

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL BOARD
Tuesday, January 07, 2014 (7:00 PM)**

The Meeting of the Louis Riel School Board was called to order by the Chairperson of the Board, Trustee Hugh Coburn.

ROLL CALL

UPON THE ROLL BEING CALLED, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Hugh Coburn	Chairperson
Louise Johnston	Vice-Chairperson
Gary Gervais	Trustee
Colleen Mayer	Trustee
Sandy Nemeth	Trustee
Tom Parker	Trustee
Dave Richardson	Trustee
Wayne Ruff	Trustee
Chris Sigurdson	Trustee

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Duane Brothers	Superintendent of Schools
Brad Fulton	Secretary-Treasurer
Lisa Aitken	Director of Human Resources
Clarke Hagan	Director of Information Systems
Neill Johnson	Assistant Superintendent
Marna Kenny	Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
Peter Kolba	Director of Facilities
Christian Michalik	Assistant Superintendent
Marlene Murray	Assistant Superintendent
Pat Trottier	Board Recording Secretary

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA & CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Agenda: January 7, 2014

1/2014 THAT the agenda for January 7, 2014 be approved.

Trustee (Tom Parker) Moved, Trustee (Wayne Ruff) Seconded to approve the motion.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting: December 17, 2013

2/2014 THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held December 17, 2013 be approved.
Trustee (Tom Parker) Moved, Trustee (Colleen Mayer) Seconded to approve the motion.

CARRIED

C. RECEIVING OF DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

E. RECEIVING OF CORRESPONDENCE - ACTION

1. Petition from George McDowell School Community

3/2014 THAT the George McDowell School community petition provided by Ms. Kellie Henderson be received as information, and;
THAT the Chair respond.

Trustee (Dave Richardson) Moved, Trustee (Louise Johnston) Seconded to approve the motion.

CARRIED

2. Petition from Victor H. L. Wyatt School Community

4/2014 THAT the Victor H. L. Wyatt School community petition received December 19, 2013 be received as information, and;
THAT the Chair respond.

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

CARRIED

3. Correspondence Regarding Addressing Enrolment Challenges in South St. Vital

5/2014 THAT the following correspondence from S. Knight and J. Martin, L. Mousseau, K. Kiemeney, S. Dandenault, K. Letham, L. Douglas, K. Batchelor, K. Gallant, L. Elliott, S. Milne-Ciecko, S. Behnke, H. Sobkow, K. and K. Poulson, M. Lokstet, and M. Franceschet regarding Addressing Enrolment Challenges in South St. Vital be received as information, and;
THAT the Chair respond.

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

CARRIED

D. RECEIVING OF SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

1. Addressing Enrolment Challenges in South St. Vital

6/2014 THAT the Superintendent's report and recommendation to address enrolment challenges in South St. Vital schools be received as information, and;
THAT the following motion be adopted:

WHEREAS the Louis Riel School Division is experiencing overcrowding and unsustainable growth at two French Immersion schools - École St. Germain and École Julie-Riel - that share their South St. Vital geography with six English program schools (Dr. D. W. Penner School, Victor H. L. Wyatt School, George McDowell School, H. S. Paul School, Samuel Burland School, and Highbury School), and;

WHEREAS the Louis Riel School Board and its divisional administration have reviewed current and historic enrolments, enrolment projections, school capacities, and planning scenarios to address this specific challenge, and;

WHEREAS the Louis Riel School Board and its divisional administration have consulted with government officials about planning scenarios and a consultation process with its community to address this specific challenge, and;

WHEREAS the Louis Riel School Board and its divisional administration have engaged the eight school communities that share the same geographic area of South St. Vital in a series of ten community forums, several subsequent meetings, and correspondence involving over 2,000 community members from September to December 2013, and;

WHEREAS this consultation process has provided an opportunity for the community to consider possible scenarios and provide invaluable perspectives to inform the objective of developing a sustainable and achievable solution to address the enrolment challenge, and;

WHEREAS this extensive community consultation has informed a series of twelve criteria– that frame the following recommendation of a long-term solution to address overcrowding and unsustainable growth at two French Immersion schools - École St. Germain and École Julie-Riel, and;

