

**MINUTES OF THE**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Tuesday, September 17, 2024, 6:30 p.m.  
50 Monterey Road, Winnipeg  
Hybrid Meeting

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Chris Sigurdson, Chair  
Darlene Gerior, Vice-Chair  
Pamela Kolochuk, Trustee, virtual  
Sandy Nemeth, Trustee, virtual  
Irene Nordheim, Trustee  
Ryan Palmquist, Trustee  
Chipalo Simunyola, Trustee  
Cindy Turner, Trustee  
Ian Walker, Trustee, virtual

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Christian Michalik, Superintendent & CEO  
Jamie Rudnicki, Secretary-Treasurer & CFO  
Jeff Anderson, Assistant Superintendent Policy, Planning & Research  
Amarbeer Bhandari, Director of Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation, virtual  
Chaimae Bouamira, Executive Assistant  
Ron Cadez, Assistant Superintendent Student, Clinical, & Instructional Services  
Darcy Cormack, Assistant Superintendent Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Services  
Clarke Hagan, Director of Information Technology Services  
Michelle Jean-Paul, Assistant Superintendent Staff Services  
Corey, Kapilik, Director of School and Classroom Supports, virtual  
Lenore Polvorosa, Executive Assistant  
Vannessa Ross, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, virtual

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Sept. 17 Regular Board Meeting of the Louis Riel School Division (LRSD) Board of Trustees was called to order by Chris Sigurdson, Chair, LRSD Board of Trustees at 6:34 p.m.

**1.1 LRSD Land Acknowledgement**

The Louis Riel School Division (LRSD) brings together a community of schools on the traditional land of the Anishinaabek, Ininewak, and Dakota. Our division is located on the

National Homeland of the Red River Métis. We recognize that Manitoba is also the traditional land of the Anishininwak and Dene.

We respect the treaties made on this land and acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past and present. We dedicate ourselves to authentic alliances with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and cooperation.

We recognize and honour Shoal Lake 40 First Nation, the source of Winnipeg's life-sustaining drinking water, as well as the Treaty Territories that generate and provide the electricity that powers daily activity throughout the province and beyond.

*The ongoing development of LRSD's land acknowledgement is guided by our Indigenous Council of Grandmothers and Grandfathers, and we thank them for their generosity and collaboration.*

## **1.2 Welcome and Announcements**

The Chair welcomed everyone participating in the hybrid meeting and advised that Board meetings are audio recorded for accuracy. 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 the Regular Board Meeting – Sept. 17, 2024**

2024-015

Moved by Trustee Simunyola

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the Sept. 17 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

### **2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Annual Board Meeting - Sept. 3, 2024**

As there were no changes, the Sept. 3 minutes of the Annual Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

### **2.3 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – Sept. 3, 2024**

As there were no changes, the Sept. 3 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

## **3. LRSD NEWS**

### **3.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Kolochuk**

Trustee Kolochuk highlighted the following:

- Welcome back to students
- The start of volleyball and cross-country season
- The start of musicals and auditions will start soon
- Parent Advisory Council meetings and back to school BBQs
- The Universal School Nutrition Program

### **3.2 News from Senior Leadership Team (SLT) Provided by Assistant Superintendent Anderson**

Assistant Superintendent Anderson provided highlights regarding:

- Collège Béliveau and Windsor Park Collegiate track renewal project
- Frontenac School and the Universal School Nutrition Program
- General Vanier School Terry Fox Assembly

## **4. BOARD EDUCATION**

### **4.1 Annual Report to the Community (ARC) 2023-2024**

Superintendent Michalik shared the Annual Report to the Community for 2023-2024. The flipbook version is now available on our website.

### **4.2 PowerSchool Student Information System (SIS)**

Clarke Hagan, Director of Information Technology Systems, walked us through the new PowerSchool SIS, a cloud-based platform that supports school operations and data management for K-12 schools.

### **4.3 Rail Safety Week Sept. 23 to 29, 2024**

Trustee Simunyola shared information regarding Rail Safety Week.

## **5. SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM INFORMATION TO THE BOARD**

### **5.1 September Leadership Team Meeting**

Superintendent Michalik provided updates from the Leadership Team Meeting held on Sept. 12, 2024.

### **5.2 Accessibility Plan Updates**

Assistant Superintendent Cormack provided an update regarding the division's Accessibility Plan and shared updates made to the LRSD website available in an accessible format.

### **5.3 Guarding Minds Survey and Focus Groups**

Assistant Superintendent Jean-Paul provided an update regarding the Guarding Minds survey and focus groups.

#### **5.4 Teacher Collective Agreement**

Assistant Superintendent Jean-Paul shared communications and the implementation campaign in partnership with the Louis Riel Teachers' Association (LRTA).

#### **5.5 Universal Screening Process to Support Literacy Beginning in Kindergarten**

Assistant Superintendent Cadez shared information regarding the universal screening process to literacy beginning in kindergarten.

### **6. POLICY**

#### **6.1 Policy Review Committee Update - Ratification of Amendment**

2023-016

Moved by Trustee Palmquist

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the following list of policies be amended:

- Policy AE - Accountability: Public Interest Disclosure & Whistleblower Protection
- Policy DJB - Purchasing Procedures
- Policy GCC/GDC - Teaching and Non-Teaching Leaves: Weather-Related
- Policy JLCC - Communicable Diseases

CARRIED

#### **6.2 Policy Review Committee Update - First Reading - Policy GBD-KBD**

2024-017

Moved by Trustee Simunyola

Seconded by Trustee Gerrior

THAT Policy GBD-KBD – Staff Communication, reviewed by the Policy Review Committee receive first reading and be further reviewed in committee, and brought back for second, and third reading at a future date.

CARRIED

### **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **7.1 School Board Correspondence – Received**

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning (MEECL):

- (Page 1) Letter from N. Altomare, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning, RE: Peace Days in Manitoba (Aug. 30, 2024)
- (Page 3) Letter from N. Altomare, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning, RE: Intensive Newcomer Support Project Grant (Sept. 13, 2024)

Education Funding Branch:

- (Page 7) RE: Shamrock School, Wall/Envelope Replacement Project Deferred (Aug. 30, 2024)
- (Page 8) RE: Various Schools – Expanded Capital Support Program Project Closeout (Aug. 30, 2024)
- (Page 12) RE: Island Lakes Community School – Two Modular Classroom Units (Aug. 30, 2024)

General:

- (Page 14) Email from I. Prokipchuk (Sept. 4, 2024)
- (Page 18) Email from J. Legary (Sept. 4, 2024)

**7.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent**

The following will be accepted as correspondence sent by the Board:

- (Page 1) Email to I. Prokipchuk (Sept.3, 2024)

**7.3 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received**

The following MSBA correspondence be received by the Board:

General MSBA Correspondence:

- (Page 1) Reminder – 2025 Call for Nominations and Resolutions
- (Page 5) 2024-2025 Learning Opportunities
- (Page 11) MSBA nomination process
- (Page 12) MSBA Correspondence to Government – Convention Resolutions (Sept. 5, 2024)
- (Page 25) e-bulletin (Sept. 11, 2024)

**8. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

The following members of the public were in attendance and had the opportunity to ask questions for clarification from items on this evening's agenda:

- Derrick Sheldon, virtual
- Jay McGurran
- Margaret Whitlaw, virtual
- Scott Wood, virtual

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The Sept. 17 Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

"Original signed by C. Sigurdson"

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Chair

"Original signed by J. Rudnicki"

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Secretary-Treasurer