

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL BOARD 900 St. Mary's Road, Winnipeg Tuesday, March 5, 2019 (6:30 PM)

The Meeting of the Louis Riel School Board was called to order by the Chair of the Board, Trustee Sandy Nemeth.

## **ROLL CALL**

## UPON THE ROLL BEING CALLED, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Sandy Nemeth Chair

Louise Johnston Vice-Chair Pamela Kolochuk Trustee Josie Landry Trustee **Robert Page** Trustee Tom Parker Trustee Chris Sigurdson Trustee **Cindy Turner** Trustee Neil Vadeboncoeur Trustee

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Christian Michalik Superintendent

Marna Kenny Secretary-Treasurer
Lisa Aitken Assistant Superintendent

Clarke Hagan Director of Information Systems
Jennifer Hume Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

Steve Lawrie Director of Student Support Services

Deneen Madden Executive Assistant

Marlene Murray Assistant Superintendent Henri Péloquin Assistant Superintendent

Susan Potter Executive Assistant

#### **REGRETS:**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM.

# 1.1 Welcome and Notification of Audio Recording

Chair Sandy Nemeth 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.

## 1.2 Acknowledgement of Treaty One Land

Chair Sandy Nemeth acknowledged the land on which we gather is Treaty One Territory and traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, and the homeland of the Métis nation. With this acknowledgment, we demonstrate respect for Indigenous peoples and we celebrate a renewed relationship with one another moving forward.

## 1.3 Vision and Mission

Chair Sandy Nemeth read the Division's Vision and Mission statements.

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

# 2.1 Approval of the Agenda – March 5, 2019

2018-068 THAT the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of March 5, 2019 be approved. *Trustee* (Neil Vadeboncoeur) *Moved, Trustee* (Cindy Turner) *Seconded to approve the motion.* 

**CARRIED** 

# 2.2 Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting – February 19, 2019

As there were no changes, the minutes were accepted as distributed.

## **LRSD NEWS**

# 3.1 LRSD News Shared by the Chair Sandy Nemeth for March 5, 2019

- The entrepreneurial spirit that exists in Winnipeg high schools was in evidence at the Junior Achievement of Manitoba Trade Show this past weekend at Kildonan Place shopping centre. Trustees Louise Johnston, Pamela Kolochuk and I traded notes on the business plans, products, and support to local charities that students from Windsor Park Collegiate, Nelson McIntyre Collegiate and J.H. Bruns Collegiate were showcasing. We were so very impressed with their creativity, business acumen, and enthusiasm.
- It was a full morning of learning for me today as I joined the LRSD leadership team in their monthly networking and learning time together. I left with some interesting perspective and a deep appreciation for the truly collaborative and supportive networks that exist in LRSD.

# News Shared by Trustee Pamela Kolochuk for March 5, 2019

- Thank you for the opportunity of sharing "good news" this evening. February was *I love to read month* as well as Festival du Voyageur. Although I did not get the opportunity to read in the classroom I know that many classrooms within LRSD had some pretty cool visitors read to them. Everyone from Jet's players, MLAs, assistant superintendents, parents, grandparents and trustees took time out of their day to spend 20 30 minutes with our children. This provides an opportunity for people outside the everyday school circle to experience our classrooms, teachers and children. It also provides the opportunity for our children to meet new people and experience someone different reading to them.
- February also has many Festival du Voyageur celebrations. These celebrations really bring a school and community together. Whether they are held in the evenings or during the day, they are always well attended. Parents and grandparents love volunteering for these events and schools never have an issue finding volunteers for events like these. I enjoyed attending pancake breakfasts this year around the division as a trustee and not just a parent. It provided an opportunity to see what other schools are doing and meet parents and children in the division.
- Talking about food, the 2nd annual Potahto Week was held from February 23 to March 3 and we had our very own Bistro in the Park participate. They were very excited to be a part of the event and received 100lbs of potahtoes for free for participating. Their dish was a bison and root veg stew with mashed potatoes mixed with fried cabbage, green onion and cheddar cheese. Delicious!

# 3.2 LRSD News Shared by the Superintendent for March 5, 2019

Superintendent Michalik shared that even though this is old news, there was an article recently published on March 4<sup>th</sup> in the Lance regarding this fantastic partnership nurtured between St. Theresa Point and LRSD.

