

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
GREATER ST. ALBERT ROMAN CATHOLIC
SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 734
HELD on MONDAY, December 19, 2016, 1:00 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 Shaw called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

IN CAMERA

87/17 Trustee McEvoy: **THAT** the Board of Trustees move In Camera at 1:05 p.m.

CARRIED (5/5)

Trustee Becigneul joined the meeting at 1:44 p.m.

Trustee Proulx joined the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

OUT OF CAMERA

88/17 Trustee Radford: **THAT** the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 3:15 p.m.

CARRIED (7/7)

The Board recessed until 3:30 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER Trustee Becigneul 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.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

89/17 Trustee Proulx: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the agenda with the addition of New Business 14.1 Notice of Motion and 14.2 Notice of Motion.

CARRIED (7/7)

PRESENTATION DELEGATION

There were no presentations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & SUMMARIES

90/17 Trustee Proulx: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on November 28, 2016 as circulated.

CARRIED (7/7)

91/17 **Trustee McEvoy:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the summary of the Board Advocacy Committee meeting held December 5, 2016 as circulated.

CARRIED (7/7)

92/17 **Trustee Crockett:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the committee reports from the Board Advocacy Committee meeting held on December 5, 2016 as follows:

9.1 Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association (Radford)

9.2 Alberta School Boards Association Zone 2/3 (Radford)

9.3 Business Liaison: Morinville Chamber (Tremblay)

9.4 FNMI Leadership Committee (Crockett)

CARRIED (7/7)

GOOD NEWS

Trustee Shaw shared the Good News Report.

Trustee Shaw also mentioned that she was blessed to sing at the Remand Centre on December 17th while the decorated bags from the District were distributed to inmates.

Trustee McEvoy commended Neil M. Ross staff on the lovely Christmas concert and **Trustee Proulx** acknowledged the great job by the children and Legal School staff on their Christmas concert.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public.

CONSENT ITEMS

93/17 **Trustee Tremblay:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the review of Board Policy 5 - Role of the Board Chair, Board Policy 6 – Role of the Vice Chair, and Board Policy 12 – Role of the Superintendent, with no changes.

CARRIED (7/7)

94/17 **Trustee Radford:**
THAT the Board of Trustees approve the use of the acquired locally-developed course **ESL English for Academic Success 35** for 3 and 5 credits beginning November 16, 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 **ESL Introduction to Mathematics 15-5** for 5 credits beginning November 16, 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 **Youth Evangelization I 25** for 3 credits beginning November 29, 2016 until August 31, 2020 from East Central Alberta Catholic Separate Schools Regional Division No. 16 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 **Youth Evangelization II 35** for 3 credits beginning November 29, 2016 until August 31, 2020 from East Central Alberta Catholic Separate Schools Regional Division No. 16 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' high schools.

CARRIED (7/7)

ACTION ITEMS

2017-2018 Instructional Calendar

95/17 **Trustee Crockett:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the 2017-2018 Instructional Calendar as presented.

CARRIED (7/7)

MOTION TO EXTEND

96/17 **Trustee McEvoy:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees extend the meeting until 6:45 p.m.

CARRIED (7/7)

ACTION ITEMS - Continued

Board Development Plan

97/17 **Trustee Radford:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees prioritize topics of interest to advance collective understanding with educational practices as outlined within the combined 2015-2016 Annual Education Results Report / 2016-2019 Three Year Education Plan document including:

- First Nations, Métis and Inuit focus on teacher professional learning and student learning;
- Developing staff understanding of mental health issues and indicators and strategies to address them;
- Ethical Leadership; and
- A presentation on the Development and Peace Partnership.

CARRIED (7/7)

Board Meeting Schedule Revision

98/17 **Trustee McEvoy:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees cancel the January 9, 2017 Advocacy Meeting.

CARRIED (7/7)

NEW BUSINESS

14.1 Notice of Motion provided by **Trustee Radford** for the February 13, 2017 Regular Meeting, regarding the process for Administrative Procedures review.

14.2 Notice of Motion provided by **Trustee Radford** for the February 13, 2017 Regular Meeting, regarding Directors and/or Department Heads attending Board Meetings when topics presented are directly related to their respective area(s).

INFORMATION ITEMS

Report from the Chair

Trustee Shaw provided an update to the Board on correspondence received.

Report from the Superintendent

Secretary-treasurer Schlag updated the Board on the current facility utilization, highlighting four schools that are close to or over capacity, representing 25% of the schools across the District. New schools will address the needed capacity.

