

**SUMMARY OF THE BOARD ADVOCACY COMMITTEE MEETING OF  
GREATER ST. ALBERT RCSSD NO. 734  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

Trustee Shaw

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT**

D Keohane, superintendent; D Schlag, secretary-treasurer

**CALL TO ORDER**

Trustee Radford called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and Trustee Crockett offered the opening prayer.

Trustee Radford noted that Queen Elizabeth was celebrating 65 years as a reigning monarch and how even the younger royals, Prince Harry in particular, are staying involved in issues of the day, such as Mental Health Awareness, by participating in a race supporting same; noting the issues are the same as those the Board holds important as well.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TERRITORIES**

Trustee Radford 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.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None

**TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Trustee McEvoy provided a written report from her attendance at the January 20, 2017 ASBA Zone 2/3 Meeting, highlighting the generative conversation around school start times in general.

**TRUSTEE EVENT UPDATES**

Trustees McEvoy and Shaw attended a presentation on Saturday, February 4, 2017, hosted by Edmonton Catholic Schools at St. Anthony's Centre, focused on "Catholic Education in a Secular Age", featuring 2 keynote speakers: Professor Denis Lamoureux, author of *Evolution: Scripture and Nature Say Yes* and Father Penna, whose focus was Values vs. Virtues. Trustee McEvoy commented that the presentation was very well attended and provided an excellent opportunity to reflect on many aspects of Catholic Education.

**TRUSTEE DEVELOPMENT / BOARD ADVOCACY**

**Ethical Leadership Presentation – Mr. Ben Van de Walle**

Mr. Van de Walle provided a brief presentation on the Vocation of the Prudent Leader, based on the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church and DOCAT as the primary reference sources. His presentation focused on the four (4) Permanent Principles: dignity of the human person, the common good, solidarity, and subsidiarity, which are both cornerstones of church teaching and personally important to him in everyday life. He stressed to Trustees the See-Judge-Act connection and relevance to Trusteeship and left a one page summary for future reference. There was opportunity for questions and answers.

**PREVIEW of TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS PRESENTATION**

**Mrs. Turnbull and Mrs. Schlag**

Trustees were presented with a preview of the St. Albert Ward boundary options that will be provided for consideration at the Regular Meeting on February 13, 2017. At the February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, Trustees will choose 2 options for each of Elementary English, Elementary French Immersion, and Junior High English to provide for feedback by the public through the open house format as well as online comment. Trustees appreciated the extra time for consideration, recognizing the district needs to keep on schedule. There was opportunity for questions and answers.

Trustee Crockett offered the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.