

**MINUTES OF THE**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Tuesday, September 15, 2020, 6:30 P.M.  
900 St. Mary's Road, Winnipeg  
In-Person and Online Hybrid Meeting

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Louise Johnston, Chair  
Pamela Kolochuk, Vice-Chair  
Josie Landry, Trustee  
Sandy Nemeth, 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  
Jeff Anderson, Divisional Principal  
Amarbeer Bhandari, Director of Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation  
Darcy Cormack, Divisional Principal  
Clarke Hagan, Director of Information Systems  
Jennifer Hume, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer  
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  
Henri Péloquin, Assistant Superintendent

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The September 15 Regular Meeting of the Louis Riel School Division Board of Trustees was called to order by Louise Johnston, Chair, Louis Riel School Board 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 attending this in-person and online hybrid 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.

### **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 – September 15, 2020**

2020-021

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Parker

THAT the September 15 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

### **2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Annual Board Meeting - September 1, 2020**

As there were no changes, the September 1 minutes of the Annual Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

### **2.3 Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting – September 1, 2020**

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

## **3. LRSD NEWS**

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

I would like to highlight two success stories that remind us why we work in education! First, our historic reopening of schools! Through months of planning and collaborating, we reopened our schools last week. On behalf of the Board, I want to thank everyone

for their hard work and time dedicated to a successful start-up to the 2020-2021 school year. We know every day brings new challenges; however, through thoughtful planning and great communication we will continue trying to do what is best for everyone!

We would like to thank the LRSD community for their ongoing support, for answering every survey, and for their patience as we navigate the safe return to school.

Next, is a reminder that LRSD students are leaders! In this evening's report from Secretary-Treasurer Kenny, you will learn about some very exciting grants that LRSD has received or has submitted. I want to make special mention of the Manitoba Government Climate Fund application. The water conservation application is a project initiated by students attending J.H. Bruns Collegiate. The students have been advocating for the installation of low-flush toilets and faucets to conserve water.

The Board would like to commend the students at J.H. Bruns Collegiate for their advocacy and passion. We always encourage student voice!

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

Superintendent Michalik shared the release of the Annual Report to the Community (ARC) for 2019-2020. There is a flipbook version of the ARC on the website. Despite the unprecedented times and the pandemic, we were able to tell our story as a school division.

## **4. FINANCE AND AUDIT**

### **4.1 Grant Submissions**

Secretary-Treasurer Kenny shared a report regarding the following grant submissions:

- Carbon Action Incentive Fund
- Manitoba Government Climate Fund
- Breakfast Club of Canada - Additional Funding
- Scaling Career Development

## **5. INFORMATION TO THE BOARD**

### **5.1 Transportation Taskforce Update**

Assistant Superintendent Péroquin provided an update on behalf of the Transportation Taskforce.

### **5.2 Distancing, Cohorting and Movement of Staff and Students Taskforce Update**

Divisional Principal Anderson provided an update on behalf of the Distancing, Cohorting and Movement of Staff and Students Taskforce.

**5.3 Learning and Teaching Taskforce Update**

Divisional Principal Cormack provided an update on behalf of the Learning and Teaching Taskforce.

**5.4 Well-Being and Mental Health Promotion Taskforce Update**

Director of Student and Clinical Services Lawrie provided an update on behalf of the Well-Being and Mental Health Promotion Taskforce.

**5.5 Staffing Needs to Respond to the Pandemic Taskforce Update**

Assistant Superintendent Aitken provided an update on behalf of the Staffing Needs to Respond to the Pandemic Taskforce.

**5.6 Response to Symptoms and Infection Taskforce Update**

Assistant Superintendent Murray provided an update on behalf of the Response to Symptoms and Infection Taskforce.

**5.7 Infrastructure and Custodial Requirements Taskforce Update**

Director of Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation Bhandari provided an update on behalf of the Infrastructure and Custodial Requirements Taskforce.

**5.8 Communication Taskforce Update**

Superintendent Michalik provided an update on behalf of the Communication Taskforce.

**5.9 Financial Support Taskforce Team**

Secretary-Treasurer Kenny provided an update on behalf of the Financial Support Taskforce.

**5.10 Blended Learning and Technology Taskforce Update**

Director of Information Systems Hagan provided an update on behalf of the Blended Learning and Technology Taskforce.

**5.11 Frequently Asked Questions from Parents**

Superintendent Michalik shared the top 10 most frequently asked questions received from parents.

**5.12 Town Hall Survey Reports**

Superintendent Michalik shared the survey reports from the morning Town Hall Live Event with staff and the evening Town Hall Live Event with the community.

### **5.13 Monthly Updates Regarding Communications Metrics**

Superintendent Michalik provided the report on communications for the months of July and August.

### **5.14 Updating the Organizational Charts**

Superintendent Michalik shared the new organizational charts.

### **5.15 Board Office December Closure**

The Chair shared an update regarding the memorandum of agreement for the December closure at the board office.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **6.1 School Board Correspondence – Received**

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

Manitoba Education:

NONE

Public Schools Finance Board:

NONE

General:

- (Page 1) Email from M. and S. Ciecko and J. and M. Osato RE: Music (Aug. 26, 2020)
- (Page 2) Email from T. Webster RE: Alternate Classroom Space (Sept. 3, 2020)
- (Page 3) Letter from K. McMillan RE: Privacy (Sept. 11, 2020)

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

The following MSBA correspondence was received by the Board:

Labour Relations:

- NONE

General MSBA Correspondence:

- (Page 1) Executive Highlights (Aug. 10, 2020)
- (Page 2) E-bulletin (Sept. 9, 2020)
- (Page 3) Call for Nominations and Resolutions 2021

## 7. ACTION ITEMS

### 7.1 Bylaw 20202021-001 - Religious Instruction - École Sage Creek School

2020-022

Moved by Trustee Nemeth

Seconded by Trustee Landry

THAT the petition to instruct religion at École Sage Creek School during the period of September 2020 to June 2021, be deferred to October 6, 2020.

CARRIED

## 8. PUBLIC FORUM

The following members of the public joined the meeting remotely:

- Jordynn Nimchonok
- Carol Bitchok
- Tessa Springate
- Tina Choy-Pohl
- Kelly Grijalva
- Trinda Tickner
- Cyril Indome
- Marcela Cabezas
- Jay McGurran
- Tanya Redford
- Kiera Sabourin
- Bryanne Gobeil
- Haley Wach
- Charlene Sacher

Lexi Grijalva asked if all questions from the Town Hall Live Event will be answered on Friday?

Superintendent Michalik confirmed that an update to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) will be shared on Friday.

Trinda Tickner asked when can we anticipate receipt of the reusable masks in schools?

Superintendent Michalik advised that we have provided disposable masks. We are in dialogue with government to confirm what is being provided for reusable masks; after which, the division will come up with our plan.

Charlene Sacher, parent and teacher in LRSD, appreciated the two metres of distancing; however, noted to provide proper instruction, two metres of distancing is not always an option. In situations where social distancing is not an option, would the division install guards?

Superintendent Michalik advised that we must continue the conversation. We need to know when to wear a mask as a staff member and as a student. We remain open to other barriers; however, before we dig deeper, we need to learn more about the mask.

Kelly Grijalva, parent of two students, one at École Howden and one at Collège Béliveau, noted that the division encourages students in grades 5 to 8 to bring their own devices. Will there be any loss to my children’s learning if I'm not able to provide devices?

Superintendent Michalik stated that we are partnering with providers to make technology more affordable. No one will go without a device.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The September 15 Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

“original signed by L. Johnston”

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Chair

“original signed by M. Kenny”

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Secretary-Treasurer