

**MINUTES OF THE**

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

Tuesday, December 1, 2020, 6:30 P.M.

Virtual 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  
Neil Vadeboncoeur, Trustee

**REGRETS:** Cindy Turner, 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 December 1 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 6:40 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 virtual 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 – December 1, 2020**

2020-045

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Landry

THAT the December 1 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

### **2.2 Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting – November 17, 2020**

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

## **3. LRSD NEWS**

### **3.1 Chair's News from Trustee Vadeboncoeur**

Trustee Nemeth and I recently attended the École George-McDowell Parent Advisory Council (PAC) virtual meeting. It was a pleasure listening to parents and staff who are taking the pandemic in stride and who continue to focus on students and the school. I want to highlight the terrific contributions of PACs, and especially in 2020 during the pandemic. PACs, parents, staff, and the division are focused on education and the well-being of our students, families, and staff. It was a pleasure to be part of the École George-McDowell PAC meeting and to reaffirm that the division is focused on communities supporting each other.

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

Today we launched #ProjectJoyLRSD. Despite the challenges brought on by the pandemic, there are still wonderful things happening in schools throughout the division and our community. The division wants to celebrate those moments of joy during the month of December. We need to come together as community and find ways to celebrate joy, even in the midst of a pandemic.

Leading #ProjectJoyLRSD is Darcy Cormack, Brandon Boone and Taylor Fenn. They are asking everyone to share stories of joy and kindness. I challenge everyone to spread kindness and let's make this project a success.

## **4. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **4.1 Standing Committees**

#### **4.1.1 Finance and Audit Committee Update**

Trustee Vadeboncoeur, Committee Chair, shared the minutes from the November 25 Finance and Audit Committee Meeting. Trustee Vadeboncoeur commended Secretary-Treasurer Kenny and the entire Department for their herculean efforts during this pandemic. The budget process this year is going to be different due to COVID-19.

## **5. BOARD EDUCATION**

### **5.1 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Fall General Meeting and Regional Meeting Report**

Trustees Johnston, Landry, Parker, and Nemeth shared their learnings from the MSBA general and regional meetings held on November 21, 2020.

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

### **6.1 Strategic Priority 4 – Creating a Culture of Caring and Collaboration – Generosity**

Superintendent Michalik facilitated a dialogue about the division's Multi-Year Strategic Plan, specifically with reference to Strategic Priority 4 – Creating a Culture of Caring and Collaboration (Generosity) and how these priorities relate to the Annual Report to the Community.

## **7. STAFFING**

### **7.1 Coordinator Update**

Superintendent Michalik shared a personnel update.

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

### **8.1 Taskforce Updates**

Superintendent Michalik and members of the SLT provided taskforce updates.

### **8.2 Temporary Learning from Home Option**

Superintendent Michalik provided an update regarding the Temporary Learning from Home Option.

### **8.3 Leadership Team Meeting - November 18, 2020**

Superintendent Michalik and members of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) shared the agenda from the November 18 Leadership Team Meeting and answered trustee questions.

### **8.4 Principals Meeting - November 25, 2020**

Superintendent Michalik shared an update from the November 25 Principals Meeting.

### **8.5 Plan for Non-Instructional Days - November 30 and December 7, 2020**

Superintendent Michalik and members of SLT shared the plan for the Nov. 30 and Dec. 7 non-instructional days.

### **8.6 Donation of Surface Disinfectant from Fluid Energy to Schools Across Canada**

2020-046

Moved by Trustee Page

Seconded by Trustee Vadeboncoeur

THAT the Board receive the email from the Honourable Daniel Vandal dated October 9, 2020, regarding the donation of surface disinfectant from Fluid Energy, as information; and,

THAT the Chair respond with a letter of thanks.

CARRIED

### **8.7 Feeding Families**

Superintendent Michalik and Darcy Cormack, Divisional Principal, provided details of the Feeding Families initiative and answered trustee questions.

### **8.8 Meeting with MLAs - December 1, 2020**

The Chair led a discussion regarding a meeting held this evening with MLAs representing ridings in the LRSD catchment area.

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **9.1 School Board Correspondence – Received**

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

Manitoba Education:

- None

Public Schools Finance Board:

- (Page 1) Letter RE: Glenwood School – Steam Heating System Replacement (Nov. 3, 2020)

General:

- (Page 2) Email from I. Bindi (Nov. 19, 2020)
- (Page 5) Email from A. White of Marketing Health Canada (Nov. 19, 2020)
- (Page 8) Thank you letter from Université de Saint-Boniface (Nov. 23, 2020)

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

The following MSBA correspondence was received by the Board:

Labour Relations:

- None

General MSBA Correspondence:

- (Page 1) E-bulletin (Nov. 18, 2020)
- (Page 2) Email RE: Clarification re: Board Meetings (Nov. 24, 2020)

## **10. ACTION ITEMS**

## **11. PUBLIC FORUM**

The following members of the public were in attendance and had the opportunity to make comments or ask questions about this evening's agenda items:

- Annelize Loewen
- Carol Bitchok
- Irene Bindi
- Jay McGurran
- Marcela Cabezas
- Scott Wood
- Tina Choy-Pohl

No questions or comments were received from the public.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The December 1 Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

“original signed by L. Johnston”

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Chair

“original signed by M. Kenny”

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Secretary-Treasurer