The picture selected for this article included the three students, Nika, Kelsey and Lianne from J. H. Bruns Collegiate who were instrumental in bringing two communities together. These three students learnt about St. Theresa Point last spring and have been finding ways to connect with the community as well as connecting J. H. Bruns Collegiate with St. Theresa Point; they will also be flying to St. Theresa Point later this spring as a result of the connections they made. This new relationship brought together teachers and educational assistants from St. Theresa Point and LRSD in mid-February to spend three days learning together.

The three students were presented with mittens made by people living in the St. Theresa Point area as an expression of their gratitude for their interest in their community and for sparking interest in LRSD.

This morning, we started the Leadership Team meeting with Elder Lionel Mason, who is from St. Theresa Point, and he shared more about the impact this learning opportunity continues to provide to the community of St. Theresa Point.

#### **COMMUNITY INPUT**

# 4.1 Presentation from Shamrock Parents RE: Transportation

Christian Flett, Carla Thompson and Jamie Warn parents from Shamrock School, were in attendance to make a presentation regarding transportation for students in grades 7 and 8.

# 4.2 Presentation from Misty Belcourt RE: Newcomers Education Coalition

Newcomers Education Coalition is requesting school divisions in the city of Winnipeg, as well as faculties of education in our local universities to complete short student profile and employment equity surveys to develop evidenced-based data to make recommendations about how to improve the representation of visible minorities in our schools in the city of Winnipeg. The school divisions will be asked to complete the short survey by May 1, 2019 and a report of the findings of the State of Equity in Education Report will be completed by June 30, 2019.

# 4.3 Presentation from Jordan Bighorn RE: Winnipeg Indigenous Executive Circle Equity Survey

Jordan Bighorn of the Winnipeg Indigenous Executive Circle made a presentation. The school division is being asked to complete a student profile and employment equity survey developed by the Winnipeg Indigenous Executive Circle for the State of Equity in Education Report. The short survey is to be completed by May 1, 2019 and a report of the findings of the State of Equity in Education Report will be completed by June 30, 2019.

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

# 5.1 Community Connections Committee (CCC) - Update

Chair of the CCC, Josie Landry, shared an update from the committee's last meeting.

# **5.2 RIEL-EVATE Foundation Committee - Update**

Co-Chair of the RIEL-EVATE Foundation Committee, Trustee Chris Sigurdson presented the draft terms of reference.

2018-069 THAT the Louis Riel School Board adopt the revised Terms of Reference for the RIEL-EVATE

Foundation.

Trustee (Chris Sigurdson) Moved, Trustee (Robert Page) Seconded to approve the motion.

CARRIED

## 5.3 Ad-Hoc By-Law Review Committee - Update

Chair of the Ad-Hoc By-Law Committee, Trustee Cindy Turner, presented the revised By-Laws.

2018-070 THAT the revised By-Laws receive first reading and that the Ad-Hoc By-Law Review

Committee invite trustee and senior leadership feedback.

Trustee (Cindy Turner) Moved, Trustee (Josie Landry) Seconded to approve the motion.

**CARRIED** 

## COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT TO THE BOARD

# 6.1 St. Theresa Point - Anisinineew Weentamaakewin Debrief from February 19, 20 and 21, 2019

Superintendent Michalik shared highlights from the three-day learning opportunity.

# 6.2 Superintendent's Report RE: School Visits

Superintendent Michalik shared highlights of his school visits to date.

## 6.3 Communications Officer - Update

Superintendent Michalik provided an update regarding the new communications officer.

#### 6.4 C21 Canada

Superintendent Michalik provided a summary of his recent professional learning opportunity with C21 Canada.

# 6.5 Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) - Next Steps

Superintendent Michalik provided an update.

#### 6.6 The Manitoba Commission on K-12 Education

The Manitoba Commission on K-12 Education will be a regular board item to provide the board an ongoing opportunity to discuss the latest updates.

# 6.7 Leadership Team Meeting - March 5, 2019

Superintendent Michalik provided an update from today's meeting with the Leadership Team.

# **6.8 Personnel Update**

Superintendent Michalik shared that Ken Bartel will retire from the division effective June 30, 2019.

## **GOVERNANCE PROCESS**

## 7.1 Positioning Statements

Superintendent Michalik will provide an overview of the draft Vision, Mission, Values and Motto statements.

2018-071 THAT the draft Vision, Mission, Values and Motto statements receive first reading and that

these drafts be distributed to stakeholders for feedback, and after further review, brought

back for second reading and third reading at the April 16 meeting.

