

MINUTES OF THE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, October 20, 2020, 6:30 P.M.
50 Monterey Road
In-Person and Online Hybrid Meeting

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

REGRETS: Josie Landry, Trustee

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Christian Michalik, Superintendent & CEO
Marna Kenny, Secretary-Treasurer & CFO
Lisa Aitken, Assistant Superintendent Staff Services
Jeff Anderson, Divisional Principal
Amarbeer Bhandari, Director of Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation
Darcy Cormack, Divisional Principal
Clarke Hagan, Director of Information Technology Systems
Jennifer Hume, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer and Director of Financial Services
Steve Lawrie, Director of Inclusion and Clinical Services
Tim MacKay, Director of International Student Program and Newcomer Services
Deneen Madden, Executive Assistant
Lexi Muise, Administrative Assistant
Marlene Murray, Assistant Superintendent Student Services
Henri Péloquin, Assistant Superintendent Instructional Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

The October 20 Regular Meeting of the Louis Riel School Division (LRSD) Board of Trustees was called to order by Louise Johnston, Chair, LRSD Board of Trustees at 6:35 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 – October 20, 2020

2020-031

Moved by Trustee Kolochnik

Seconded by Trustee Parker

THAT the October 20 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting – October 6, 2020

As there were no changes, the October 6 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

3. LRSD NEWS

3.1 Chair's News

Trustee Sigurdson highlighted outdoor recreational facilities in our schools, specifically Minnetonka School. During this challenging time when sports and recreational activities are curtailed by the pandemic, Louis Riel School Division (LRSD) is still moving forward improving our recreation facilities at our schools. Last week, I was fortunate to meet with Councillor Brian Mayes at Minnetonka School to open their refurbished basketball court.

For the past few years, we have been in partnership with the city, specifically Councillor Mayes, to see improvements to outdoor courts at:

- Dakota Collegiate
- Darwin School
- Lavallee School
- Hastings School
- École Marie-Anne-Gaboury
- St. George School
- Windsor School
- Minnetonka School

The city has also made sizeable contributions to the installation of the sports field at Dakota Collegiate along with the cricket cage, tennis courts, as well as beach volleyball at Glenlawn and the running track at Victor Mager School.

Even though physical education is challenging these days, students can still get outside to enjoy some physical movement.

Thank you to Councillor Mayes and the City of Winnipeg, as well as to all our staff for making this possible.

3.2 Superintendent Christian Michalik's News

I am looking forward to visiting schools in the days and weeks ahead. We have engaged principals and vice-principals around some evidence gathering about all that is happening in our 41 schools. We recently opened our 41 school, the Learning from Home School (LFHS), which is just a few metres away from my office, so I can visit the LFHS, each classroom, and each staff member more frequently.

Now I am excited to meet with other schools in the division. It will likely take the rest of October and much of November to visit each school. I will visit 10 schools, accompanied by members from the Senior Leadership Team (SLT), for at least half a day at each school. Each Assistant Superintendent, accompanied by members from the SLT, will also visit 10 schools.

We need to take time to be in community, to listen carefully to all staff, and to see where we can be of continued support and do all that we can to stay well, despite the challenge of the pandemic.

4. PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

4.1 Delegation to the Board from Irene Bindi RE: School Resource Program

The Board received a delegation from Irene Bindi regarding discontinuing the School Resource Program in LRSD.

4.2 Safe Spaces Presentation - Human Diversity

Taylor Fenn, Communications Coordinator, made a presentation to the Board regarding creating safe spaces in schools.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Riel-Evate Endowment Fund Committee

2020-032

Moved by Trustee Nemeth

Seconded by Trustee Parker

THAT the name of the Riel-Evate Foundation Committee be changed to the Riel-Evate Endowment Fund Committee; and,

THAT the Riel-Evate Endowment Fund Committee Terms of Reference be adopted.

CARRIED

5.2 Ad-hoc Recognition Policy Committee

Trustee Johnston shared an update from the committee's October 16 meeting.

6. MULTI-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN WITH REFERENCE TO THE ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

6.1 Strategic Priority 1 – Creating a Culture of Equity and Inclusion – Belonging

Superintendent Michalik facilitated a dialogue about the Board's Multi-Year Strategic Plan, specifically with reference to Strategic Priority 1 – Creating a Culture of Equity and Inclusion (Belonging) and how these priorities relate to the Annual Report to the Community.

