

MINUTES OF THE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, October 6, 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 & CEO
Marna Kenny, Secretary-Treasurer & CFO
Lisa Aitken, Assistant Superintendent Staff Services
Jeff Anderson, Divisional Director
Amarbeer Bhandari, Director of Facilities, Maintenance & Transportation
Clarke Hagan, Director of Information Technology Services
Jennifer Hume, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer & Director of Financial Services
Tim MacKay, Director of International Student Program & Newcomer Services
Deneen Madden, Executive Assistant
Lexi Muise, Administrative Assistant
Marlene Murray, Assistant Superintendent Student Services
Henri Pélouquin, Assistant Superintendent Instructional Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

The October 6 Regular Meeting of the Louis Riel School Division Board of Trustees was called to order by Louise Johnston, Chair, Louis Riel School Board at 6:40 P.M.

There was a moment of silence for a student who passed away last month.

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 – October 6, 2020

2020-023

Moved by Trustee Parker

Seconded by Trustee Landry

THAT the October 6 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting – September 15, 2020

As there were no changes, the September 15 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

3. LRSD NEWS

3.1 Chair's News

Trustee Nemeth is grateful for our school communities, the students, the staff, and the parents.

Schools in Louis Riel School Division (LRSD) continue to honour traditions, while creating new ways to celebrate and connect. During a pandemic, it is especially important to safely distance, but also to have fun. A few examples of safely distancing and having fun include spirit week last week at École George-McDowell, the opening of a new playground at Dr. D.W. Penner School, and school-wide virtual bingo to end last week at

Frontenac School. This is not news, but part of the culture in LRSD as we continue to celebrate building community.

3.2 Superintendent Christian Michalik's News

The division recently opened its newest school, The Learning from Home School (LFHS) /*L'École Apprendre-chez-soi*, which is a robust and fully staffed school with programming in both English and French Immersion. The LFHS is currently supporting 528 students in kindergarten to Grade 12 who are required to learn from home due to a medical condition that affects them or a member of the household.

The LFHS has its own landing page on lrsd.net and a Twitter account, that is posting regularly and seeing a growing list of followers.

It is great to see all that is happening in the LFHS.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 Standing Committees

4.1.1 Finance & Audit Committee Update

Trustee Vadeboncoeur, Committee Chair, shared the minutes from the September 23 and October 5 Finance and Audit Committee meetings.

4.1.2 Community Engagement Committee Update

Trustee Nemeth, Committee Chair, shared the minutes from the September 23 Community Engagement Committee meeting.

4.2 Riel-Evate Endowment Fund Committee

Trustee Nemeth, Committee Chair, shared the minutes from the September 17 Riel-Evate Committee meeting along with the updated draft Terms of Reference. Trustee Nemeth proposed the following board motion:

2020-024

Moved by Trustee Nemeth

Seconded by Trustee Parker

THAT the Terms of Reference be received and brought back for further discussion; and,

THAT the minutes of the September 17 committee meeting be received as information:
and,

THAT the Board appoint Sandra-Dee Beer, Franky Czinege, Pamela Gilroy-Rajotte, Rick Haley, and Tamara McCaffery to the committee for a two-year term.

CARRIED

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

Assistant Superintendent Murray provided an update on behalf of the Learning and Teaching Taskforce.

5.4 Well-Being and Mental Health Promotion Taskforce Update

Assistant Superintendent Murray 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 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 Hagan provided an update on behalf of the Blended Learning and Technology Taskforce.

5.11 Annual Report to the Community 2019-2020

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.

5.12 Updating the Organizational Charts

Superintendent Michalik shared the new organizational charts.

5.13 School Resource Officers

Superintendent Michalik provided an update and will bring this item for further discussion at the October 20 board meeting.

5.14 International Student Program - Update

Director MacKay shared a report regarding the International Student Program.

5.15 Travel Update

Assistant Superintendent Péroquin confirmed that there would be no student travel for the 2020-2021 school year.

5.16 Leadership Team Meeting - September 23, 2020

Superintendent Michalik shared highlights from the recent Leadership Team meeting.

5.17 Boys and Girls Club

Superintendent Michalik shared an update regarding the Boys and Girls Club.

5.18 Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba 2019-20 Annual Report

The Chair shared an update from the Child Nutritional Council of Manitoba including their 2019-20 Annual Report.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 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. 25, 2020)
- (Page 2) Proclamation RE: School Support Staff Recognition Week

Public Schools Finance Board:

NONE

General:

- (Page 3) Thank you card from L. Mytz
- (Page 4) Letter from M. Murray to Recruit Ready (Sept. 25, 2020)
- (Page 8) Email from W. Ruff (Sept. 28, 2020)

Other:

- (Page 9) Email from J. Johnson (Aug. 21, 2020)
- (Page 10) Email from I. Bindi (Sept. 10, 2020)
- (Page 11) Email from H. Dempsey (Sept. 11, 2020)
- (Page 12) Email from L. Popham (Sept. 14, 2020)
- (Page 13) Email from B. Rose (Sept. 18, 2020)
- (Page 15) Email from P. and J. Lee (Sept. 19, 2020)
- (Page 16) Email from S. Dandenault (Sept. 19, 2020)
- (Page 19) Email from R. Jonson (Sept. 20, 2020)
- (Page 20) Email from J. Rubigny (Sept. 20, 2020)
- (Page 22) Email from L. Thomas (Sept. 21, 2020)
- (Page 23) Email from S. Machado (Sept. 22, 2020)
- (Page 24) Email from A. McKague (Sept. 25, 2020)
- (Page 25) Email from I. Bindi (Sept. 28, 2020)
- (Page 198) Email from V. Critchley (Sept. 28, 2020)

6.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent

The following correspondence was sent by the Board:

- (Page 1) Letter to C. Smallwood (Aug. 31, 2020)
- (Page 2) Letter to P. Hansen and M. Patrician (Aug. 31, 2020)
- (Page 3) Letter to M. Enns, A. Hodgert, and K. Unrau (Aug. 31, 2020)
- (Page 4) Letter J. K. and S. Richard (Sept. 10, 2020)
- (Page 5) Letter to Louis Riel Teachers' Association (Sept. 10, 2020)
- (Page 6) Letter to Discovery Time (Sept. 17, 2020)
- (Page 7) Letter to EF Educational Tours (Sept. 29, 2020)
- (Page 8) Letter to WorldStrides Explorica (Sept. 29, 2020)
- (Page 9) Letter to G. Ganczar (Sept. 29, 2020)

6.3 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence was received by the Board:

Labour Relations:

- NONE

General MSBA Correspondence:

- (Page 1) Indigenous Trustee Panel
- (Page 2) Executive Highlights (Sept. 14, 2020)

- (Page 3) E-bulletin (Sept. 23, 2020)
- (Page 4) Memo RE: Fall General and Regional Meetings (Sept. 23, 2020)
- (Page 5) Memo RE: Summary – Current Provisions Concerning School Board Meetings and By-elections (Sept. 30, 2020)

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.1 Special Board Meeting - October 27, 2020

2020-025

Moved by Trustee Page

Seconded by Trustee Kolochuk

THAT a Special Board Meeting be scheduled for October 27 at 5:00 P.M. for the approval of the 2019-2020 audited financial statements.

CARRIED

7.2 Religious Instruction - On Hold Until Further Notice

2020-026

Moved by Trustee Landry

Seconded by Trustee Kolochuk

THAT due to COVID-19, the Board suspend all in-school religious instruction.

CARRIED

7.3 Region 5/6 Request

2020-027

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Landry

THAT the Board receive the email from J. Fisher dated Sept. 15, 2020; and

THAT the Chair respond.

CARRIED

7.4 Establishment of an Ad-hoc Recognition Policy Committee

2020-028

Moved by Trustee Nemeth

Seconded by Trustee Parker

THAT the Board approve the establishment of an Ad-hoc Committee to review policy for recognition; and,

THAT Trustee Landry be the committee chair with Trustees Vadeboncoeur, Page and Johnston serving as committee members.

CARRIED

7.5 Response to Request for Recognition

2020-029

Moved by Trustee Landry

Seconded by Trustee Kolochuk

THAT the Board receive the request for recognition; and,

THAT the Chair respond.

CARRIED

7.6 Peaceful Village Program

2019-030

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Parker

THAT the Board support the Peaceful Village program for the 2020-2021 school year in the amount of \$42,000.

CARRIED

8. PUBLIC FORUM

The following members of the public participated remotely and had the opportunity to provide comments and questions.

- Carol Bitchok
- Marcela Cabezas
- Jay McGurran
- Allegra Fajardo
- Micheline Kirouac
- Irene Bindi

- Marcela Cabezas, President, Louis Riel Teachers' Association, commented that it was encouraging to know that members of the Senior Leadership Team will be visiting schools in the coming weeks. She asked if trustees would be visiting the schools in their wards in the near future?

The Chair advised that trustees are complying with the public health order and await invitations from schools, once schools are ready for visits. Trustee Johnston had the

opportunity of visiting Dakota Collegiate last week for the press release regarding the opening of two new tennis/pickleball courts. During that time, we experienced the lunch bell and observed how students exited the school in an orderly fashion.

Trustees are anxious to get back into schools, but we respect the incredible stress the pandemic is having on us all. We will be back in schools as soon as staff are ready.

- Marcela Cabezas also asked when the organizational chart would be released and if it will be available on the portal?

Superintendent Michalik shared that the internal document requires one further change and would be available shortly.

- Marcela Cabezas stated that Superintendent Michalik referenced a survey that would be forthcoming on teaching and learning and asked for clarification as to who is the target audience?

Superintendent Michalik stated that to make our visits to schools as effective as possible, we need to first gather information from principals and vice-principals. We want to meet with all teachers in all classrooms, but we also want to focus on areas that we can provide additional supports. Eventually, the intent is to check in with all teachers and all educational assistants.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The October 6 Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:44 P.M.

“original signed by L. Johnston”

Chair

“original signed by M. Kenny”

Secretary-Treasurer