

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL BOARD
Tuesday, November 18, 2014 (7:00 PM)**

The Meeting of the Louis Riel School Board was called to order by the Chairperson of the Board, Trustee Louise Johnston

ROLL CALL

UPON THE ROLL BEING CALLED, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Louise Johnston	Chairperson
Chris Sigurdson	Vice-Chairperson
Hugh Coburn	Trustee
Josie Landry	Trustee
Colleen Mayer	Trustee
Sandy Nemeth	Trustee
Tom Parker	Trustee
Dave Richardson	Trustee
Cindy Turner	Trustee

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Duane Brothers	Superintendent of Schools
Brad Fulton	Secretary-Treasurer
Neill Johnson	Assistant Superintendent
Marna Kenny	Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
Christian Michalik	Assistant Superintendent
Marlene Murray	Assistant Superintendent
Irene Nordheim	Assistant Superintendent
Pat Trottier	Board Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

A) WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

1.1 Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed everyone in attendance.

B) MISSION AND PRIORITIES

1.2 Mission and Priorities

The Chairperson reminded the audience of the Louis Riel School Division Mission statement posted in the Board Room and of why we are here and which guides our decisions this evening.

C) GOOD NEWS

1.3 Good News Shared by the Superintendent of Schools

- The Manitoba government has provided grants from the Skills Strategy Equipment Enhancement Fund 2014/2015 to the Louis Riel Arts & Technology Centre for their Culinary Arts, Automotive Technology and Baking and Pastry Arts programs.
- Employees of the Louis Riel School Division receive a newsletter called *The Riel Citizen*. The October 2014 issue speaks to the United Way in LRSD. In 2013/2014 the division raised \$98,459!! Louis Riel School Division had a 30.6% participation, which was the highest contribution per capita of any school division in metro Winnipeg. This year the Board Office staff has increased their donations, and last year Victor Mager School had 80.4% participation while this year they have 100% participation! This is terrific news!

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA & CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 Approval of Agenda - November 18, 2014

267/2014 THAT the November 18, 2014 agenda be approved.

Trustee (Sandy Nemeth) Moved, Trustee (Colleen Mayer) Seconded to approve the motion.

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of Inaugural Board Meeting - November 4, 2014

268/2014 THAT the Minutes of the Inaugural Board Meeting held November 4, 2014 be approved.

Trustee (Hugh Coburn) Moved, Trustee (Josie Landry) Seconded to approve the motion.

CARRIED

2.3 Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting - November 4, 2014

269/2014 THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held November 4, 2014 be approved.

Trustee (Dave Richardson) Moved, Trustee (Tom Parker) Seconded to approve the motion.

CARRIED

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

3.1 Chair's Report for November 18, 2014

- The Chair wished to recognize the hard work of each committee in preparing their annual plans which they will bring forward to the December 2, 2014 Board Meeting. The Board's committees are very much looking to owning these committees, and they will provide their annual and budget reports publicly.
- The Highbury Daycare will announce very shortly the name of the provider for their new facility.
- The grand re-opening of École George-McDowell on November 19, 2014 which is now a Grade 6 to 8 environment and a major shift for that school and the community. A tour of the school will be provided and we look forward to learning more about this new school.
- We received a brief update on negotiations and meetings have been set. We are moving forward and looking forward to a very collaborative work that we have always done at negotiations.

4. COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

A) COMMUNITY INPUT

4.1 School Community Initiatives Partnership Presentation to École Julie-Riel

Trustee Josie Landry presented a School Community Partnership grant to Principal Andrea Kolody and Parent Advisory Council member Marsha Leary from École Julie-Riel for their "17th Annual Family Learning Conference".

4.2 School Community Initiatives Partnership Presentation to Victor Mager School

Trustee Colleen Mayer presented a School Community Partnership grant to Principal Karen Magnusson, Vice-Principal Nicole Mager, and Parent Advisory Council President Susan Hrabarchuk from Victor Mager School for their "Winter Celebration".

