

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GREATER ST. ALBERT ROMAN  
CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 734  
HELD ON MONDAY, October 7, 2013, 6:30 P.M.  
DISTRICT Office, 6 St. Vital Avenue  
St. Albert, AB**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT** Trustees Caron, Crockett, McEvoy, Proulx and Radford

**MEMBERS ABSENT** Trustee Hansen

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT**

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

**CALL TO ORDER** Trustee McEvoy called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

**OPENING PRAYER** Trustee Proulx offered the opening prayer.

**IN CAMERA**

32/14

**Trustee Proulx:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees move In Camera at 6:35 p.m.

**CARRIED (5/5)**

**OUT OF CAMERA**

33 /14

**Trustee Caron:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 7:32 p.m.

**CARRIED (5/5)**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

34/14

**Trustee Proulx:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approves the agenda as amended with the addition of 11.3 Engagement Strategy under New Business.

**CARRIED (5/5)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

35/14

**Trustee Proulx:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on September 30, 2013 as circulated.

**CARRIED (5/5)**

**GOOD NEWS**

Trustee McEvoy shared the Good News report. It was also shared that Mr. Nelson Branco, teacher at Legal School was honored as the Rotary Club Teacher of the Month.

Trustee Crockett commented on how wonderful the Oct 4<sup>th</sup> celebration tribute and memorial service was to honor the life of young Thomas Wedman during such a difficult time for the family and community.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions from the public.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**Board Policy 2 – Role of the Board**

36/14

**Trustee Caron:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve Board Policy 2 – Role of the Board as amended, with the

addition of 10.4 Board Members – in conjunction with Long Service recognition and Appendix A.

**CARRIED (5/5)**

**ACTION ITEMS**

There were no action items.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Board Response to Alberta Education Regulatory Review**

Superintendent Keohane provide a summary of key topics and information relevant to providing input and a district perspective on issues that will likely be discussed at the regulatory review on October 16, 2013.

37/14

**Trustee Caron:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees receive the attached talking points for the purpose of providing board input to the Alberta Education Regulation Review Process.

**CARRIED (4 in favor, 1 opposed)**

**Alberta School Boards Association Zone 2/3 Bylaws**

Trustee Crockett provided an update on proposed changes to the ASBA bylaws.

**Engagement Strategy**

38/14

**Trustee Caron:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the contracting of an outside facilitator to conduct a community engagement process during the 2013-2014 school year to a maximum value of \$80,000 to come from unrestricted surplus funds.

**CARRIED (5/5)**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Report from the Chair**

Trustee McEvoy provided thanks on behalf of the Board to the District Office Organizing Committee for Long Service Awards for a job well done. She praised the committee for their work on the decorations, food, and program.

Trustee McEvoy shared correspondence and condolences from surrounding districts recognizing the tragic loss of Thomas Wedman.

Communication was also received from St. Albert Public indicating that they would support informal gatherings as districts when needed as opposed to regular meeting dates and times.

**Report from the Superintendent**

Superintendent D. Keohane shared results of the recent Accountability Pillar Results which demonstrates excellence and achievement above the province across all of the exam results. The performance of the district also demonstrates success for FNMI students when compared to their peers across the province.

Assistant Superintendent, Sean McGuinness shared the update staff and enrolment reports. Across communities, enrolments

are up in both Legal and Morinville, slightly down in some areas of St. Albert.

39/14 **Trustee Caron:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees receive the superintendent's report as information.  
**CARRIED (5/5)**

40/14 **Trustee Crockett:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees extend the meeting until 9:30 p.m.  
**CARRIED (5/5)**

#### **TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Crockett provided a written report on the recent ASBA Zone 2/3 meeting, noting the opportunity for trustees to provide feedback on areas of advocacy that ASBA could support in the coming school year.

Trustee Proulx provided a verbal update on the plans discussed at the Rotary meeting for a future multi-plex recreation centre in the Morinville area. It was mentioned that partnerships will be key to building a successful and sustainable facility. Trustee Radford mentioned that the Morinville Chamber of Commerce held a forum for Municipal election candidates on October 2, 2013.

#### **TRUSTEE EVENT REPORTS**

There were no event reports.

#### **BOARD COMMITMENTS**

41/14 **Trustee Proulx:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the board commitments as presented and updated at this meeting.  
**CARRIED (5/5)**

#### **QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC & MEDIA CLARIFICATION**

Serena Shaw inquired about the opportunity to enhance the connection between school, parish and home.

Carryl Bennett-Brown reminded the Board of Trustees of the upcoming Candidates Forum at St. Albert Catholic High School on October 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A forum will also be held in Legal on October 17, 2013 with details on location to follow.

#### **TRUSTEE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

There were no requests for information.

#### **CLOSING PRAYER**

**Trustee Proulx** offered the closing prayer.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

42/14 **Trustee Radford:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees adjourn the regular meeting at 9:34 p.m.  
**CARRIED (5/5)**

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Secretary Treasurer

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Chair