



**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL BOARD  
900 St. Mary's Road, Winnipeg  
Tuesday, September 18, 2018 (6:30 PM)**

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

**ROLL CALL**

**UPON THE ROLL BEING CALLED, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT**

<b>BOARD MEMBERS:</b>	Chris Sigurdson	Chairperson
	Sandy Nemeth	Vice-Chairperson
	Hugh Coburn	Trustee
	Louise Johnston	Trustee
	Josie Landry	Trustee
	Robert Page	Trustee
	Tom Parker	Trustee
	Dave Richardson	Trustee
	Cindy Turner	Trustee

<b>ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	Christian Michalik	Acting Superintendent
	Marna Kenny	Secretary-Treasurer
	Lisa Aitken	Assistant Superintendent
	Jennifer Hume	Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
	Deneen Madden	Executive Assistant
	Irene Nordheim	Assistant Superintendent
	Henri Péloquin	Acting Assistant Superintendent
	Susan Potter	Executive Assistant

**REGRETS:**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:54 PM.

**1.1 Welcome and Notification of Audio Recording**

Chairperson Chris Sigurdson welcomed everyone in attendance. The Chairperson 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.

**1.2 Acknowledgement of Treaty One Land**

Chairperson Chris Sigurdson acknowledged the land on which we gather is Treaty One Territory and the traditional home of the Métis people.

**1.3 Vision and Mission**

Chairperson Chris Sigurdson read the Division's Vision and Mission statements.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA & CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **2.1 Approval of the Agenda – September 18, 2018**

2018-007 THAT the agenda for the Regular Meeting of September 18, 2018 be approved.  
*Trustee (Tom Parker) Moved, Trustee (Cindy Turner) Seconded to approve the motion.*

CARRIED

### **2.2 Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting September 4, 2018**

2018-008 THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 4, 2018 be approved.  
*Trustee (Dave Richardson) Moved, Trustee (Hugh Coburn) Seconded to approve the motion.*

CARRIED

## **NEWS IN LRSD**

### **3.1 Chairperson's News for September 18, 2018**

Chairperson Chris Sigurdson shared the following news:

- In recognition of the important role of school support staff in Manitoba schools, Minister Goertzen proclaimed September 17 to September 21, 2018 as "School Support Staff Recognition Week". We thank all our support staff in LRSD. We are also working on a communication project that parallels the Minister's proclamation that will see regular spotlight stories focusing on the work of our employees.
- Last week LRSD was proud to recognize our Payroll Professionals during the National Payroll Week. So again, thank you to all our payroll specialists.

### **3.2 Superintendent's News for September 18, 2018**

The Acting Superintendent referenced recent Spotlight Stories that he authored:

- International Literacy Day was recognized by the UN on September 8. This story is about all the amazing work our staff is doing in support of student literacy. Having said that, we sometimes forget that today more than 260 million children and adolescents are not enrolled in school. 750 million young people still cannot read and write and of those people, over two thirds are women. There are serious inequities and injustices in the world. We need to bring perspective to our work here in LRSD and not forget to do our part to address these global inequalities.
- International Day of Democracy was recognized by the UN on September 15. This story was inspired by some reading I have done of late, including writing from Steven Pinker and others. The International Day of Democracy reminds us that we must take the long view and remind ourselves of this amazingly wonderful thing called democracy. Today, over 3.5 billion people are living in democracy and we could have the rest of humanity living in democracy, if we understood democracy to not only mean valuing elections, but human rights, public institutions and a dynamic civic society. Schools play a vital role in valuing democracy and not being complacent about challenging autocratic behaviours.
- Finally, we have a new communication vehicle, it is an e-newsletter called The Leadership Lineup which is meant to be novel and inspiring. It will include important information, that can serve as a reminder to school leaders to share with teachers and the community they serve. Information will be shared electronically in this e-newsletter every two weeks. At the end of the month, all staff will receive an e-newsletter, The Learning Circle, to communicate the big ideas coming from the Leadership Lineup. Every three months, parents will receive an e-newsletter, The Parent Post, via email. These e-newsletter campaigns offer the ability to track some engagement metrics to assess the impact of our communication efforts in the professional and parent communities.

## **COMMUNITY DELEGATIONS**

### **4.1 ASPIRE Presentation**

Assistant Superintendent, Irene Nordheim, introduced Ashley Huot, the School and Family Community Connector, Nicole Barry the Lead Instructor of the ASPIRE Program at Victor Wyatt location, and Justice Engbrecht, a student attending the program, in attendance to make a presentation regarding the ASPIRE program.