4.3 Collaborative Wednesdays Presentation

Assistant Superintendent Irene Nordheim, Principal Gilles Mousseau, and Vice-Principal Reno Gerl made a presentation to the School Board regarding the progress that has been made in the "Collaborative Wednesdays" pilot project and its professional learning initiatives and accomplishments.

B) COMMITTEE REPORT

5. OUTCOMES PROGRESS REPORTS

A) SUPERINTENDENT

6. INFORMATION: EL # 1.8

A) COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT TO SCHOOL BOARD

6.1 Sage Creek School Update

270/2014 THAT the Superintendent's verbal report regarding the Sage Creek School Update be received as information.

Trustee (Cindy Turner) Moved, Trustee (Colleen Mayer) Seconded to approve the motion.

CARRIED

6.2 DRAFT LRSD Administrative Guideline EEAEAA - Student Transportation: Weather-Related Cancellation of School Buses

271/2014 THAT the DRAFT LRSD Administrative Guideline EEAEAA - Student Transportation: Weather-Related Cancellation of School Buses update be received as information.

Trustee (Colleen Mayer) Moved, Trustee (Chris Sigurdson) Seconded to approve the motion.

CARRIED

7. BOARD EDUCATION

7.1 LRSD BOARD EDUCATION - "What is the Purpose of Public Education?"

A significant component of the work of the LRSD School Board is to engage in its ongoing learning related to topics pertinent to the future of the LRSD.

School Board members were asked to read the following two articles and to be prepared to discuss the topic "What is the Purpose of Public Education?" at the November 18, 2014 Board Meeting.

- Canadian Education Association. (2014). *The Challenge to Change*.
- Sloan, W. (2012). *What is the Purpose of Education?*

8. BOARD POLICY REVIEW

- A) Governance Process**
- B) Board-Management Relationship**
- C) Executive Limitations**
- D) Outcomes**

9. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA

9.1 School Board Correspondence

272/2014 THAT the School Board correspondence be received as information.

1. MANITOBA SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION

Labour Relations:

- a) **(Page 1)** Salary Bulletin dated October 30, 2014 regarding Red River Valley School Division and the Red River Valley Teachers' Association Agreement-in-Committee;
- b) **(Page 4)** Salary Bulletin dated October 30, 2014 regarding Seine River School Division and Seine River Teachers Association Ratified Agreement;
- c) **(Page 5)** Collective Bargaining Update dated October 31, 2014;

Professional Development:

General Correspondence:

- a) **(Page 1)** Memorandum dated October 29, 2014 from Mr. Justin Rempel regarding Maternity Leave Top-Up Grievances;
- b) **(Page 2)** Memorandum dated November 4, 2014 from Ms. Heather Demetriooff regarding Call for Workshop Proposals MSBAS 2015 Convention, March 19 to 21, 2015;
- c) **(Page 4)** Memorandum dated November 4, 2014 from Ms. Heather Demetriooff regarding 2015 Recognition & Award Programs;
- d) **(Page 19)** Memorandum dated November 5, 2014 from Ms. Heather Demetriooff regarding Executive Director Search;
- e) **(Page 22)** Memorandum dated November 5, 2014 from Ms. Carolyn Duhamel regarding Reminder – Feedback on new membership fee structure for MSBA;
- f) **(Page 23)** Target and Core Priorities for MSBA;
- g) **(Page 27)** Ebulletin dated November 5, 2014;
- h) **(Page 28)** Memorandum dated November 12, 2014 from Ms. Heather Demetriooff regarding Raffle Donations for 2105 Convention;
- i) **(Page 29)** Memorandum dated November 12, 2014 from Ms. Heather Demetriooff regarding detailed programs – New Trustee Orientation Sessions and Board Chair Workshop;

a. PUBLIC SCHOOLS FINANCE BOARD

- a) **(Page 1)** Letter dated October 22, 2014 from Ms. Lia Abolit and Mr. R. John Weselake regarding École Howden temporary assignment to two modular classrooms;

4. OTHER

- a) **(Page 1)** Letter dated August 18, 2014 from Mr. Brian Cameron regarding ATC Annual Seniors Dinner on December 11, 2014;
- b) **(Page 2)** Letter dated October 28, 2014 from Ms. Linda Brazier Lamoureux regarding the United Way Student Community Service Award;
- c) **(Page 3)** Memorandum dated November 4, 2014 from Seven Oaks School Division regarding elected Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson;
- d) **(Page 4)** Press release dated November 4, 2014 from Winnipeg School Division regarding elected Chair and Vice-Chair;
- e) **(Page 5)** News release dated November 5, 2014 from St. James-Assiniboia School Division regarding elected Chair and Vice-Chair;
- f) **(Page 6)** Press release dated November 5, 2014 from Louis Riel School Division regarding elected Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson;
- g) **(Page 7)** Letter dated November 6, 2014 from Honourable Peter Bjornson regard Skills Strategy Equipment Enhancement Fund 2014/2015;
- h) **(Page 9)** Letter dated November 7, 2014 from Mr. Tim Johnson regarding the nomination of Trustee Dianne Zuk for the position of Vice President on MSBA;
- i) **(Page 10)** Announcement from Pembina Trails school Division regarding elected Chair and Vice-Chair;
- j) **(Page 11)** News release from Lord Selkirk School Division regarding elected Chair and Vice-Chair;

Trustee (Sandy Nemeth) Moved, Trustee (Cindy Turner) Seconded to approve the motion.

CARRIED

10. FINANCE AND AUDIT

11. OTHER BOARD JOBS

11.1 Amendment to Procedural By-Laws of the Louis Riel School Board - Second Reading

273/2014 THAT the Procedural By-Laws of the Louis Riel School Board receive second reading.

Trustee (Tom Parker) Moved, Trustee (Josie Landry) Seconded to approve the motion.

CARRIED

11.2 School Community Initiatives Partnership Application - Niakwa Place School

274/2014 THAT the School Community Partnership application regarding Niakwa Place School "Festival of Life and Learning" on May 22, 2015 be approved, and;

THAT Niakwa Place School receive a SCIP grant of \$2,000.

Trustee (Hugh Coburn) Moved, Trustee (Dave Richardson) Seconded to approve the motion.

CARRIED

11.3 Off-School Site Application for Collège Jeanne-Sauvé to France and Belgium

275/2014 THAT the Off School Site request from Collège Jeanne-Sauvé to have students travel to France and Belgium March 22 to April 1, 2016 be approved at no cost to the Board.

Trustee (Tom Parker) Moved, Trustee (Chris Sigurdson) Seconded to approve the motion.

CARRIED

11.4 Off-School Application for J.H. Bruns Collegiate to Europe

276/2014 THAT the Off School Site request from J.H. Bruns Collegiate to have students travel to Europe (Germany, Austria, Switzerland, France and England) March 22 to April 2, 2016 be approved at no cost to the Board.

Trustee (Hugh Coburn) Moved, Trustee (Tom Parker) Seconded to approve the motion.

CARRIED

11.5 Annual Plans for LRSD Committees

277/2014 THAT the three Standing Committees and the AdHoc LRSD Foundation Committee provide their annual plans at the December 2, 2014 Board Meeting.

Trustee (Cindy Turner) Moved, Trustee (Sandy Nemeth) Seconded to approve the motion.

CARRIED

12. PUBLIC FORUM

President Frank Restall of the Louis Riel Teachers’ Association thanked the Board for making allowances with the public to have access to the Board Education documents, and appreciates being on the list. He hopes it will have the impact the Board wishes. Student learning conditions and teacher working conditions - you can never separate the two of them. We have hundreds of educators who are enthusiastic and passionate about teaching and it is difficult to balance work life. More and more is added to the curriculum and so much is expected of our teachers to deliver quality education. We need to keep in mind that prioritizing education can support different expectations in teaching.

13. SELF-EVALUATION OF GOVERNANCE PROCESS

14. ADJOURN

14.1 Adjournment of Meeting

278/2014 THAT the meeting be adjourned.

Trustee (Tom Parker) Moved, Trustee (Sandy Nemeth) Seconded to approve the motion.

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer