief overview from her attendance at recent St. Albert Liaison meeting, explaining that there were no actionable items related to school board business. Trustee Shaw distributed a report and shared some notes with Trustees from a recent ACSTA meeting she attended.

TRUSTEE DEVELOPMENT / BOARD ADVOCACY

Governance Rules – The Role of the Chair

Secretary-treasurer Schlag asked Trustees if they referred to watch the video as a group or view it on their own. Preferring to watch on their own time, the video will be made available to Trustees for two weeks beginning Tuesday, June 21, 2016.

2016-17 MEETING DATES FINAL REVIEW

Trustees reviewed the potential schedule for 2016-17 for a final time prior to year-end.

Trustee Crockett offered the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Meeting chaired by Trustee Shaw