

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
GREATER ST. ALBERT ROMAN CATHOLIC
SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 734
HELD on MONDAY, September 26, 2016, 8:09 P.M.
District Office, 6 St. Vital Avenue,
St. Albert, AB**

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

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

D. Keohane, superintendent, S. McGuinness, assistant superintendent, R. Nixon, assistant superintendent, D. Schlag, secretary-treasurer

CALL TO ORDER Trustee Radford called the meeting to order at 8:09 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER Trustee Proulx 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. We acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

12/17 Trustee McEvoy: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the agenda as presented.
CARRIED (7/7)

PRESENTATION DELEGATION

There were no presentations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & SUMMARIES

13/17 Trustee Proulx: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on June 27, 2016 as circulated.
CARRIED (7/7)

14//17 Trustee Shaw: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the summary of the Board Committee of the Whole meeting held on September 12, 2016 as circulated.
CARRIED (7/7)

GOOD NEWS

Trustee Radford shared the Good News Report.

Trustee Shaw mentioned the new Chapel is going strong at SACHS; where they have expanded into the learning commons space to accommodate large turnouts at their weekly Mass.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public.

CONSENT ITEMS

There were no consent items.

ACTION ITEMS

2017 Board Monitoring Calendar

15/17 **Trustee Crockett:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the 2016-2017 Board Monitoring Calendar as presented.
CARRIED (7/7)

2016 - 2017 Board Policy Review Schedule

16/17 **Trustee Proulx:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the 2016-2017 Board Policy Review Schedule as presented.
CARRIED (7/7)

2016-2017 Advocacy Plan

17/17 **Trustee Shaw:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees adopt the 2016-2017 Advocacy Plan as updated to include newly elected Trustee Becigneul.
CARRIED (7/7)

Board Allowances

18/17 **Trustee Becigneul:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the 2016-17 Annual Expense Rate Schedule, effective September 1, 2016, for Trustees as follows:
Non-Accountable Expense Allowance – All Trustees:
\$1,800/year (\$150/month);
Position Allowance – Chair: \$1,500/year (\$125/month);
Position Allowance – Vice-Chair: \$1,050/year (\$87.50/month).
Amounts will be pro-rated for all Trustees commencing or resigning their terms during the year.
CARRIED (7/7)

Board Honorariums

19/17 **Trustee Tremblay:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the 2016-17 Annual Honorarium Rates, effective September 1, 2016, for Trustees in the following positions:
Chair: \$13,740 per annum (\$1,145 per month);
Vice-Chair: \$12,593 per annum (\$1,049.42 per month); and,
Trustee: \$11,483 per annum (\$956.92 per month)

AND

THAT any changes to respective Honorarium Rates, due to changes in positions from Elections held at the Organizational Meeting on September 26, 2016, take effect as of October 1, 2016.

CARRIED (7/7)

Superintendent's Remuneration 2016

20/17 **Trustee Crockett:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the adjustments in the overall compensation package for the Superintendent effective July 1, 2016, as per the details communicated via letter dated September 15, 2016 from the Board Chair to the secretary-treasurer.
CARRIED (7/7)

New Policy 21–Recruitment and Selection 2nd Reading

21/17

Trustee McEvoy: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve a second reading of Draft Policy 21 – Recruitment and Selection of Personnel.

CARRIED (7/7)

Starfest Tickets

22/17

Trustee McEvoy: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of a table of 10 for Starfest 2016 for the amount of \$750.00.

CARRIED (7/7)

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Report from the Chair

Trustee Radford shared correspondence sent on behalf of the board sent to local MLA Renaud regarding invitations to meet, as well as a Letter to Minister Eggen regarding rescheduling a planned September visit.

Fort McMurray Public District sent a thank you letter to the District for providing stability to 36 students who attended our schools in a time of great need during the fire devastation back in the spring.

Trustee Radford shared her thanks and support for her tenure as Board Chair for the past 2 years with fellow trustees and senior administration highlighting: Board Planning Session improvements, 150th Anniversary celebrations, Capital Project Announcements, and the Safe & Caring Policy development supporting the needs of all students. In addition, process improvements were mentioned including, a tracking system at Board table, acknowledging Treaty Six, restructuring meeting times, and establishing an audit committee to increase transparency. She concluded by wishing all the best and asked for support for incoming, Chair, Serena Shaw and the need to continue to advocate for Catholic Education!

Trustee Shaw mentioned to keep Tony Sykora and his family in their prayers.

Report from the Superintendent

Assistant superintendent Nixon provided information on the vision and goals for the new District FNMI Advisory committee and information about the committee members. The committee will further the Board’s Three Year Education Framework, to respond to a key strategy in Outcome Two: The Achievement Gap Between First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students and All Other Students.

Superintendent Keohane updated the Board on the Case Study produce by Gallup, an international research organization highlighting *Engagement Growth Through Leadership Development*. The Case Study applauds the District’s professional development, which has demonstrated an increase in employee engagement by 14 percentage points, the highest

level achieved by an education organization to date.

Communications Manager Bruineman updated the Board on the consultation process planned to determine Sister Alphonse Academy attendance area and programming. Upcoming Open House dates and survey timelines were shared.

23/17 **Trustee Shaw:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees receive the superintendent's report as information. **CARRIED (7/7)**

BOARD COMMITMENTS

24/17 **Trustee Crockett:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the Board Commitments as presented and updated at this meeting. **CARRIED (7/7)**

CLARIFICATION PERIOD FOR PUBLIC & MEDIA

There were no questions.

TRUSTEE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

There were no requests for information.

CLOSING PRAYER

Trustee Proulx offered the closing prayer.

IN CAMERA

25/17 **Trustee Crockett:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees move In Camera at 9:22 p.m. **CARRIED (7/7)**

OUT OF CAMERA

26/17 **Trustee Bcigneul:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 11:19 p.m. **CARRIED (7/7)**

ADJOURNMENT

27/17 **Trustee Tremblay:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees adjourn the regular meeting at 11:20 p.m. **CARRIED (7/7)**

Secretary Treasurer

Chair