

**MINUTES OF THE**

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

Tuesday, December 15, 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  
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 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 15 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 6:36 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 15, 2020**

2020-047

Moved by Trustee Nemeth

Seconded by Trustee Parker

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

CARRIED

### **2.2 Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting – December 1, 2020**

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

## **3. LRSD NEWS**

### **3.1 News from the Board of Trustees**

As we come to the end of 2020, this unique and challenging year, I want to thank you for your incredible hard work and trust during these unprecedented times. The COVID-19 pandemic remains one of the largest challenges we have ever had to face together as a school division.

Throughout everything you have ensured that we continued to deliver high quality and engaging education to all students. You have created safe and inviting spaces for all!

On behalf of the LRSD Board of Trustees, we say thank you!

Thank you for pulling together to help our students, families, and each other. Your willingness to change direction at almost a moment's notice, when we had to close our schools in March was incredible. We have completely rethought the way we do business, from instruction to maintenance and operations.

I want to publicly extend our gratitude to our Superintendent Christian Michalik, the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and every member of the LRSD staff for their response to the crisis. The ongoing commitment, dedication, and efforts by all to meet the needs of our students is to be commended.

It is important to celebrate some LRSD successes and milestones. Look at some of the accomplishments:

- The SLT and many LRSD staff built not only one, but two virtual schools!
- The first and only division in the province to achieve two metres distancing!
- The only division to put up tents to make outside learning work!
- Public Town Hall Live Events are provided regularly
- We stayed focused on our strategic plan and we have continued to move forward
- Language from *Our Navigating the 2020-2021 School Year Plan* is now being used by many divisions
- Our time investment in Power BI allows us to be leaders on data-driven informed decision making.
- We have stayed true to our consultation model and we have engaged regularly with all stakeholders

We have truly accomplished so much this year, while battling this pandemic together.

### **This week we have evidence that Santa does exist!!!**

I am reporting that nearly all parents at Windsor Park Collegiate have received their refund cheques for the March 2020 cancelled Europe trips! Total refunds so far are in excess of \$100,000. This is an example of persistence from our Assistant Superintendent Henri Péloquin, school teams, and some strong letter writing campaigns!

On Dec. 10, 185 bikes were gifted to Victor Mager School and 95 bikes to René Deleurme Centre thanks to the Wrench and its annual Cycle of Giving and Moving on Up Campaign.

And if you still don't believe in the miracle of Santa, just look at the incredible stories that #ProjectJoyLRSD has been sharing!!!!

I want to wish you and your families good health and happiness as we approach the New Year!

Wishing you a joyful Holiday Season!

### **3.2 News from Superintendent Michalik**

- One more Town Hall Live Event featuring J. H. Bruns Family of Schools will take place tomorrow evening. This is a wonderful opportunity for the community and parents to virtually see what is happening in schools.

- I would like to acknowledge the hard work of Steve Jones and the team at the St. Boniface Research Centre and the Youth BioLab and the work they have done to bring science into the classroom.

**4. PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD**

**4.1 Winnipeg Police Services Presentation**

The following members of the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) attended the meeting virtually:

- Inspector Bonnie Emerson, Senior Manager WPS of Community Support Division
- Patrol Sergeant Chad Goodall
- Sergeant Rich Lemire, Supervisor School Engagement Section
- Constable Marnie Minkus, School Resource Officer for LRSD

Sergeant Rich Lemire and Constable Marnie Minkus made a presentation to the Board regarding the School Resource Officer (SRO) program and answered trustee questions.

**5. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**5.1 Standing Committees**

**5.1.1 Community Engagement Committee Update**

2020-048

Moved by Trustee Nemeth

Seconded by Trustee Parker

THAT the Board receive the document outlining the process by which trustees will make arrangements to attend parent advisory council (parent council, parent association) meetings and that the process outlined be followed by all trustees.

CARRIED

**5.1.2 Finance and Audit Committee Update**

2020-049

Moved by Trustee Vadeboncoeur

Seconded by Trustee Page

THAT the Board approves all current COVID-19 expenditures to date that have been submitted to government for approval and reimbursement.

CARRIED

**5.2 Riel-Evate Endowment Fund Committee**

**5.2.1 Riel-Evate Endowment Fund Committee Update**

Trustee Nemeth, Committee Chair, provided an update regarding a donation from CUPE 4642 in the amount of \$3,000 made to the Riel-Evate Endowment Fund.

## **6. FINANCE AND AUDIT**

### **6.1 Finance and Audit Update**

Secretary-Treasurer Kenny provided an update regarding capital reserves and answered trustee questions.

### **6.2 Draft Spotlight Story RE: Pandemic Finances**

The Chair advised the draft spotlight story will be coming in the New Year.

## **7. STAFFING**

### **7.1 Personnel Update**

Superintendent Michalik shared a personnel update that Henri Péloquin, Assistant Superintendent, has indicated his intention to retire effective June 30, 2021.

## **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 and Tim MacKay, Director of International Student Program and Newcomer Services provided an update regarding the Temporary Learning from Home Option

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

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

### **8.4 Meeting with Councillors - December 15, 2020**

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

### **8.5 United Way/Riel-Evate Campaign**

Superintendent Michalik and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Hume shared information regarding the 2020 United Way Winnipeg/Riel-Evate divisional campaign. The employees of the LRSD were very generous and the goal of \$50,000 was exceeded with a total raised in the amount of \$58,624. The final report on the campaign will not be

complete until after the United Way's year end on March 31, 2021, however the numbers will not change significantly.

#### **8.6 Monthly Updates Regarding Communications Metrics**

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

### **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

Manitoba Education:

- (Page 1) Letter from the Hon. Min. Goertzen RE: K to 12 Schools Re-Opening to International Students (Dec. 4, 2020)

Public Schools Finance Board:

- (Page 3) Letter RE: Hastings School – Elevator & Grooming Room Renovation (Nov. 26, 2020)
- (Page 4) Letter RE: General Vanier School – Grooming Room (Dec. 3, 2020)
- (Page 5) Letter RE: J.H. Bruns – Roof Replacement and Grooming Room (Dec. 3, 2020)

General:

- (Page 6) Email from J. Moore (Dec. 9, 2020)
- (Page 8) Holiday greetings from Division scolaire franco-manitobaine

#### **9.2 Board Correspondence - Sent**

The following correspondence was sent on behalf of the Board:

- (Page 1) Thank you email to Hon. Daniel Vandal (Dec. 11, 2020)

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

The following MSBA correspondence was received by the Board:

Labour Relations:

- None

General MSBA Correspondence:

- (Page 1) Memo RE: 2021 Annual Convention – Update (Dec. 2, 2020)
- (Page 3) E-bulletin (Dec. 2, 2020)
- (Page 4) Minutes from 2020 Fall General Meeting

- (Page 6) Memo RE: Urgent Notice RE: Bill 64 – Appeal for all Boards to Register
- (Page 8) Copy of a letter from S. Whiteford RE: Allocation of funds under the Safe Schools Fund (Dec. 2, 2020)
- (Page 13) Memo RE: Thank You / Good Job” Initiative – thank you to healthcare workers (Dec. 9, 2020)

**9.3.1 Correspondence Pulled**

There was table discussion regarding the letter from S. Whiteford dated December 2, 2020.

**10. ACTION ITEMS**

**10.1 School Resource Officer (SRO) Management Committee**

2020-050

Moved by Trustee Page

Seconded by Trustee Nemeth

THAT the SRO Management Committee be struck as per the SRO Agreement dated October 28, 2020.

CARRIED

**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:

Irene Bindi asked if this evening's presentation was initiated by the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) or by the division?

Superintendent Michalik confirmed that the division reached out to the WPS to make a presentation to the Board and to meet the new SRO. We have had similar presentations from the WPS in the past, so this is quite usual.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The December 15 Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:41 P.M.

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“original signed by M. Kenny”

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer