



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

Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 6:30 P.M.
REMOTE MEETING

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
Steve Lawrie, Director of Student and Clinical Services
Tim MacKay, Director of EAL and ISP
Deneen Madden, Executive Assistant
Lexi Muise, Administrative Assistant
Marlene Murray, Assistant Superintendent
Irene Nordheim, Assistant Superintendent
Henri Péroquin, Assistant Superintendent

1. CALL TO ORDER

The April 7 remote Regular Meeting of the Louis Riel School Division Board of Trustees was called to order by Sandy Nemeth, Louis Riel School Board Chair, at 6:31 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 participating in this remote meeting. 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.

Trustee Vadeboncoeur joined the meeting at 6:34 pm.

1.3 Affirmation of Vision and Mission

The Chair read the division's Vision and Mission statements.

1.4 Moment of Silence

The Chair asked for a moment of silence for the recent death of an LRSD staff member.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

2.1 Approval of Agenda for Regular Board Meeting – April 7, 2020

2019-076

Moved by Trustee Vadeboncoeur

Seconded by Trustee Kolochuk

THAT the April 7 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting – March 17, 2020

As there were no changes, the March 17 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

3. INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

3.1 Louis Riel School Division's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Superintendent Michalik provided an update regarding the division's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

Marcela Cabezas, President of the Louis Riel Teachers' Association (LRTA) acknowledged all the work being done by the division. "As a parent of children who attend École Marie-Anne-Gaboury, I have to commend the division for the excellent communication that has been going

out to parents. I also want to acknowledge the incredible work of the teachers at Marie-Anne-Gaboury, but all of the teachers throughout the division who are doing their very best given this challenge of remote teaching and remote learning to meet the needs of all of the students. They are doing an exemplary job under challenging circumstances in making that effort. Again, thank you for the communication that is being sent out by the division. With respect to the Association hat, putting that on for the moment, I also once again, want to acknowledge the Louis Riel School Division for the exemplary communication that has been shared with the Association since everything went a little bit sideways on Friday the 13th of March. Christian has done an excellent job of including the LRTA with crucial conversations that are happening with matters that directly impact our members. There have been many challenges that were public in the media with respect to challenges faced by teachers in other divisions and I'm really pleased and happy that Louis Riel School Division did not add additional stress to its teachers during those challenging times. Decisions were made to do the right thing, time and time again. It's recognized, it's appreciated by the members." Marcela also reminded everyone to take care of their own well-being during this challenging time.

Christian responded by saying, "I want to acknowledge Marcela's leadership; we had great communication before the crisis, but it (communication) has been very important in the last few weeks. I want to acknowledge the amazing work our teachers are doing. It is very important that during this crisis we treat the teachers as the professionals they are and we provide them with autonomy. Our teaching and non-teaching staff are doing an amazing job!"

5. ADJOURNMENT

The April 7 Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

"original signed by S. Nemeth"

Chair

"original signed by M. Kenny"

Secretary-Treasurer