## **BOARD EDUCATION**

### **5.1 Summer Reading; Jamie Vollmer**

The Board discussed their summer reading, *Schools Cannot Do It Alone*, by Jamie Vollmer.

## **FINANCE AND AUDIT**

### **6.1 Special Board Meeting – October 23, 2018**

As is customary, the Board will meet with the auditors about the 2017-2018 Audited Financial Statements.

2018-009            THAT a Special Board Meeting be scheduled for October 23, 2018 at 5:00 pm for approval of the 2017-2018 Audited Financial Statements.

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

CARRIED

## **COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT TO THE BOARD**

### **7.1 Updates from the Leadership Council Meeting - September 11, 2018**

The Acting Superintendent shared highlights from the September 11, 2018 leadership meeting. The highlights focused on the leadership learning goals planned for the 2018-19 school year.

### **7.2 Updates from the Family of Schools Meeting - September 18, 2018**

The Acting Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent Murray shared highlights from the September 18, 2018 family of schools' meetings. The highlights focused on the OurSCHOOLS survey data and compelled a rich dialogue about students' perception about their mental health outcomes and some of our strategies to improve these outcomes for students. We will continue this dialogue in future meetings.

### **7.3 Metro Superintendents Meeting – September 18, 2018**

The Acting Superintendent shared highlights from the September 18, 2018 Metro Superintendents meeting.

#### **7.4 Enrolment and Staffing Update**

The Acting Superintendent commented on the current enrolment. Assistant Superintendent Aitken provided a brief staffing update

#### **7.5 Orange Shirt Day - September 30, 2018**

This year, Orange Shirt Day falls on Sunday, September 30. We will commemorate Orange Shirt Day the week of Monday, September 24 to Friday, September 28 with schools organizing events on Thursday or Friday.

#### **7.6 Board Office December Holiday Closure**

The Acting Superintendent advised the Board of the Board Office December 2018 holiday closure.

### **BOARD GOVERNANCE POLICY**

#### **Governance Process**

##### **8.1 Governance Process**

The Chair and Vice Chair spoke to diarizing the work of the Board for 2018-2019:

- Creating a Strategic Plan 2018-2022
- Forming an Ad Hoc Committee to review by-laws
- Renewing the Vision and Mission Statements

#### **Board-Management Relationship**

##### **8.2 Refine the Governance Structures**

The Chair and Vice Chair spoke to refining the Governance Structures and how this work will proceed in the coming weeks.

### **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **9.1 School Board Correspondence - Received**

The following School Board correspondence was received:

##### **1. MANITOBA EDUCATION**

- a) **(Page 1)** Thank You Letter from Honourable Minister Mayer (Sept 5, 2018)
- b) **(Page 2)** Letter from Honourable Minister Goertzen – RE: Proclaiming September 17 – 21, 2018 be School Support Staff Recognition Week, (Sept 10, 2018)
- c) **(Page 3)** Proclamation

##### **2. PUBLIC SCHOOLS FINANCE BOARD**

- a) **(Page 4)** H. S. Paul School – RE: Grooming Room Renovation (Aug 22, 2018)

##### **3. OTHER**

- a) **(Page 5)** Invitation letter from ATC (Aug 24, 2018)

#### **9.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent**

##### **1. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) **(Page 1)** Letter to L. Lagman RE: Social Media (Sept 11, 2018)

### 9.3 Manitoba School Boards Association Correspondence – Received

The following Manitoba School Boards Association correspondence was received:

#### 1. MANITOBA SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION

##### Labour Relations:

- a) NONE

##### GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

- a) (Page 1) MSBA 2018-19 Learning Opportunities Calendar
- b) (Page 4) Letter from Terrence Giroux – RE: Horatio Alger Scholarship Program (Aug 23, 2018)
- c) (Page 6) Congratulations Letter to Minister Goertzen (June 20, 2018)

### PUBLIC FORUM

#### 10.1 Floor is Open to the Public for Questions and/or Comments:

In attendance were: Rodger Salm, Pamela Kolochuk, and nine students from Université de Saint-Boniface. Questions/comments included:

- Pamela Kolochuk: Who are the auditors for LRSD? And are the By-Laws on the website as well, or just governance policies? *We restructured our governance and have split the governance and administrative policies. The governance policies are available on our website. KPMG have been our auditors for the past eight years. We vote on the auditors every four years (during each mandate).*

### ADJOURNMENT

#### 11.1 Adjournment of the Meeting

2018-010 THAT the Regular Meeting of September 18, 2018 be adjourned.

*Trustee (Robert Page) Moved, Trustee (Cindy Turner) Seconded to approve the motion.*

CARRIED

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer