



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

Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 6:30 P.M.  
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  
Cindy Turner, Trustee  
Neil Vadeboncoeur, Trustee

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Marna Kenny, Secretary-Treasurer  
Lisa Aitken, Acting Superintendent  
Jennifer Hume, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer  
Tim MacKay, Director of EAL and ISP  
Deneen Madden, Executive Assistant  
Lexi Muise, Administrative Assistant  
Marlene Murray, Assistant Superintendent  
Irene Nordheim, Assistant Superintendent

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The January 21 Regular Meeting of the Louis Riel School Division Board of Trustees was called to order by Sandy Nemeth, Louis Riel School Board Chair, at 6:30 P.M.

**1.1 Treaty Acknowledgement**

The Chair acknowledged the land on which our learners, staff and families gather is Treaty One Territory and the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Ininewak, and Dakota peoples, and homeland of the Métis 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 – January 21, 2020**

2019-061

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Johnston

THAT the January 21 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

### **2.2 Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting – January 7, 2020**

As there were no changes, the January 7, 2020, minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

## **3. LRSD NEWS**

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

- Congratulations to Amy Spearman, a Collège Jeanne-Sauvé alumna, who was recently named to the Provincial Youth Advisory Council on Climate.
- You may have read an article in the Winnipeg Free Press on January 18 featuring young people who work with Manitoba Youth for Climate Action, including Madeline Laurendeau who is a Grade 12 student at Collège Jeanne-Sauvé. I look forward to seeing how these young people use these platforms to encourage conversation and action.
- We have had a windy and snowy few days to contend with; no major delays or issues with busing and getting our students to and from school and field trips over the last few days. Many thanks to everyone who went above and beyond to see this happen.

LRSD News by Trustee Parker:

On January 15, Louise Johnston and I went to *Moving MB Forward* hosted by Audrey Gordon, a local MLA. Finance Minister Scott Fielding presented at Southdale Community

Club which was very enlightening. Recently, Pamela Kolochuk and I met at McDonald's with the purpose of meeting community members in other settings. This is a Community Connections Committee pilot initiative. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate, and we were also competing with a Jets game. We did have a conversation with a couple of community members, and we plan to continue this practice when the weather is much nicer, and we are not competing with professional sports.

- Last night, I attended Nelson McIntyre Collegiate where student presenters talked about their experience with project-based learning program, PROPEL. These presentations continue for four days and I believe this is something everyone should attend. Fantastic presentations!

### **3.2 Acting Superintendent Lisa Aitken's News**

- I want to highlight Victor H. L. Wyatt School and their free little library. Included in this cart are donated books, not library books nor home reading books. The cart comes out as a pop-up library every Day 5 at 3:30 P.M. and at special occasions. Students and families are invited to take a book home to read it, to share it, to keep it as long as they like, return it or give it to someone else to read. This is a very exciting project at Victor H. L. Wyatt School. Book donations are welcomed and appreciated.
- The other story I wanted to highlight is the Abecedarian Model and Assistant Superintendent Nordheim will share information regarding a professional learning opportunity held recently.

Assistant Superintendent Nordheim:

- In January of 2016, we started talking about incorporating the Abecedarian Model, a very successful early years reading program, at our community school located at the René Deleurme Centre. Last week, our efforts and planning came to fruition; we brought together kindergarten teachers from St. George School, Victor H. L. Wyatt School, Lavallee School and Victor Mager School, along with staff from the family centres of these schools, and staff from the Morrow Avenue Day Care. We met for two days of professional learning which was hosted by Red River College, our partner in this initiative. This workshop was outstanding! There are six more sessions that will occur in small groupings focusing on the practical hands-on approach. Our kindergarten teachers have embraced this opportunity to work with the Abecedarian Model, looking for opportunities to develop language and the love of literature in very small children.

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

### **4.1 Belonging: Equity and Inclusion - Gay Straight Alliance (GSA)**

Assistant Superintendent Nordheim introduced Benson Shapiro, Student Services

Teacher from Dakota Collegiate and Logan Wiebe, a student at Nelson McIntyre Collegiate who made a presentation regarding Gay Straight Alliances (GSA).

**5. TIMED ITEM: INFORMATION TO THE BOARD**

**5.1 Results from the Early Development Instrument (EDI) Survey**

Assistant Superintendent Murray and Mary Markesteyn, Clinical Services Supervisor, provided context to the EDI survey results.

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**6.1 Standing Committees**

**6.1.1 Finance and Audit Committee**

**6.1.1.1 Finance and Audit Committee Report - Terms of Reference**

Trustee Kolochuk, Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee, provided context to the proposed board motion.

2019-062

Moved by Trustee Page

Seconded by Trustee Kolochuk

THAT the Board accept the Terms of Reference for Finance and Audit Committee.

CARRIED

**6.1.1.2 Draft Budget 2020-2021**

Trustee Kolochuk, Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee and Secretary-Treasurer Kenny advised that we are awaiting the funding announcement to proceed with finalizing the budget for 2020-2021.

**6.1.2 Community Connections Committee (CCC) Minutes from January 13 Meeting**

Trustee Landry, Chair of the CCC provided an update from the recent committee meeting held January 13.

**7. STAFFING**

**7.1 Personnel Update**

Assistant Superintendent Nordheim provided the following personnel update, effective immediately:

- Marilyn Thorington will be the acting Principal at H.S. Paul School; and,

- and Charlene Edge-Rowntree will be the acting Vice-Principal at Victor Mager School.

## **8. INFORMATION TO THE BOARD**

### **8.1 St. Theresa Point Professional Learning Update**

Assistant Superintendent Murray provided an update regarding this year's professional development planned for educators in St. Theresa Point.

### **8.2 Results for the Early Years Partnership Survey**

Assistant Superintendent Murray provided context to the report regarding the Early Years Partnership Survey results.

### **8.3 Overview of The International Education Act**

Director MacKay provided an overview of The International Education Act.

### **8.4 Professional Services regarding Arbitration - Interim Statement of Account**

Secretary-Treasurer Kenny provided context to the attached invoice.

### **8.5 TJ's Gift Foundation and LRSD**

Karen Wiebe, mother to T.J. Wiebe, provided the attached letter outlining the history of the fund and providing clarification.

### **8.6 Board Office Summer Compressed Work Week and Monday Closures**

Secretary-Treasurer Kenny shared the summer hours and compressed work week for Board Office staff.

### **8.7 Request for Proposals (RFP) for School Bus Contracted Services**

Secretary-Treasurer Kenny provided details related to the upcoming request for proposals.

### **8.8 Assistant Deputy Minister of K - 12**

Acting Superintendent Aitken updated the Board regarding the announcement of Dana Rudy as the Assistant Deputy Minister of the kindergarten to Grade 12 division commencing February 3, 2020.

## **9. POLICY**

### **9.1 Policy Committee Update - First Reading**

2019-063

Moved by Trustee Vadeboncoeur

Seconded by Trustee Johnston

Acting Superintendent Aitken will provide context to the proposed motion regarding policies coming for first reading.

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

CARRIED

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **10.1 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received**

The following MSBA correspondence was received by the Board:

Labour Relations:

- NONE

General MSBA Correspondence:

- (Page) Highlights (Jan. 6, 2020)
- (Page) e-news (Jan. 15, 2020)

## **11. PUBLIC FORUM**

Marcela Cabezas, President of the Louis Riel Teachers' Association was in attendance. and complimented this evening's presenters, "It was wonderful to run into a former colleague and to see Logan again and how wonderful it is that he has found community and continues to be an advocate for students and GSAs."

Marcela asked when the announcement of Assistant Deputy Minister was sent to the division, as MTS had a recent meeting with the Minister of Education and this information was not shared.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

The January 21 Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:21 P.M.

"original signed by S. Nemeth"

Chair

"original signed by M. Kenny"

Secretary-Treasurer