

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GREATER ST. ALBERT ROMAN  
CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 734  
HELD ON MONDAY, November 4, 2013, 6:30 P.M.  
École G.H. Primeau Middle School - Library  
Morinville, AB**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT** Trustees Caron, Crockett, Kaup, McEvoy, Proulx, and Shaw

**MEMBERS ABSENT** Trustee Radford

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT**

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

**CALL TO ORDER** Trustee Crockett called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

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

**IN CAMERA**

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

**CARRIED (5/5)**

**Trustee Proulx joined the meeting at 6:38 p.m.**

**OUT OF CAMERA**

58 /14

**Trustee Kaup:** THAT the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 7:04 p.m.

**CARRIED (6/6)**

**The Board recessed until 7:30 p.m.**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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**Trustee Proulx:** THAT the Board of Trustees approve the agenda as amended with the addition of 11.2 Notice of Motion under New Business.

**CARRIED (6/6)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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**Trustee McEvoy:** THAT the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on October 7, 2013 as circulated.

**CARRIED (6/6)**

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**Trustee Proulx:** THAT the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the Organizational meeting of the Board held on October 28, 2013 as circulated.

**CARRIED (6/6)**

**GOOD NEWS**

Trustee Crockett shared the Good News report. It was also shared that trustees received a special blessing during the 9:00 am Mass at Holy Family Parish on Catholic Education Sunday, Nov. 3, 2013.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions from the public.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**Board Policy 3 – Role of the Board, Board Policy 4 – Trustee Code of Ethics, Policy 12 – role of the Superintendent, and Policy 7 – Board Operations**

Trustee Crockett reviewed with the board the policies under review and verbally read through the Code of Ethics.

62/14 **Trustee Caron:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the review of Board Policy 3 – Role of the Trustee, Board Policy 4 – Trustee Code of Ethics and Board Policy 12 – Role of the Superintendent with no further changes.

**CARRIED (6/6)**

63/14 **Trustee Caron:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the review of Board Policy 7 – Board Operations with the changes as presented.

**CARRIED (6/6)**

64/14 **Trustee Caron:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the acquired locally-developed course **Fantasy and Science Fiction 15** for 5 credits beginning February 1, 2014 until August 31, 2014 from Aspen View Public School Division No. 78 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools’ high schools.

**CARRIED (6/6)**

65/14 **Trustee Caron:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the acquired locally-developed course **Forensics Science Studies 35** for 5 credits beginning February 1, 2014 until August 31, 2016 from Pembina Hills Regional School Division No. 7 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools’ high schools.

**CARRIED (6/6)**

66/14 **Trustee Caron:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the acquired locally-developed course **The Classic Novel** for 5 credits beginning February 1, 2014 until August 31, 2014 from Rocky View School Division No. 41 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools’ high schools.

**CARRIED (6/6)**

**ACTION ITEMS**

**2013-14 Advocacy Plan Approval**

67/14 **Trustee Shaw:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees adopt the 2013-2014 Advocacy Plan as presented, with a view to revisit at the March 2014 planning session.

**CARRIED (6/6)**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Alberta School Boards Association Policies Bulletin**

Trustee Crockett reviewed with the Board the major policies that will be under review at the upcoming annual general meeting of the Alberta School Boards Association. Key policies under review include stable funding for schools, land for school sites, labour relations and safety of students and

staff in school buildings to highlight a few.

### **Notice of Motion**

Upon discussion of Trustee Caron's "Notice of Motion" item, added to the Agenda as New Business, it was determined that this was indeed a request for more information and will be addressed at the November 25 meeting, or as soon as possible after that. An update to Board Policy 7, section 9.1 - Notice of Motion, to include all possible variations in Notice of Motion will be required. Board Policy 7, section 9.6 - Required Votes will also require updating to address attendance by electronic means. Changes for consideration will be brought forward at the same time.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **Report from the Chair**

Trustee Crockett commented on the Catholic Education Sunday Mass at Holy Family Parish and the blessing provided to the trustees in attendance. Correspondence received was also shared.

### **Report from the Superintendent**

Superintendent Keohane shared upcoming dates for the Community Conversations. They will be held in January for Morinville/Legal and in April for St. Albert.

Secretary-treasurer Schlag updated the board on two recent contracts that were signed, the District Energy contract which is a 4 year agreement and the School Resource Officer contract for MCHS which is a one year agreement. She also provided information on the Alberta School Foundation Fund Opt Out provisions for Separate Boards, which will be coming to the Board at the next meeting.

Assistant superintendent Quick shared information in a written report, on Educational and Interagency Partnerships with the District. He highlighted the International School of Business partnership with Grant MacEwan University as a means in which students can earn dual credits for both high school and university courses.

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

**CARRIED (6/6)**

## **TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Crockett provided a written report on the recent ASBA Zone 2/3 meeting. Trustee Crockett also recognized trustees Caron and McEvoy for their long service with Alberta Catholic Trustees Association for their 21 and 9 year commitments respectively. Appreciation was also extended to former Trustee Hansen for her twelve years of service. Pins were presented to those in attendance.

## **TRUSTEE EVENT REPORTS**

Trustee Caron commented on the success of the St. Joseph's College Gala which is their major fundraising event. The Star

of North event was also successful which was attended by Trustees McEvoy and Shaw.

**BOARD COMMITMENTS**

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**Trustee Shaw:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the board commitments as presented and updated at this meeting.

**CARRIED (6/6)**

**QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC & MEDIA CLARIFICATION**

Carryl Bennett-Brown asked for clarification around the opportunities for ESSMY students to participate both in the International Business credit courses being offered by MacEwan University to GSACRD high school students and the iLearn program. Assistant superintendent Quick provided a brief explanation.

**TRUSTEE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

**Trustee Caron** requested clarification on the Notice of Motion procedure dealt with earlier in the meeting. In addition, an inquiry was made regarding the work that is being done in the schools to make the Catholic Faith relevant to our school communities.

**Trustee McEvoy** requested information on the Aurora and Cogito programs (currently being offered in St. Albert Public and in Edmonton) and any potential feasibility/viability for GSACRD.

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**Trustee Caron** offered the closing prayer.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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**Trustee McEvoy:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees adjourn the regular meeting at 9:37 p.m.

**CARRIED (6/6)**

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Secretary Treasurer

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Chair