Secretary-treasurer Schlag updated the Board on the volume of Fee Waivers received to November 30, 2016 and comparative historical annual waiver values. It was noted that overall, waivers were up slightly over the previous year and that the elimination of Board-directed fees may also be having an impact on the number of requests.

Secretary-treasurer Schlag provided the quarterly financial update for 2016-17 to November 30, 2016.

Communications Manager Bruineman provided an update on the progress with respect to the Communications Plan, highlighting initiatives in the functional area of communication.

Secretary-treasurer Schlag provided the Board with an overview of the timeline for the revision of existing boundaries and the Phase 2 process for public input on the eventual two Board-selected options.

99/17

Trustee Proulx: **THAT** the Board of Trustees receive the superintendent's report as information.

CARRIED (7/7)

BOARD COMMITMENTS

100/17

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.

CLOSING PRAYER

Trustee Becigneul offered the closing prayer.

IN CAMERA

101/17

Trustee Proulx: **THAT** the Board of Trustees move In Camera at 5:22 p.m.

CARRIED (7/7)

OUT OF CAMERA

102/17

Trustee Tremblay: **THAT** the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 6:34 p.m.

CARRIED (7/7)

ADJOURNMENT

103/17

Trustee Crockett: **THAT** the Board of Trustees adjourn the regular meeting at 6:35 p.m.

CARRIED (7/7)

Secretary Treasurer

Chair



Greater St. Albert Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 734

Committee Report Summary

Board Advocacy Committee Meeting Date: December 5, 2016

Submitted by Trustee: Trustee Tremblay

Committee/Event Name: Business Liaison – Morinville Chamber

Committee Meeting Date & Time: November 2016

Summary of Agenda Items:

- ✓ Mayor Tom Flynn, Guest Speaker

Highlights of Items Relevant to GSACRD:

“You’ll notice the theme today is ‘Growing Together,’ which is what our Councils set out to do when we signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) back in 2014,” said Sturgeon County Mayor Tom Flynn. “Having important discussions about future planning, regional projects and boundaries, specifically regarding lands within Sturgeon County and adjacent to St Albert’s boundary. We are focused on the shared future success of both our communities, municipal boundaries are only political. Our communities do not begin or end with a line on a map.”

Sturgeon County’s Inter-Municipal Affairs Committee (IAC), Joint Infrastructure Opportunities, Joint Advocacy Opportunities, including transit, major roadway infrastructure, Joint Growth Boundary Study, Sturgeon Valley and long term plans. Additionally, there Tri-Party arrangement with St. Albert, Sturgeon County, and Edmonton, the Capital Region Board, 127 Street in Edmonton and other transportation, and density development topics were touched on.



Greater St. Albert Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 734

Committee Report Summary

Board Advocacy Committee Meeting Date: December 5, 2016

Submitted by Trustee: Trustee Crockett

Committee/Event Name: FNMI Leadership Committee

Committee Meeting Date: November 10, 2016

Attendees: D Keohane, R Nixon, B Brochu, C Bruinemean, Elder - Edna Arcand, Leanne MacMillan – Community and Social Development, and Trustees: N Radford, R Tremblay and J Crockett.

Setting the Direction

- Create committees with both indigenous and non-indigenous representatives to increase hope, engagement and well being for our FNMI students as well as to eliminate the achievement gap.
- 2016 – 2017 GSACRD has 338 FNMI students, 200 of which are Metis.
- Our Challenge – fewer students are writing diplomas although the drop out rate is decreasing.
- Principals have been tasked with - What might cause or push students away from school? What might be causing students to be pulled away from school? Student stories are encouraged to be heard and these will be brought back to a later meeting.

Mission

- To enable school communities to engage in Education for Reconciliation. The Blanket Exercise is one strategy that will be used towards reconciliation.
- Question – How do we live FNMI spiritual belief and practices together in the context of our faith? Edna Arcand shared that Alexander practices both the Catholic faith and First Nation spirituality and culture.
- ESSMY students produced a youth version of the Truth and Reconciliation that went all the way to Ottawa.

Kayas – Kipohtakaw – Edna Arcand with the blessings of the elders at the Alexander Reserve collected the stories and published this book on *How Alexander Came to be*.

FNMI Leadership Committee is seeking guidance on the following:

- How do we share our work with parents?
- How do we enrich our work through outside agencies, initiatives and programs and how do we all work together?
- How do we help trustees find routes for advocating through external agencies such as government ministries, municipalities or ASBA to best support students?

Next Leadership Committee Meeting Date: January 12, 2017