



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

Tuesday, October 15, 2019, 6:30 PM  
900 St. Mary's Road, Winnipeg

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Sandy Nemeth, Chair  
Louise Johnston, Vice-Chair  
Pamela Kolochuk, Trustee  
Josie Landry, Trustee  
Robert Page, Trustee  
Tom Parker, Trustee  
Chris Sigurdson, Trustee  
Neil Vadeboncoeur, Trustee

**REGRETS:** Cindy Turner, 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  
Deneen Madden, Executive Assistant  
Lexi Muise, Administrative Assistant  
Marlene Murray, Assistant Superintendent  
Irene Nordheim, Assistant Superintendent  
Henri Péroquin, Assistant Superintendent  
Susan Potter, Executive Assistant

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The October 15 Regular Meeting of the Louis Riel School Board was called to order by Sandy Nemeth, Louis Riel School Board Chair, at 6:30 P.M.

Cindy Turner left the meeting at 12:22 pm.

**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 – October 15, 2019**

2019-030

Moved by Pamela Kolochuk

Seconded by Tom Parker

THAT the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of October 15 be approved.

CARRIED

### **2.2 Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting – October 1, 2019**

As there were no changes, the October 1 Regular Board Meeting minutes were accepted as distributed.

## **3. LRSD NEWS**

### **3.1 Chair's News**

The Chair shared a few highlights:

- On behalf of the Board, I'd like to recognize the extra and sustained efforts of administration, school staff, maintenance staff, and bus drivers during the storm on Friday. With some schools without power, and challenging logistics around transportation we saw a very coordinated and well-planned effort to ensure student and staff comfort and safety. Thank you to all involved.
- The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) night of sharing event held October 8 was the perfect opportunity to share our Annual Report to the Community (ARC). The ARC is rich with detail, information, and many examples of success and progress in LRSD. The report is presented in a format that makes the document readable in many

formats; we should all be very proud of this report as proof of the strides we are taking as a growing and flourishing community.

News also by Trustee Kolochuk:

I had the pleasure of spending this morning with 40 Grade 11 and 12 students from Nelson McIntyre Collegiate along with teachers Ryan Sabourin, Heidi Forrester and Adam Dobriansky as they embarked on their first day of the *Week without Walls* project. The students are working on a project related to food waste and how to conquer this problem. This project started through a conversation with Jeremy Bender from the Arts & Technology Centre (ATC), and then evolved to include Adriano Magnifico, Ryan Sabourin and Heidi Forrester. Peak of the Market has committed to providing 2,000 pounds of “food waste” product per month (mostly potatoes and onions) to the school/division. The team and students are distributing through the high schools, ATC and Bistro in the Park. They are working on some creative ideas in relation to how to deal with food waste and fit it in with the division’s Multi-Year Strategic Plan, as it relates to the four quadrants.

### **3.2 Superintendent Christian Michalik's News**

I want to acknowledge Brandon Boone, our Communications Manager, who has put a lot of energy into many projects, and most recently, the Annual Report to the Community and the Multi-Year Strategic Plan. Along with writing content, creating spotlight stories, web updates, and media launches, Brandon is also responsible for communication strategies, including email campaigns, social media campaigns, along with a mail-out to many friends of the division.

It is impressive to see all that a communication team of one can accomplish.

## **4. PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD**

### **4.1 Belonging: Equity and Inclusion - Technology/OT Supporting Inclusion**

Assistant Superintendent Murray introduced the Learning Team in attendance: Clarke Hagan, Director of Information Systems, Nicole Maynard, Coordinator of Student Support Services, Rob George, School Psychologist, Lisa Tymchuk, Occupational Therapist. We would also like to acknowledge Greg Kiesman, Coordinator of Instructional Technology, who is also part of this team.

Clarke Hagan advised that Microsoft reached out to LRSD to work on a Global Case Study, which includes many stages. The first stage is writing a report which includes the student, parent, teacher and Learning Team’s perspectives regarding the impact of the Assistive Technology Program. Once this report is in final form, Microsoft will share the report worldwide. The next stage is creating a video and last week, Microsoft was in Winnipeg filming a day in the life of an LRSD student.

This evening's presentation included Matthew Stelmack, one of our teachers involved with this project, as well as the student featured in the video, the parents, and members of the Learning Team.

## **5. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **5.1 Standing Committees**

#### **5.1.1 Community Connections Committee Update**

Trustee Landry, Chair of the Community Connections Committee, provided an update from the PAC Night of Sharing held October 8.

### **5.2 RIEL-EVATE Committee**

Trustee Sigurdson, Chair of the RIEL-EVATE Committee provided context to the attached report.

## **6. BOARD EDUCATION**

### **6.1 Board Governance and Evaluation PD**

The Chair led a conversation regarding the upcoming professional development focused on board governance.

## **7. FINANCE AND AUDIT**

### **7.1 École Julie-Riel Financing for Playground Improvement Project**

Secretary-Treasurer Kenny provided context to the proposed board motion.

## **8. MULTI-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN**

Superintendent Michalik shared his thoughts about the Night of Sharing with Parent Advisory Councils (PAC) related to the Strategic Plan and results related to the media campaign.

### **8.1 Strategic Priority 1 – Creating a Culture of Equity and Inclusion – Belonging**

### **8.2 Strategic Priority 2 – Creating a Culture of Learning and Well-Becoming - Mastery**

### **8.3 Strategic Priority 3 – Creating a Culture of Inquiry and Responsibility - Independence**

### **8.4 Strategic Priority 4 – Creating a Culture of Caring and Collaboration - Generosity**

## **9. INFORMATION TO THE BOARD**

### **9.1 Highlights from the Leadership Team Retreat**

Superintendent Michalik shared highlights from the recent Leadership Team retreat.

## 9.2 Microsoft Connected Conference Report

Superintendent Michalik and Clarke Hagan, Director of Information Services provided a report related to LRSD's presentation at the Microsoft Connected Learning Conference (CLC).

## 9.3 A Roadmap to Balanced and Sustainable School Enrolments

Superintendent Michalik supported by the Baragar Project Team (BPT) shared a roadmap to a *Balanced and Sustainable School Enrolments* report that extends the conversation beyond the immediate Five-Year Capital Plan Priorities: building a second school in Sage Creek and building an addition to Collège Jeanne-Sauvé.

# 10. CORRESPONDENCE

## 10.1 School Board Correspondence – Received

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

### Manitoba Education:

NONE

### Public Schools Finance Board:

- (Page 1) Letter from A. De Francesco RE: Minnetonka School – Grooming Room (Oct 2, 2019)

### Other:

- (Page 2) Letter from T. Somerset RE: The Nolin Sisters (Sept 25, 2019)

## 10.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent

The following correspondence was sent by the Board:

- (Page 1) Letter to MSBA Resolutions and Policy Committee (Oct 8, 2019)

## 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) No Stone Left Alone (Sept 30, 2019)
- (Page 2) CSBA letter in response to Quebec Government's Intention to Abolish French Governing School Boards (Oct 2, 2019)

- (Page 6) Multi-Cultural Training Opportunity
- (Page 8) 2019 AAEM Art Spark AGM
- (Page 13) Message from Chair Larry O’Farrell
- (Page 17) UCN Annual Truth and Reconciliation Gathering Poster
- (Page 18) Memo RE: Amendments to Workplace Safety and Health Regulations
- (Page 48) Secretary-Treasurer posting in Pembina Trails School Division

**11. ACTION ITEMS**

**11.1 École Julie-Riel Financing for Playground Improvement Project**

2019-031

Moved by Neil Vadeboncoeur

Seconded by Pamela Kolochuk

THAT the letter from École Julie-Riel Parent Advisory Council be received; and,

THAT temporary financing be approved.

CARRIED

**12. PUBLIC FORUM**

The following members of the public were in attendance:

- one student from USB was in attendance.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The October 15 Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:44 P.M.

“original signed by S. Nemeth”

Chair

“original signed by M. Kenny”

Secretary-Treasurer