Trustee (Robert Page) Moved, Trustee (Tom Parker) Seconded to approve the motion.

**CARRIED** 

# 7.2 Policy Committee Update - First Reading

Superintendent Michalik provided context for the board motion.

2018-072 THAT the policies reviewed by the Superintendent's Policy Committee and listed in the First

Reading table provided receive first reading and that these first reading policies be further

reviewed in committee and brought back for second reading and third reading before the end of the school year.

Trustee (Pamela Kolochuk) Moved, Trustee (Louise Johnston) Seconded to approve the motion.

**CARRIED** 

# 7.3 Policy Committee Update – First and Second Readings

Superintendent Michalik provided context for the board motion.

2018-073

THAT the policies reviewed by the Superintendent's Policy Committee and listed in the First and Second Reading table provided receive first and second reading and that these first and second reading policies be further reviewed in committee and be brought back for third reading and final reading.

Trustee (Neil Vadeboncoeur) Moved, Trustee (Pamela Kolochuk) Seconded to approve the motion.

**CARRIED** 

## 7.4 Policy Committee Update – Second Reading

Superintendent Michalik provided context for the board motion.

2018-074

THAT the policies reviewed by the Superintendent's Policy Committee and listed in the Second Reading table provided receive second reading and that these second reading policies be further reviewed in committee and be brought back for third and final reading.

*Trustee* (Cindy Turner) *Moved, Trustee* (Josie Landry) *Seconded to approve the motion.* 

**CARRIED** 

## **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

## 8.1 School Board Correspondence - Received

The following School Board correspondence was received:

# 1. MANITOBA EDUCATION

- a) (Page 1) Letter from Hon. Minister Goertzen to T. Fransen (Feb 26, 2019)
- b) (Page 2) Letter from D. Yeo RE: Financial Compensation (Feb 27, 2019)

# 2. PUBLIC SCHOOLS FINANCE BOARD

a) (Page 3) Email from K. Erickson RE: Lavallee School (Feb 27, 2019)

# 3. OTHER

- a) (Page 15) Letter from T. Somerset RE: Nolin Sisters (Feb 8, 2019)
- b) (Page 16) Email from G. Meade RE: Inequity (Feb 22, 2019)
- c) (Page 17) Letter from W. Ruff RE: Draft Budget (Feb 25, 2019)

## 8.2 School Board Correspondence – Letter from W. Ruff dated February 25, 2019

2018-075

THAT the Board receive the letter from to W. Ruff dated February 25, 2019; and, THAT the Chair respond.

Trustee (Robert Page) Moved, Trustee (Neil Vadeboncoeur) Seconded to approve the motion.

CARRIED

## 8.3 Manitoba School Boards Association Correspondence – Received

The following Manitoba School Boards Association correspondence was received:

## 1. Labour Relations:

NONE

## 2. General Correspondence:

a) ((Page 1) Memo RE: Start of Review Consultations (Feb 20, 2019)

- b) (Page 3) Executive Highlights (Feb 11, 2019)
- c) (Page 4) Memo RE: Board Chairs Meeting with the Minister (Feb 22, 2019)
- d) (Page 5) Memo RE: Editorial Keep Education Decisions Local (Feb 22, 2019)
- e) (Page 6) Editorial: Keep Education Decisions Local
- f) (Page 8) Memo RE: Safety Preparations and Requirements before Student Work Experiences (Feb 27, 2019)
- g) (Page 13) e-bulletin (Feb 27, 2019)
- h) (Page 14) Child Nutrition Council of MB invitation to Stone Soup Fundraiser (Feb 25, 2019)
- i) (Page 15) Seven Oaks School Division Letter to Hon. Minister Goertzen RE: Amendments to The Elections Act (Oct 23, 2018)

## **OTHER BOARD JOBS**

# 9.1 Settlement Worker Program

Superintendent Michalik and Director Lawrie provided context for the board motion. The Settlement Workers and their programming have been invaluable to helping new community members receive necessary support and information to assist with their orientation and settlement into our community.

2018-076

THAT Louis Riel School Board support a new five-year funding agreement for the Settlement Worker Program funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada in partnership with LRSD and that the Chair confirm in writing.

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

**CARRIED** 

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

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

No one from the public in attendance.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

# 11.1 Adjournment of the Meeting

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM.

"original signed by S. Nemeth"	"original signed by M. Kenny"
Chair	Secretary-Treasurer