WHEREAS this comprehensive community consultation has also informed the transition period and plan to support children, families, staff, and school-based childcare providers that are impacted by the Board’s decision to implement a long-term solution for the September 2014-2015 school year, and;

WHEREAS the consultation process also involved divisional administration meeting with government officials and school-based childcare providers to consider the impact of a decision on school-based childcare services, and;

WHEREAS in communities around two of these schools, Highbury School and Samuel Burland School, there is anticipated growth to student populations resulting from a new housing development south of Aldgate Road, and;

WHEREAS declining or unchanging student populations surrounding Dr. D.W. Penner School, George McDowell School, H. S. Paul School and Victor H. L. Wyatt School are projected to continue:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT École St. Germain and École Julie-Riel be reconfigured as Grades K-5 Early Years single-track French Immersion schools effective September 2, 2014, and;

THAT George McDowell School be reconfigured as a Grades 6-8 French Immersion single-track Middle Years School serving students in the geography shared by its two feeder schools: École St. Germain and École Julie-Riel effective September 2, 2014, and;

THAT divisional administration communicate in January and February 2014 with groups of parents/guardians of students presently attending George McDowell School to consider optimal and viable options for their newly designated school with the objective

of finding a school in close proximity to where students reside, and to confirm their future high school, and;

THAT divisional administration work with members of the George McDowell School parent community, administration, staff, and school-based childcare providers as they transition to a newly designated school effective September 2, 2014 and that divisional administration provide regular updates about the transition process to the School Board, and;

THAT divisional administration provide the School Board, by February 4, 2014, proposed changes to the catchments of neighbouring schools to incorporate the existing George McDowell School catchment (Dr. D. W. Penner School, H. S. Paul School, Samuel Burland School, and Highbury School) effective for September 2, 2014, and;

THAT divisional administration work with members of the École St. Germain and École Julie-Riel parent communities, administrations, staffs, and school-based childcare providers as they transition to a new organisational model and a newly designated school effective September 2, 2014 and that divisional administration provide regular updates about the transition process to the School Board, and;

THAT the proposed changes to the École St. Germain and École Julie-Riel catchments that incorporate the new housing development south of Aldgate Road be implemented effective September 2, 2014, and;

THAT students in Grades K-4 presently attending École St. Germain and École Julie-Riel remain in their respective schools effective September 2, 2014, and;

THAT new families of students in Grades K-5 registering at École St. Germain and École Julie-Riel must reside in the newly structured reconfigured École St. Germain and École Julie-Riel catchments effective September 2, 2014, and;

THAT the Middle Immersion program in Grades 4 and 5 continue to be offered at École Julie-Riel effective September 2, 2014, and;

THAT the Middle Immersion program continue in Grade 6 at the newly designated French Immersion single-track Middle Years School (Grades 6-8) effective September 2, 2014, and;

THAT divisional administration provide the School Board, by February 4, 2014, a recommendation to appoint a Principal and Vice-Principal for the newly designated French Immersion single-track Middle Years School (Grades 6-8) effective August 1, 2014, and;

THAT the School Board adopt the proposed transition plan to support students, families, staff and school-based childcare providers as they transition to their new organisational model and/or designated schools effective September 2, 2014.

Trustee (Wayne Ruff) Moved, Trustee (Chris Sigurdson) Seconded to approve the motion.

CARRIED

At this point, an open mike was made available for the public to ask one question in regards to the decision/motion.

2. School Space Considerations - Update

7/2014 THAT the Superintendent's report regarding School Space Considerations be received as information.

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

CARRIED

3. Sage Creek School - Update

8/2014 THAT the Superintendent's verbal report regarding the Sage Creek School be received as information.

Trustee (Tom Parker) Moved, Trustee (Colleen Mayer) Seconded to approve the motion.

CARRIED

E. RECEIVING OF CORRESPONDENCE - INFORMATION

1. School Board Correspondence

9/2014 THAT the School Board Correspondence be received as information.

1. MANITOBA SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION

Labour Relations:

- a) **(Page 1)** Salary Bulletin dated December 11, 2013 regarding Garden Valley School Division and Garden Valley School Administrative Assistants (CLAC);
- b) **(Page 4)** Salary Bulletin dated December 11, 2013 regarding Interlake School Division and the Interlake Association of Non-Teaching Employees (IANTE) Ratified Agreement;
- c) **(Page 6)** Collective Bargaining Update for December 13, 2013;

General Correspondence:

- a) **(Page 1)** Letter dated December 12, 2013 from Mrs. Wendy Bloomfield to His Worship Mayor Sam Katz regarding snow clearing;
- b) **(Page 2)** Letter dated December 18, 2013 from Mr. Floyd Martens to Honourable Bernard Valcourt regarding Working Together for First Nation Students: A Proposal for a Bill on First Nation Education;
- c) **(Page 4)** Letter dated December 18, 2013 from Mr. Floyd Martens to Honourable James Allum regarding proposed bill on First Nation education;
- d) **(Page 5)** Manitoba Education Research Network Winter Forum 2014;
- e) **(Page 7)** Seven Oaks School Division Assistant Superintendent – Student Services Opportunity;

2. PUBLIC SCHOOLS FINANCE BOARD

- a) **(Page 1)** Letter dated December 18, 2013 from Mr. Kyle Andrew Lewkowich and Mr. John Weselake regarding École St. Germain – two unlinked portable classrooms;

4. OTHER

- a) **(Page 1)** Memorandum dated December 4, 2013 from Mr. Peter Kotyk to all School Boards regarding a discussion paper – MSBA Executive Structure;
- b) **(Page 11)** Letter dated December 11, 2013 from Mr. Duane Brothers, Superintendent of Schools to Honourable James Allum regarding the Teenage Parent Program (TAPP);
- c) **(Page 12)** Email dated December 15, 2013 from Ms. Jan Thiessen to Mr. Duane Brothers, Superintendent of Schools regarding École St. Germain and the LRSD South St. Vital Enrolment Issues;
- d) **(Page 14)** Letter dated December 16, 2013 from Mr. David Johnson to His Worship Mayor Sam Katz regarding snow clearing;
- e) **(Page 15)** Letter dated December 18, 2013 from Honourable James Allum to Mr. Hugh Coburn, Chair of the Board regarding Highbury School – Child Care Addition Ministerial Award;
- f) **(Page 17)** Email dated December 18m 2013 from Mr. Kirk Knight to Mr. Duane Brothers, Superintendent of Schools regarding Addressing Enrolment Challenges in South St. Vital;
- g) **(Page 18)** Letter dated December 19, 2013 from Mr. Hugh Coburn, Chair of the Board to Mr. Grant McManes regarding his recognition from Manitoba Physical Education Teachers’ Association;
- h) **(Page 19)** Letter dated December 19, 2013 from Mr. David Yeo and Mr. John Weselake regarding Smaller Classes Capital Planning New/Additional Early Years Programming;
- i) **(Page 23)** Treaty Education Initiative brochure;
- j) **(Page 25)** Christmas card the Winnipeg School Division;

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

CARRIED

F. RECEIVING OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Off-School Site Application: Glenlawn Collegiate to France and Italy

10/2014 THAT the Off-School Site request from Glenlawn Collegiate to have students travel to France and Italy March 26 to April 6, 2015 be approved at no cost to the Board.

Trustee (Sandy Nemeth) Moved, Trustee (Dave Richardson) Seconded to approve the motion.

CARRIED

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

I. SUBMISSION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION & NOTICE OF MOTION

J. PUBLIC FORUM

- One member of the public asked for clarification on the School Space Considerations and if École Marie-Anne-Gaboury was part of this agenda item.
- Several parents commended the School Board and the Administration for the time, care and thought put into the decision regarding South St. Vital.

K. RECESS TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

L. ADJOURNMENT

1. Adjournment of Meeting

11/2014 THAT the Meeting be adjourned.

Trustee (Tom Parker) Moved, Trustee (Gary Gervais) Seconded to approve the motion.

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 PM

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer