

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

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT**

D Keohane, superintendent; D Schlag, secretary-treasurer; R Nixon, assistant superintendent

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TERRITORIES**

Trustee Becigneul 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**

Trustee Crockett requested a brief discussion on the recent Rotary presentation on “Porn Addiction”.

**TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Shaw provided a written report from her attendance at the February 3, 2017 ACSTA Director’s meeting, noting that ACSTA had been successful in their bid to host the 2019 CCSTA AGM. Trustee Becigneul provided a written report from his attendance at the February 24, 2017 ASBA Zone 2/3 Meeting, highlighting the Northland Board will be part of the October 2017 General Election.

**TRUSTEE EVENT UPDATES**

Trustee Crockett had attended a Rotary Meeting where a presentation on “Porn Addiction” and impacts on teenagers was made, which she found both interesting and alarming and wondered how to share it with parents. Trustees briefly discussed avenues that might work and agreed that other organizations are already offering this information to parents so the Board would not pursue advocating for the topic at this time.

**TRUSTEE DEVELOPMENT / BOARD ADVOCACY**

**Restorative Practices – R. Nixon and B. Brochu**

Trustees were presented with a three page overview of the Restorative Practice philosophy, along with possible indicators on a continuum of Mental Health Issues. Trustees were provided information on how the training might look for staff, students, and parents and left with a handbook, *When Something’s Wrong: Strategies for Teachers*, as a reference. The handbook could be used as a resource for teachers when lesson planning or in the classroom. There was opportunity for questions and answers.

**Overview of Sr. Alphonse Academy Phase 2 Consultation Process Update  
Communications Manager Bruineman & Assistant Superintendent Nixon**

Trustees were presented with an overview of the entire two-phase consultation process, beginning with the approval of the Guiding Principles to the first round of open houses, to the second round of planned open houses. The second round will elicit public feedback on the boundary options, the Board will make the final decision about boundaries at the April 24, 2017 Regular Meeting. Proposed programming will also be part of the feedback gathered on March 15 and 21 at the Open Houses.

**Laura Bird Memorial Beacon of Hope Award – Promotional Timeline & Budget  
Superintendent Keohane & Communications Manager Bruineman**

Trustees were presented with an overview of the communication plan and promotional budget around the first time nominations would be open for the Laura Bird Memorial Beacon of Hope Award. Since the Award was new and May 15 is the deadline for nomination submissions, it was thought that a robust campaign was appropriate to begin with. There was opportunity for questions and to gain a better understanding of the planned activities and the associated costs. As nominations are able to come from community members, Trustees advised that the Parish Bulletins, along with a note to respective Parish Councils, should be included as additional ways to distribute the information.

**2017-18 Board Meeting Schedule Discussion**

Trustees discussed the possibilities of moving to a once-per-month, all-day meeting to conduct their business, commencing in the 2017-18 school year, after the Organizational Meeting scheduled for October 30, 2017. The last Wednesday of the month was suggested as a possibility for the single

meeting. After a brief discussion, Trustee Shaw indicated that she may ask for another discussion on the topic after Trustees had a chance to think about the suggested change.

Trustee McEvoy offered the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

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Meeting chaired by Trustee Becigneul