

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GREATER ST. ALBERT ROMAN
CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 734
HELD ON MONDAY, January 27, 2014, 6:30 P.M.
District Office Boardroom, 6 St. Vital Avenue
St. Albert, AB**

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

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. and provided opening remarks.

OPENING PRAYER Trustee Radford offered the opening prayer.

IN CAMERA

121/14 **Trustee Shaw:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees move In Camera at 6:38 p.m.

CARRIED (7/7)

OUT OF CAMERA

122 /14 **Trustee McEvoy:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 7:30 p.m.

CARRIED (7/7)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

123/14 **Trustee Radford:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approves the agenda as amended with the addition of 10.5 U. S. Delegation Public Relations.

CARRIED (7/7)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

124/14 **Trustee Kaup:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on January 13, 2014 as circulated and amended, noting a change to the special guest reported in the Good News; it is Mr. Roelande, not Mr. Radford.

CARRIED (7/7)

GOOD NEWS Trustee Crockett shared the Good News report.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public.

CONSENT ITEMS

125/14 **Trustee Caron:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the review of Board Policy 8 - Board Committees and Board Policy 9 - Board Representatives, with changes to Board

Policy 8 as presented and no further changes to Board Policy 9.

CARRIED (7/7)

ACTION ITEMS

Notice of Motion

126/14

Trustee Radford: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve changes to section 9.1 and 9.6 of Board Policy 7, as presented.

CARRIED (7/7)

Trustee Caron declared pecuniary interest and removed himself from the Board meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Scotia Bank Borrowing Resolution

127/14

Trustee Proulx: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the attached borrowing resolution for 2014.

CARRIED (6/6)

Trustee Caron returned to the Board meeting at 7:49 p.m.

2014-15 Instructional Calendar Approval

128/14

Trustee Caron: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the 2014-15 Instructional Calendar with 196 operational days, and November 10, 2014 as a non-operational day to be titled "Fall Break."

CARRIED (6 in favor; 1 opposed - Trustee Proulx)

Board Development Plan

129/14

Trustee Kaup: **THAT** the Board of Trustees prioritize the topics of interest to advance collective understanding with educational practices begin pursued with the school district as follows:

1. Meeting diverse learning needs through Flexible Pathways to Learning;
2. Implementing Inspiring Education through Project Based Learning.

And time permitting:

3. How pre-school programming increases readiness for learning.

CARRIED (7/7)

U.S. Delegation Public Relations

Trustee Caron was interested in exploring public relation opportunities around the presentation made by administration to a US "think tank" delegation on Best Practices in Education by Alberta Schools. Since this was not a public presentation, it will be left with administration to deal with.

NEW BUSINESS

Addressing Youth Protection and Youth Homelessness

Trustee Caron raised the growing concern seen in the work of our schools with students who find themselves in difficult situations; some of whom are homeless and need support and immediate solutions. There was discussion among Trustees

as to what the appropriate role of the Board is and that any efforts should involve a collaborative approach. Assistant superintendent Quick advised Trustee Caron that pertinent information to this topic can be found in the City of St. Albert's Social Master Plan on pages 45 and 46 where the following St. Albert goal is addressed: **St. Albert is a community where all residents have a place to live.**

130/14

Trustee Caron: **THAT** the Board of Trustees direct the superintendent to explore possible remedies available to address Youth Protection and Youth Homelessness as identified at St. Gabriel Storefront's School Council Meeting and bring back options for consideration by the Board, at his earliest convenience, and allow Trustee Caron to facilitate a meeting between the School Council and a City of St. Albert representative.

CARRIED (7/7)

INFORMATION ITEMS

Report from the Chair

Trustee Crockett shared correspondence received on behalf of the Board which included a note from the Mayor's office indicating their approval of \$20,000 for organic waste collection at all interested schools in the community. J.J. Nearing successfully piloted this program and the Board was encouraged to support increased participation. An invitation to attend the High School Culinary Challenge was also received and it was noted that SACHS is one of the schools competing in the challenge.

Trustee Crockett also advised of her attendance at the recent celebration for retiring Public School Trustee Joe Demko, and the Bike Skills Park Open House were noted. The Sign of Hope Campaign celebration was attended by a number of trustees and of note was that a remarkable 91% of all donations go directly toward helping others.

Report from the Superintendent

Assistant Superintendent, Sean McGuinness provided a Field Trip Activity Report followed by an update from superintendent, D. Keohane noting the success of senior GSACRD's involvement in the U.S. Delegation meetings. Superintendent, D. Keohane also informed the Board that the district will be host to a video showcase at R. S. Fowler that will highlight the use of personal technology on learning. It was also noted by the superintendent that BELRA Award celebrations are commencing in the schools in February. This was followed by a discussion regarding format for these award presentations.

131/14

Trustee Radford: **THAT** the Board of Trustees direct the superintendent to examine alternatives to the current BELRA Awards format as presented in his report and bring back options for consideration for the 2013-2014 awards (to be presented in 2015).

CARRIED (7/7)

132/14

Trustee Proulx: **THAT** the Board of Trustees extend the meeting until 10:00 p.m.

CARRIED (6 in favor; 1 opposed)

Superintendent D. Keohane provided an update on the Morinville Community conversation and highlighted the St. Albert Community Conversation that will launch under the “Shaping Our Future” forum with Dialogue Partners on February 3, 2014.

Secretary-Treasurer Schlag provided a summary report of Fee Exemptions provided as at November 30, 2013 and up to January 23, 2014.

133/14 **Trustee Shaw: THAT** the Board of Trustees receive the superintendent’s report as information. **CARRIED (7/7)**

TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Radford and Trustee Shaw shared written reports on their recent attendance at Alberta School Boards Association Meeting Zone 2/3, St. Albert Chamber of Commerce meeting, and the Policy Advisory Committee. The reports were attached to the minutes.

134/14 **Trustee Shaw: THAT** the Board of Trustees extend the meeting until 10:15 p.m. **CARRIED (6 in favor; 1 opposed)**

TRUSTEE EVENT REPORTS

Trustee Radford highlight the merits of the *Unlocking Your Potential Session* she recently attended and having this on a future agenda. In addition, Trustee Crockett updated the Board on the work of the École Marie Poburan Task Force and recommended they attend a Board meeting to present their findings.

BOARD COMMITMENTS

135/14 **Trustee McEvoy: THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the Board Commitments as presented and updated at this meeting. **CARRIED (7/7)**

QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC & MEDIA CLARIFICATION

There were no questions from the public.

TRUSTEE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

There were no requests for information.

CLOSING PRAYER

Trustee Radford offered the closing prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

136/14 **Trustee Shaw: THAT** the Board of Trustees adjourn the regular meeting at 10:19 p.m. **CARRIED (7/7)**

Secretary Treasurer

Chair