

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION
HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2007
7:00 P.M.**

In Attendance

Hugh Coburn	Trustee
Mike Daoust	Trustee
Mike Ducharme	Trustee
Gary Gervais	Trustee
Louise Johnston	Trustee
Tom Parker	Trustee
Dave Richardson	Trustee
Wayne Ruff	Trustee
Marilyn Seguire	Trustee

Terry Borys	Superintendent of Schools & CEO
Brad Fulton	Secretary-Treasurer
Marna Kenny	Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
Pat Burgoyne	Assistant Superintendent
Linda Chernenkoff	Assistant Superintendent
Neill Johnson	Assistant Superintendent
Christian Michalik	Assistant Superintendent
Tim Watters	Director of Schools & Community Support
Peter Kolba	Director of Facilities
Brad Biehn	Director of Information Systems
Lisa Aitken	Director of Human Resources
Denis Granger	Director of Student Services
Rolande Fontaine	Recording Secretary

18th meeting

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by the Chair at 6:53p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

425/2007 Trustees Parker - Ruff: "THAT the agenda for June 5, 2007 be approved as amended with the removal of A-2 – Approval of Minutes."

CARRIED

BOARD PRESENTATION

Diane Plamondon & Sandra Jansen, teachers at College Jeanne-Sauvé, as well as students Cassandra Hunter, Catherine Thomas and Brigitte DePape; and parents Marilyn Joyal and Carla Bailey made a presentation on their recent trip to M'bour, Senegal in Africa.

CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION

426/2007 Trustees Johnston - Coburn: "THAT the following correspondence be received as information and placed on file:

1. MAST

- a) Minutes – Pension Trustees of February 20, 2007
- b) Minutes – Pension Trustees of April 24, 2007
- c) CSBA Info Picks

2. PUBLIC SCHOOLS FINANCE BOARD

- a) Letter dated May 23, 2007 from George Marchildon, Mechanical Engineer and Rick Dedi, Executive Director regarding Glenlawn Collegiate – Boiler Replacement

3. OTHER

- a) Letter dated May 23, 2007 from Michelle Smith regarding Français partiel program at École Provencher
- b) E-mail dated May 23, 2007 from Stephanie Cooper regarding Teacher-Librarian position at Nordale School
- c) Articles from the Lance Newspaper
- d) Letter dated May 24, 2007 from Sharon Carstairs regarding Français partiel at École Provencher
- e) E-mail dated May 25, 2007 from Ron Burke regarding Français partiel at École Provencher
- f) E-mail dated May 25, 2007 from Diana Dinon regarding Français partiel program at École Provencher
- g) Letter dated May 25, 2007 from Monique LeDressay regarding Français partiel at École Provencher
- h) E-mail dated May 27, 2007 from John Morrison regarding Français partiel program at École Provencher
- i) Letter dated May 28, 2007 from Jean-Vianney Auclair, Assistant Deputy Minister, to Kim Boote regarding Français partiel program at École Provencher
- j) Letter dated May 28, 2007 from Jean-Vianney Auclair, Assistant Deputy Minister, to Tracy Monney regarding Français partiel program at École Provencher
- k) Letter dated May 28, 2007 from Jean-Vianney Auclair, Assistant Deputy Minister, to Luis Alamo & Susana Berodia regarding Français partiel program at École Provencher
- l) Letter dated May 28, 2007 from Jean-Vianney Auclair, Assistant Deputy Minister, to Roxanne Ballingall regarding Français partiel program at École Provencher
- m) Letter dated May 28, 2007 from Jean-Vianney Auclair, Assistant Deputy Minister, to Kelly Oliver regarding Français partiel program at École Provencher

- n) Letter dated May 28, 2007 from Jean-Vianney Auclair, Assistant Deputy Minister, to Dianna Dinon regarding Français partiel program at École Provencher
- o) Letter dated May 28, 2007 from Jean-Vianney Auclair, Assistant Deputy Minister, to Hubert & Carole Verrier regarding Français partiel program at École Provencher
- p) Letter dated May 28, 2007 from Carole Beaudoin regarding Français partiel program at École Provencher
- q) E-mail dated May 28, 2007 from Rhonda Nault regarding Français partiel program at École Provencher
- r) Letter from Lynn Murphy regarding the Français partiel program
- s) Letter dated May 28, 2007 from Sheri Turner & Kesh Ramnarace regarding the Français partiel program at École Provencher
- t) E-mail dated May 29, 2007 from Amy Miller regarding Français partiel program at École Provencher
- u) E-mail dated May 29, 2007 from Lori-Ann Buksak regarding Français partiel program at École Provencher
- v) E-mail dated May 29, 2007 from Marcia Steadman regarding Français partiel program at École Provencher
- w) E-mail dated May 29, 2007 from Grant Edwards regarding Français partiel program at École Provencher
- x) E-mail dated May 30, 2007 from Garry & Marcia Steadman regarding Français partiel program at École Provencher
- y) E-mail dated May 30, 2007 from Carole Lussier regarding Français partiel program at École Provencher
- z) E-mail dated May 30, 2007 from Murray Tarr regarding Français partiel program at École Provencher
- aa) E-mail dated May 30, 2007 from Krystin Cadorath regarding Français partiel program at École Provencher
- bb) E-mail dated May 30, 2007 from Melanie Messier regarding Français partiel program at École Provencher
- cc) E-mail dated May 30, 2007 from Diana Dinon regarding Français partiel program at École Provencher
- dd) Information from Paul Wielgosz regarding Français partiel program at École Provencher
- ee) E-mail dated May 30, 2007 from Diana Dinon on behalf of PAC regarding Français partiel program at École Provencher
- ff) Presentation to Board of Trustees by Diana Dinon, Cathy Cortvriendt and Jacques Speliers regarding Français partiel program at École Provencher
- gg) E-mail dated May 31, 2007 from Luis Alamo regarding Français partiel program at École Provencher
- hh) E-mail dated May 31, 2007 from Asha Pereira regarding Brendan Bartram article

- ii) E-mail dated May 31, 2007 from Tracy Thibert regarding Français partiel program at École Provencher
- jj) E-mail dated May 31, 2007 from Hubert Verrier regarding the Français partiel program at École Provencher
- kk) E-mail dated May 31, 2007 from Diana Dinon regarding delegations
- ll) E-mail dated June 1, 2007 from Lynn Pelletier and Peter Valde regarding Français partiel program at École Provencher
- mm) E-mail dated June 1, 2007 from Debra Lovelace regarding the Français partiel program at École Provencher
- nn) E-mail dated June 1, 2007 from Christianna Calder regarding the Français partiel program at École Provencher
- oo) E-mail dated June 1, 2007 from Murray Tarr regarding the Français partiel program at École Provencher
- pp) E-mail dated June 1, 2007 from Jennifer Dubourg regarding the Français partiel program at École Provencher

4. SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS

- a) V. H. L. Wyatt School
- b) J. H. Bruns Collegiate
- c) Dakota Collegiate
- d) École Van Belleghem.”

CARRIED

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS

RIEL Project: Program Redesignation – Français partiel to French Immersion

427/2007 Trustees Ruff - Seguire: “Whereas the Division recognizes École Provencher and Windsor Park Collegiate as schools currently providing the Français partiel Program, and;

Whereas the Français partiel program (Program B) was initially designed for Francophone families in the early 970’s, and;

Whereas the Supreme Court of Canada has determined that, in general, wherever the numbers of students justify creating a minority language school, these numbers would also justify granting the minority language parents a measure of management and control, and;

Whereas the Division scolaire Franco Manitobaine governs Français education in the Province of Manitoba, and;

Whereas the Louis Riel School Division recognizes this right to governance of the Division scolaire Franco-Manitobaine, and;

Whereas the Province of Manitoba defines Français Programming as intended for students for whom French is a first or primary language spoken in their homes, and further defines French Immersion Programming as intended for students for whom French is a second language or a language not spoken in their homes, and;

Whereas divisional student registration information from September 2006 confirms that fewer than fifteen families, of children enrolled in the Français partiel Program at École Provencher in 2007, speak French at home, and;

Whereas the division scolaire Franco-Manitobaine would welcome those families or other exogamous (dual language) families, who so wish, to attend schools in the DSFM; and

Whereas the province of Manitoba has adopted curricular policy for French immersion schools, and;

Whereas the French Immersion program is a highly researched and demonstrably effective second language learning option for English-speaking children, and;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- THAT the Français partiel Program (Français Program B or 50/50 Program) discontinue in the Louis Riel School Division effective June 30, 2008, and;
- THAT École Provencher implement Board Policy IHBEBA of the Louis Riel School Division, for French Immersion programming effective September 2008;
- THAT Windsor Park Collegiate no longer offer a Français partiel program option effective September 2008;
- THAT the 2007-2008 school year be a transition year for the two schools that currently offer the Français partiel Program to prepare them to implement the French immersion program model;
- THAT a Consultative Committee on Transition, composed of members of the École Provencher Parent Community, the Windsor Park Collegiate Français partiel Parent Community, the École Provencher Staff, and one member of the Superintendent's Department, convene in September 2007, to provide, to the Board of Trustees by March 31, 2008, a final report containing recommendations necessary for the transition to the French Immersion program, effective for September 2008."

CARRIED

PUBLIC FORUM

Questions were raised regarding the impact on École Henri-Bergeron with the re-designation of the Français partiel program to French Immersion. Comments were made about the Board's decision on École Provencher.

A 5 minute recess was called.

RIEL Project: Program Redesignation – Français partiel to French immersion (Public Schools Act Requirements)

428/2007 Trustees Coburn - Richardson: "Whereas the former Minister of Education and Training, Honourable Linda G. McIntosh, advised the former St. Boniface School Division No. 4 of the status of the Français partiel program, in writing, in May 1996, and;

Whereas the afore-mentioned letter advised the former St. Boniface School Division No. 4 that the "Français partiel Program", known also as the "50/50" Program, is considered a Français Program derivative, and that, as such, it is not officially recognized as a stand-alone program and;

Whereas the letter also advised the former St. Boniface School Division No. 4 that it may continue to offer a Français partiel Program because it has done so in the past, and;

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Louis Riel School Division, as the governance successor to the former St. Boniface School Division No. 4, has decided to discontinue offering the Français partiel or "50/50" Program" consequent to:

- It's ability to now review this matter following the resolution of other programming matters arising from the amalgamation of 2002; and
- The Program's current low enrolment of students who speak French at home, and
- The Board's conviction that its Policy IHBEBA – Bilingual Instruction: French Immersion Education more appropriately applies to the large majority of the student population at École Provencher in 2007, and;

Whereas the Manitoba Public Schools Act, Article 21.29 (Discontinuation of program by provider school board) and the letter from Minister McIntosh outline important considerations pertaining to the discontinuation of the program, and;

Whereas Article 21.29 states that the provider school board shall not discontinue a francophone program unless "the program is transferred to the francophone school board under section 21.27", and;

Whereas Article 21.29 further states that the provider school board shall not discontinue a francophone program unless “at least 60 days notice of the proposed discontinuance is given to the francophone school board and the minister and the minister consents to the discontinuance based on a decline in enrolment sufficient to render the continued delivery of the program impracticable, or any other reason that the minister considers acceptable”

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- That the Chair advise the Minister of Education, Citizenship and Youth and the Division scolaire Franco-Manitobaine (DSFM) immediately, and in writing, that the Louis Riel School Division will discontinue the Français partiel Program effective June 30, 2008 and;
- That the Chair advise the Minister of Education, Citizenship and Youth immediately, and in writing, that the Louis Riel School Division will transition École Provencher to a French Immersion Program effective September 2008 even if the Français partiel program is not transferred to the Division scolaire Franco-Manitobaine pursuant to Section 21.27 of the Manitoba Public Schools Act.”

CARRIED

Trustee Tom Parker opposed motion 428/2007

Enrolment Report

429/2007 Trustees Daoust - Parker: “THAT the Enrolment Report as of May 31, 2007 be received.”

CARRIED

SCHOOLS OF CHOICE REPORT FOR 2006-2007

430/2007 Trustees Richardson – Gervais: “THAT the Superintendent’s Report on the Schools of Choice Students attending other school divisions in 2006-2007 be received as information.”

CARRIED

RESIDUAL AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FEES

431/2007 Trustees Gervais - Daoust: “THAT the Residual and International Student fees for 2007-2008 be set as follows:

CITY-WIDE FEES

Schools of Choice transfer fee	\$1,300
Residual fee – standard programming	\$3,824
International Student fee – no home stay	\$8,000
International Student fee – with home stay	\$10,000.”

CARRIED

BISHOP GRANDIN GREENWAY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

432/2007 Trustees Richardson - Gervais: "THAT the Superintendent's Report on the *Bishop Grandin Greenway* development project be received as information."
CARRIED

EDUCATIONAL BROCHURE; Teaching & Learning in Various Classroom Groupings

433/2007 Trustees Parker - Richardson: "THAT the Superintendent's Report on the educational brochure Learning Together by Encouraging Professional Conversations: Teaching & Learning in Various Classroom Groupings be received as information."
CARRIED

OFF-SCHOOL SITE MONTHLY REPORT

434/2007 Trustees Ruff – Johnston: "THAT the Off-School Site Report for the month of May 2007 be received as information."
CARRIED

MANITOBA HYDRO – GLENLAWN COLLEGIATE EASEMENT REQUEST

435/2007 Trustees Gervais – Seguire: "THAT the request from Manitoba Hydro for an easement on the north side of the Glenlawn Collegiate school property be approved."
CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION

436/2007 Trustees Seguire - Richardson: "THAT the e-mail dated May 21, 2007 from Tracy Armstrong be received as information and that the request be approved."
CARRIED

437/2007 Trustees Ruff – Coburn: "THAT the e-mail dated May 24, 2007 from Willie Malcolm be received as information and that the request be approved."
CARRIED

438/2007 Trustees Seguire - Richardson: "THAT the letter dated May 24, 2007 from Randy Skromeda and Rod Picklyk regarding decreasing enrolments be received as information and that the Chair respond."
CARRIED

439/2007 Trustees Daoust – Coburn: "THAT the request in the letter dated May 25, 2007 from Glen and Judy Cottick be approved."
CARRIED

440/2007 Trustees Johnston – Ruff: "THAT the letter dated May 25, 2007 from Greg Selinger be received as information and that the Chair respond."
CARRIED

- 441/2007 Trustees Gervais – Seguire: “THAT the e-mail dated May 26, 2007 from Rosemary Oige be received as information and that the Chair respond.”
CARRIED
- 442/2007 Trustees Daoust – Parker: “THAT the letter dated May 28, 2007 from Sandy Nemeth regarding the Medic Alert No Child Without Program be received as information and referred to Education Committee of the Whole later this month.”
CARRIED
- 443/2007 Trustees Richardson – Gervais: “THAT the e-mail dated May 30, 2007 from Kathy and Ivan Kryluk be received as information and that the request be approved.”
CARRIED
- 444/2007 Trustees – Seguire – Richardson: “THAT the e-mail dated May 30, 2007 request from Diane Matthes be received as information and that the request be approved.”
CARRIED
- 445/2007 Trustees Daoust – Johnston: “THAT the petition received from the École Provencher Parent Advisory Committee on May 30, 2007 with names of 386 LRSD residents and 323 non-residents be received as information.”
CARRIED
- 446/2007 Trustees Johnston – Seguire: “THAT the e-mail dated May 30, 2007 from Trevor and Marilyn Thorington be received as information and that the request be approved.”
CARRIED
- 447/2007 Trustees Ruff – Coburn: “THAT the e-mail dated May 31, 2007 from Christina Sonmor be received as information and that the request be approved.”
CARRIED
- 448/2007 Trustees – Daoust – Gervais: “THAT the e-mail dated May 31, 2007 from Jennifer Sitka be received as information and that the request be approved.”
CARRIED
- 449/2007 Trustees Richardson – Daoust: “THAT the letter dated May 31, 2007 from Asefa Chernet be received as information and that the request be approved.”
CARRIED

PUBLIC FORUM

Questions were raised with regard to the Public Schools Act and the language of instruction clause.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- 450/2007 Trustees Gervais - Daoust: "THAT the Board of Trustees resolves itself into Committee of the Whole – in-camera."
CARRIED
- 451/2007 Trustees Daoust - Gervais: "THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report."
CARRIED
- 452/2007 Trustees Gervais - Coburn: "THAT the report on the May 8, 2007 Liaison Meeting with the Louis Riel Teacher's Association be received as information."
CARRIED
- 453/2007 Trustees Seguire - Coburn: "THAT the e-mail dated May 29, 2007 from Paul Wielgosz be received as information and that the Chair respond."
CARRIED
- 454/2007 Trustees Ruff - Daoust: "THAT the e-mail dated May 30, 20097 from Tara Resvick be received as information and that the Chair respond."
CARRIED
- 455/2007 Trustees Richardson - Parker: "THAT the e-mail dated May 31, 2007 from Brenda Moniot be received as information and that the Chair respond."
CARRIED
- 456/2007 Trustees Seguire - Richardson: "THAT the May 7, 2007 request from the Morrow Avenue Daycare be denied."
CARRIED
- 457/2007 Trustees Gervais - Richardson: "THAT the e-mail dated May 25, 2007 from Guy and Sherri Beaudry be received as information and that the Chair respond."
CARRIED
- 458/2007 Trustees Richardson - Seguire: "THAT the current bussing policy for École Provencher remain in effect for the 2007-2008 school year."
CARRIED
- 459/2007 Trustees Daoust – Coburn: "THAT the meeting be adjourned."
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer