



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

Tuesday, October 1, 2019, 6:30 PM
900 St. Mary's Road, Winnipeg

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

REGRETS: Louise Johnston, Vice-Chair
Christian Michalik, Superintendent

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Marna Kenny, Secretary-Treasurer
Lisa Aitken, Acting Superintendent
Deneen Madden, Executive Assistant
Lexi Muise, Administrative Assistant
Marlene Murray, Assistant Superintendent
Irene Nordheim, Assistant Superintendent
Henri Péloquin, Assistant Superintendent
Susan Potter, Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The October 1, 2019, Regular Meeting of the Louis Riel School Board was called to order by Sandy Nemeth, Board Chair, at 6:41 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, including Madame Caron, who is a parent and PAC member, students from Université de Saint-Boniface and Marcela Cabezas on behalf of the Louis Riel Teachers' Association (LRTA). 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 – October 1, 2019

2019-023

Moved by Neil Vadeboncoeur

Seconded by Josie Landry

THAT the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of October 1, 2019 be approved.

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting – September 17, 2019

As there were no changes, the minutes for the Regular Meeting of September 17, 2019 were accepted as distributed.

3. LRSD NEWS

3.1 Chair's News

One of the high points of my time as a trustee in service to my community will be attending the Climate Strike on September 27, 2019. Although I only connected with a few of the many Louis Riel School Division (LRSD) schools taking part, it was an event filled with hope and optimism as well as direct and very pointed, unfiltered messages. I know there were many school-based conversations and events running at the same time and also during the lead up to the march walking down Broadway. It was a strong showing of student, youth and community voice that drew thousands in protest and activism. I appreciate the support that our schools and families extended to students who wanted to be at the strike.

News also from Trustee Sigurdson:

Last Thursday and Friday we celebrated the opening of the new running track built at Victor Mager School. On Thursday, during half-time at the Dakota Collegiate home-opener football games, we crossed the street to Victor Mager School and had a "soft

opening” of the running track. In attendance was Minister Squires, Councillor Brian Mayes, MLA Jamie Moses and me along with alumni and many others. There was a relay race which ran from the oldest to the youngest participant, with the baton making its way to university students (Dakota alumni) and finally passing the baton to LRSD students.

Last Friday was the official opening of the track which included speeches and more pictures. Chair Sandy Nemeth along with Trustees Landry and Page were also in attendance, along with Mayor Bowman, Councillor Brian Mayes, members of the Senior Leadership Team, students and staff.

This is the first outdoor rubberized track built in the City of Winnipeg since 1967. This 400-meter track can be used by competitive and recreational runners and walkers. The track and playground which is in the center of the running track, is available to all students, staff and community members. This was truly a joint project between the City of Winnipeg and LRSD. Cost of the track was \$800K with \$500K being supported by the City of Winnipeg and \$300K supported by Councillor Mayes. Louis Riel School Division (LRSD) provided the land as well as the maintenance and construction expertise. As a board we feel it is important for all children to have a safe place to play. This is a great thing that will benefit the entire community!

3.2 Acting Superintendent Lisa Aitken's News

I have a couple of highlights:

1. As Trustee Sigurdson stated, we had the soft opening last Thursday of the Victor Mager School Track. Despite the rain, the community spirit was not dampened at the Dakota Homecoming games and it was so impressive to see all the students, staff, parents and other community members in attendance to cheer on the Junior Varsity and Varsity football teams.
2. Yesterday, September 30, was Orange Shirt day which was recognized throughout the division. I would like to highlight one community of schools including Frontenac School, Windsor Park Collegiate, General Vanier School, École Sage Creek School, and Archwood School. They organized an Orange Shirt day walk which was attended by students, staff, community members along with Trustees Nemeth, Landry and Parker. The walk started at Frontenac School which proceeded to Windsor Park Collegiate, then General Vanier School, continuing on to École Sage Creek School, then Archwood School, concluding at Frontenac School. Leading up to the walk, students and staff learned about the residential schools and the meaning of the orange shirt and the significance of Orange Shirt Day.
3. Last night, September 30, was our 4th Annual Career Information evening held here at the board office. We had 137 people attend the event to get more information regarding jobs in Louis Riel School Division. Information was shared regarding the

follow fields: custodial, bus driver, library assistant, educational assistant, secretarial as well as and substitutes. Our open house was from 5 - 7 P.M. where people could come and learn how to apply for jobs, determine the qualifications and requirements for the different positions and to have all their questions answered. We had a number of booths set up and I provided a one-hour resume writing workshop. The evening was well-received and well attended by LRSD community members, many of whom are newcomers.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 Finance and Audit Committee

Trustee Kolochuk provided context to the report regarding the recent Finance and Audit Committee meeting.

2019-024

Moved by Robert Page

Seconded by Tom Parker

THAT the Board approve the Finance and Audit Committee Report.

CARRIED

5. BOARD EDUCATION

5.1 Canadian School Boards Association - Report regarding the Annual Congress

Trustees Landry, Parker and Nemeth shared their learnings from attending the Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA) Congress 2019 held in July.

6. MULTI-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

Acting Superintendent Aitken advised that today we officially launched the Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) campaign. There is a spotlight story on our website including the MYSP in PDF format as well as an interactive flipbook. The campaign included a spotlight story on all school websites, a news release, as well as sharing the MYSP on social media, plus an email was sent to all parents this evening.

6.1 Strategic Priority 1 – Creating a Culture of Equity and Inclusion – Belonging

6.2 Strategic Priority 2 – Creating a Culture of Learning and Well-Becoming - Mastery

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

6.4 Strategic Priority 4 – Creating a Culture of Caring and Collaboration - Generosity

7. INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

7.1 Monthly Meeting with the LRTA

Acting Superintendent Aitken provided a broad overview of the recent monthly meeting with the LRTA presidents. The purpose of these meetings is to share information, provide clarification, proactively plan and provide advance notice of future events. Communication is key to our long-standing valuable relationship with the LRTA.

7.2 Leadership Team Meeting

Acting Superintendent Aitken provided an update from the Thursday, September 19 meeting with the Leadership team. The format for these meetings with Leadership has changed this year to include a brief time for networking, which networking includes managers at the board office level, followed by a time for learning in smaller groups. Each group participated in the Learning Conversations Protocol and a lead presenter focused on personal learning inquiry connected to the Multi-Year Strategic Plan. Each participant will have the opportunity to be the lead presenter in his or her focus group.

7.3 Off-School Site Trips - Out of Canada

Assistant Superintendent Péloquin provided context to the report regarding Off-School Site Trips.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 School Board Correspondence – Received

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

Manitoba Education:

- (Page 1) Letter from Hon. Minister Goertzen RE: School Support Staff Recognition Week (Sept 16, 2019)
- (Page 2) School Support Staff Recognition Week Proclamation
- (Page 3) Email from G. Doak RE: R. Santos (Sept 30, 2019)

Public Schools Finance Board:

NONE

Other:

- (Page 4) Email from W. Ruff RE: Diversity (Sept 23, 2019)
- (Page 6) Letter to S. Saint-Cyr RE: Reconsideration from Superintendent Michalik

8.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent

The following correspondence was sent by the Board:

- (Page 1) Thank you letters to RIEL-EVATE Committee Members (Sept 16, 2019)

- (Page 9) Letter to L. Lawrence, Discovery Time RE: Religious Instruction (Sept 19, 2019)
- (Page 10) Congratulatory letters to MLAs (Sept 19, 2019)

8.3 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence was received by the Board:

Labour Relations:

None

General MSBA Correspondence:

- (Page 1) MSBA Provincial Executive Highlights (Sept 16, 2019)
- (Page 2) 2019 Manitoba Connections Conference
- (Page 4) Update on Federal Climate Action Incentive Fund (Sept 16, 2019)
- (Page 5) Fall 2019 PD Meeting Registration Package (Sept 25, 2019)
- (Page 8) e-news bulletin (Sept 25, 2019)
- (Page 9) Manitoba Association of Parliamentarians Poster – Educational Seminar
- (Page 10) Supreme Court News Release (Sept 26, 2019)

9. ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Proposed Resolution

2019-025

Moved by Josie Landry

Seconded by Cindy Turner

THAT the following resolution be forwarded to the November Manitoba School Board Association (MSBA) meeting:

THAT MSBA lobby the provincial and federal governments to have increased access to mental health professionals covered under our Health Care System.

CARRIED

9.2 Proposed Session - Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA)

2019-026

Moved by Tom Parker

Seconded by Pamela Kolochuk

THAT the Louis Riel School Board propose: a session at the Canadian School Board Association National Trustee Gathering 2020 pertaining to our work in Indigenous education, language and culture.

CARRIED

10. PUBLIC FORUM

The following members of the public were in attendance:

- There were 11 students in attendance from USB.
- Marcela Cabezas, LTRA president:
 - Marcela echoed Trustee Nemeth's comments regarding the Climate Strike on Friday. "It was quite moving to be there and I had the opportunity to walk with MTS (Manitoba Teachers' Society) representatives and to be up at the front holding the flag. It was impressive to see the sea of young people there who are feeling the time is now to speak up. It was lovely to see LRSD teachers and students in attendance."
 - Marcela asked and received clarification regarding carry-forward requests.
 - Marcela stated she looks forward to receiving further information regarding the Women in Education Leadership Grant.

11. RECESS TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

2019-027

Moved by Pamela Kolochuk

Seconded by Cindy Turner

THAT the Committee of the Whole resolve.

CARRIED

12. RISE AND REPORT

2019-028

Moved by Cindy Turner

Seconded by Pamela Kolochuk

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED

13. Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Survey

2019-029

Moved by Josie Landry

Seconded by Pamela Kolochuk

THAT the Chair submit the completed MSBA survey on behalf of the Louis Riel School Board.

CARRIED

14. ADJOURNMENT

The October 1, 2019, Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:41 P.M.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer