



**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL BOARD**

Tuesday, February 18, 2020, 6:30 P.M.
900 St. Mary's Road, Winnipeg

BOARD MEMBERS: Sandy Nemeth, Chair
Josie Landry, Trustee
Robert Page, Trustee
Tom Parker, Trustee
Chris Sigurdson, Trustee
Cindy Turner, Trustee
Neil Vadeboncoeur, Trustee

REGRETS: Louise Johnston, Vice-Chair
Pamela Kolochuk, Trustee

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Christian Michalik, Superintendent
Marna Kenny, Secretary-Treasurer
Lisa Aitken, Assistant Superintendent
Jennifer Hume, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
Steve Lawrie, Director of Student and Clinical Services
Deneen Madden, Executive Assistant
Lexi Muise, Administrative Assistant
Marlene Murray, Assistant Superintendent
Henri Péroquin, Assistant Superintendent

1. CALL TO ORDER

The February 18 Regular Meeting of the Louis Riel School Division Board of Trustees was called to order by Sandy Nemeth, Louis Riel School Board Chair, at 6:33 P.M.

1.1 Treaty Acknowledgement

The Chair acknowledged the land on which we gather is Treaty One Territory and the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe (Ojibwe), Ininewak (Cree), and Dakota peoples, and homeland of the Metis Nation. With this acknowledgement, we demonstrate respect for Indigenous peoples and communities, and we celebrate a renewed relationship with one another moving forward.

1.2 Welcome and Announcements

The Chair welcomed everyone in attendance. The Chair noted the use of audio recording at board meetings for accuracy. It was also noted that unless approved, photographs, personal recordings, audio, visual or otherwise, are not permitted.

1.3 Affirmation of Vision and Mission

The Chair read the division's Vision and Mission statements.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

2.1 Approval of Agenda for Regular Board Meeting – February 18, 2020

2019-067

Moved by Trustee Landry

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the February 18 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting – February 4, 2020

As there were no changes, the February 4, 2020, minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

3. LRSD NEWS

3.1 Chair's News

- As staff appreciation week was celebrated in LRSD last week, let me echo the thoughts shared by our Superintendent in a recent spotlight story and recognize approximately 3,400 staff for the kind, caring, nurturing and supportive members of the LRSD community. Our students are thriving, and our community is flourishing because of your collective efforts.
- On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I'd like to congratulate Taylor McGillivray of Dakota Collegiate, one of four recipients of the Dr. Dale Iwanoczko Memorial Scholarship.

3.2 Superintendent Christian Michalik's News

- I want to reiterate the Chair's news about the staff appreciation week in LRSD. I encourage all of us to get on social media and learn all the amazing ways parents and staff are appreciating each other.

- The Leadership Team, comprised of principals, vice-principals and staff in a leadership role at the board office, continues to meet regularly and gathered at the board office on February 4 for learning conversations.
- The data literacy team also met last week regarding the initiative we will launch at the February staff meeting.
- Finally, further conversations with Microsoft are taking place and the topics included what we are doing in LRSD related to technology and what we are doing in Indigenous education, specifically Indigenous languages. Microsoft owns one of the most popular games played in schools, Minecraft. Microsoft has just confirmed they would invest funds to have our teachers and our students work together with their professional game designers to develop a Minecraft world that would be an Indigenous world. So now the work begins. The first step is to meet with our Council of Elders and Knowledge Keepers to share the concept and to look to them for guidance and approval. This is very exciting! To my knowledge there is only one other Minecraft world, the Māori world, which was created by a group of educators and game designers from New Zealand in partnership with Microsoft.

4. PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

4.1 Generosity: Caring and Collaboration

Assistant Superintendents Péloquin and Murray introduced several individuals from École Varennes including: Amy Haworth, Principal; Michelle Bacon, Vice-Principal; Stefanie Lavich, teacher; and Matthew Massicotte, teacher; and Egan Teichroew, a Grade 7 student. The group spoke about the Global Scholars Digital Exchange Program, which is an international digital exchange program for youth ranging in age from 10 to 15 which is operated by Global Cities, Inc. Four LRSD schools (St. George School, Hastings School, École Marie-Anne-Gaboury and École Varennes) accepted the invitation to participate. We are one of two Canadian cities participating. Winnipeg and Toronto are the only two Canadian cities participating.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Standing Committees

5.1.1 Finance and Audit Committee Report

Trustee Parker, a member of the Finance and Audit Committee, provided a follow-up from the recent Public Budget Consultation held February 11, 2020. The evening was a success; it well attended by parents, students, community members and staff. We would like to thank Superintendent Michalik, Secretary-Treasurer Kenny and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Hume for their work and preparation.

6. FINANCE AND AUDIT

6.1 Public Budget Consultation February 11, 2020 - Debrief

Superintendent Michalik and Secretary-Treasurer Kenny shared the outcomes from the February 11 conversation with the public.

6.2 Second Quarter (Q2) Financial Report

Secretary-Treasurer Kenny provided context to the Q2 report and answered questions.

7. MULTI-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN (MYSP)

7.1 Strategic Priority 3 – Creating a Culture of Inquiry and Responsibility - Independence

Superintendent Michalik facilitated a dialogue about the Board's MYSP Strategic Goal 3.2 - aligning budgets with strategic priorities and goals.

8. STAFFING

8.1 Personnel Update

Assistant Superintendent Aitken shared a personnel update that Joel Shimoji, Vice-Principal at J. H. Bruns Collegiate, has indicated his intention to retire effective June 30, 2020.

9. INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

9.1 Meeting with Councillor Vivian Santos on January 22, 2020

The Chair and Secretary-Treasurer Kenny shared the minutes from the January 22, 2020, meeting with Councillor Santos.

9.2 Enrolment Report - February 4, 2020

Superintendent Michalik answered questions related to the enrolment and school capacities report dated February 4, 2020.

9.3 Winakwa Community Garden Proposal

Assistant Superintendent Péloquin provided context and answered questions from the Trustees regarding the Winakwa Community Garden which has been a very successful initiative. There is now a waiting list, as all of the 35 garden plots have been assigned. Windsor Park Collegiate and Collège Béliveau both have double-sized plots that they maintain, and once harvested, they will donate the produce back to the community. The committee is now proposing the planting of trees and shrubs that bear fruit. More information will follow regarding an official tree planting ceremony.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 School Board Correspondence – Received

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

Manitoba Education:

- (Page 1) Letter from Manitoba Education RE: Indigenous Academic Achievement Grant (Feb. 7, 2020)

Public Schools Finance Board:

(Page 2) Letter from A. De Francesco and K. Erickson RE: H. S. Paul School – Grooming Room (Feb. 3, 2020)

Other:

(Page 3) Email from J. Ratte RE: École Howden Playground Renewal Project (Jan. 30, 2020)

(Page 4) Congratulations letter LRSD to ADM D. Rudy (Feb. 3, 2020)

(Page 6) Congratulations letter LRSD to ADM S. Whiteford (Feb. 3, 2020)

(Page 8) Letter from LRSD to D. Brothers (Feb. 7, 2020)

(Page 9) Letter from Social Planning Council of Winnipeg RE: Methamphetamine Screening (Feb. 11, 2020)

2019-068

Moved by Trustee Parker

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the email from the École Howden Parent Advisory Council be received as information; and,

THAT the Chair respond.

CARRIED

10.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent

The following correspondence was sent by the Board:

- (Page 1) Letter to B. Shapiro (Feb. 6, 2020)
- (Page 2) Letter to L. Wiebe (Feb. 6, 2020)

10.3 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence was received by the Board:

Labour Relations:

- NONE

General MSBA Correspondence:

- (Page 1) Executive Highlights (Feb. 3, 2020)
- (Page 2) Memo RE: Local Voices, Local Choices Radio and Social Media Campaign (Feb. 5, 2020)
- (Page 3) Memo RE: Distribution of Ballots (Feb. 12, 2020)
- (Page 5) Part I – Snapshots of “The Governance Core” Webinar on Feb. 26, 2020

2019-069

Moved by Trustee Parker

Seconded by Trustee Landry

THAT the memorandum dated February 12, 2020 from Heather Demetriooff regarding the Authorization to Receive Board Ballots at the 2020 Annual Convention of the Manitoba School Boards Association be received as information; and,
THAT the Chair respond.

CARRIED

11. PUBLIC FORUM

Marcela Cabezas, President and Jay McGurran, Vice President of the Louis Riel Teachers' Association, and Maggie Macintosh from the Winnipeg Free Press were in attendance.

- Marcela Cabezas asked for more clarification regarding the snowstorm item mentioned at the Vivian Santos meeting. Superintendent Michalik clarified, “There was a communication disconnect. The City of Winnipeg shared a message the morning of the October 11, 2019, storm discouraged travel, which caused confusion with our protocol. When the weather conditions are concerning, whether it is the snow, the wind or the cold, Superintendent Michalik is communicating with the other metro superintendents, checking in with transportation departments by 5 a.m. By 6 a.m. we are communicating through the media and directly to parents and caregivers of the decisions being made. If the city is going to decide that travel is not safe, ideally that communication would be received much earlier for us to be consistent about communications shared by 6 a.m. Communication is key.”
- Maggie Macintosh asked how many requests for portables have been denied? Superintendent Michalik advised, “A temporary solution of adding portables to mitigate

growth at École Sage Creek School was presented to the province. After deliberation, the province made it clear that portables were not a viable solution and obligated us to look at other solutions. This led us to moving the Grades 7 and 8 students to high schools this year, which again is not a forever solution. At some point in time, we will need another school in Sage Creek.”

- Are catchment and boundaries an issue? Superintendent Michalik stated, “Essentially, we are transporting the students in Grades 7 and 8 to their high schools that are quite a distance away. The reason we are transporting them is due to the (public) transportation challenge in Sage Creek. We are trying to do our best to keep community together. We transformed some of the spaces to classrooms which were not meant to be classrooms. Ultimately, we will need to have further conversations, while we wait for a second school.”
- Is École Sage Creek School over capacity? Superintendent Michalik, stated, “Right now it is a K - Grade 6 school with enrolment over 700 and growing. The school was originally designed for 600 students from K - Grade 8. We have demonstrated to government that this area is growing and have shared our projections.”

12. ADJOURNMENT

The February 18 Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

“original signed by S. Nemeth”

Chair

“original signed by M. Kenny”

Secretary-Treasurer