7. FINANCE AND AUDIT

7.1 Finance and Audit Update

2020-033

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the Board approve the transfer, subject to approval by the Public Schools Finance Board, of \$762,063.29 to the Bus Reserve from:

- \$185,930.41 - General Vanier AC Reserve
- \$227,176.14 - Beliveau Learning Reserve
- \$141,941.48 - SAN Upgrade Reserve
- \$207,015.26 - Sage Creek Reserve

CARRIED

8. STAFFING

8.1 Personnel Update

Superintendent Michalik shared a personnel update that Grant McManes, Coordinator of Healthy Living, has indicated his intention to retire effective December 31, 2020.

9. INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

9.1 Public Release of the State of Equity in Education Report by the Winnipeg Indigenous Executive Circle and the Newcomer Education Coalition

The Board and members of the SLT considered the Equity in Education Report by the Winnipeg Indigenous Executive Circle and the Newcomer Education Coalition along with the calls to action.

9.2 Taskforce Updates

Superintendent Michalik and members of the SLT provided taskforce updates.

9.3 School Resource Officers (SRO)

Assistant Superintendent Péroquin provided a report regarding the summary of school engagements with the School Resource Officer (SRO) for the 2019-2020 school year.

9.4 Travel Insurance Update

Assistant Superintendent Péroquin shared an update regarding travel insurance.

9.5 Presentations to the Board for 2020-2021

The Chair shared the schedule of presentations for the 2020-2021 school year.

9.6 Monthly Updates Regarding Communications Metrics for September 2020

Superintendent Michalik provided a monthly report on communications metrics for the month of September 2020.

9.7 United Way Campaign

Superintendent Michalik and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Hume shared information regarding the 2020 United Way Winnipeg/Riel-Evate divisional campaign.

9.8 Town Hall Live Presentation October 28, 2020

Superintendent Michalik shared an update regarding the next Town Hall Live Event scheduled for October 28, 2020, for all staff and students at 9 a.m. and for the community at 7:00 p.m. Future town halls will highlight each of our seven families of schools.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 School Board Correspondence – Received

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

Manitoba Education:

- (Page 1) Letter from L. Chartier RE: Suspension of K – 12 Framework for Continuous Improvement Reports, fall 2020 (Oct. 9, 2020)

Public Schools Finance Board:

- (Page 3) Letter RE: Hastings School – Elevator & Grooming Room Renovation (Oct. 16, 2020)

General:

- (Page 4) Thank you card from J. Brennerstuhl

10.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent

The following will be accepted as correspondence sent by the Board:

- (Page 1) Letter to E. Alexiuk (Oct. 2, 2020)
- (Page 2) Letter to Retiring Class of 2020 (Oct. 5, 2020)
- (Page 3) Letter to Recipients of Milestone Years of Service (Oct. 5, 2020)
- (Page 4) Letter to WorldStride Explorica (Oct. 15, 2020)
- (Page 6) Email to H. Dempsey (Oct. 16, 2020)
- (Page 7) Email to I. Bindi (Oct. 16, 2020)
- (Page 8) Email to L. Popham (Oct. 16, 2020)
- (Page 9) Email to S. Machado (Oct. 16, 2020)
- (Page 10) Email to A. McKague (Oct. 16, 2020)

10.3 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence be received by the Board:

- e-news bulletin (Oct. 7, 2020)

11. ACTION ITEMS

12. PUBLIC FORUM

The following members of the public were in attendance and were provided with the opportunity to make comment or ask questions:

- Carolyne Marchildon
- Charlene Sacher
- Derrick Sabourin
- Dwight Lavallee
- Irene Bindi
- Jacintha Anyadike
- Jay McGurran
- Kelly Grijalva
- Maggie Macintosh
- Marcela Cabezas
- Rebecca Sands
- Samuel Cerilli-Boucher

- Scott Wood
- Tina Choy-Pohl
- Tracy Mowdy
- Trinda Tickner
- Van
- Irene Bindi is happy to hear that the takeaway from her presentation is the need for an independent research. She asked, "Has there been discussion, at any level, about this being equity base? Would you like me to bring more information?"

Superintendent Michalik agreed it is a question of equity, of belonging, of inclusiveness, of inclusive practice. These are the questions that are going to be at the heart of this research. We need to elicit from students, from parents, from staff and from community, their lived experience, their perspectives.

- Kelly Grijalva asked if parents will be consulted regarding the SRO program?

Superintendent Michalik confirmed that parents would be consulted regarding the review of the SRO program. We need to better understand how we are doing around human diversity; we want to hear from all three essential voices including students, staff and, parents. We are going to dig deep to determine if this program is an asset.

- Irene Bindi asked if the nature of the role of the SRO is under review or the actual program is under review for the 2021-2022 year?

The Chair advised that she is not able to offer an answer regarding the review of the SRO program; however, she committed to further conversation and public involvement.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The October 20 Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

“original signed by L. Johnston”

Chair

“Original signed by M. Kenny”

Secretary-Treasurer