

MINUTES OF THE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, January 19, 2021, 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 January 19 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 6:33 P.M.

1.1 LRSD Land Acknowledgement

The Louis Riel School Division (LRSD) brings together a community of schools on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabek, Ininewak, and Dakota Peoples. Our division is

located on the homeland of the Métis Nation. We recognize that Manitoba is also home to the traditional lands of the Anishininwak and Dene Peoples.

We respect the treaties made on these lands and acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past and the present. We dedicate ourselves to authentic alliances with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and cooperation.

The ongoing development of LRSD'S land acknowledgement is guided by our Indigenous Council of Grandmothers and Grandfathers and we thank them for their generosity and collaboration.

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 – January 19, 2021

2020-056

Moved by Trustee Page

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the January 19 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting – January 5, 2021

As there were no changes, the January 5 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

3. LRSD NEWS

3.1 News from the Board of Trustees - provided by Trustee Kolochuk

Budget time for me as a Chartered Professional Accountant, is one of my favorite times of the year!

When going through the process last year, we would have never been able to foresee the situation we are in today in relation to the Manitoba Pandemic Response System Orange: Restricted level in schools.

For the 2021-2022 budget, we will be forecasting and making educated estimates regarding COVID-19 expenses along with the pandemic's affects to education.

Tonight, we had our first conversation with the Committee of the Whole to start the 2021-2022 budget discussion. A series of spotlight stories focused on the budget will be published on www.lrsd.net and shared on social media.

Along with the spotlight stories, there is a 2021-2022 budget Thoughtexchange survey now available for the community to express their thoughts and provide feedback. I encourage our community members to contribute to the conversation.

The Board is also looking forward to the virtual Draft Budget Public Consultation Live Event scheduled for Feb. 23, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Please register for the online event by visiting <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/draft-budget-town-hall-live-event-tickets-136034734553>.

The budget consultation will definitely be an educational evening!

3.2 News from Superintendent Michalik

I want to highlight the kindergarten orientation evenings we have planned for:

- February 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. French Immersion Program
- February 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. English Program

Due to the pandemic, we will proceed virtually welcoming children, parents and guardians into LRSD via a Teams meeting.

We will continue to leverage technology as we create a digital resource, utilizing structures like the Early Years Evaluation Instrument used to measure the child's readiness for school. It is important to collect diagnostic information, which information is shared with the parents. The data also informs and prepares staff who support the children as they start their learning journey.

4. PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

4.1 Supporting Newcomers in LRSD during the Pandemic

Tim MacKay, Director of International Student Program and Newcomer Services along with the following list of co-presenters provided a presentation regarding supporting newcomers in LRSD during the pandemic:

- Yana Zheleva – Neighborhood Immigrant Settlement Worker (NISW) Team
- Marcel Lembissa – NISW Team
- Iftu Ibrahim – NISW Team
- Dennis Nguyen – Literacy, Academics, and Language (LAL) Teacher at WPC
- Amber Zetaruk - Clinical Services Supervisor

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Riel-Evate Endowment Fund Committee

Trustee Parker, Committee Member, provided an update from the Jan. 19 Riel-Evate Endowment Fund Committee meeting.

6. BOARD EDUCATION

6.1 Governance Core Professional Development Update

The Chair led a round-table discussion regarding the Board's ongoing professional development focused on governance.

7. FINANCE AND AUDIT

7.1 Spotlight Story RE: Pandemic Finances

Superintendent Michalik shared the spotlight story regarding roles and responsibilities of the Finance and Audit Committee and Committee of the Whole. The next story will be about COVID-19 expenditures.

8. INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

8.1 Pandemic Updates

Superintendent Michalik provided pandemic updates.

8.2 School Resource Officer (SRO) Management Committee

Assistant Superintendent Péroquin shared the SRO Management Committee update.

2020-057

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Page

THAT the Board accept the recommendation from Assistant Superintendent Péroquin that three LRSD representatives sit on the SRO Management Committee; and,

THAT Trustee Nemeth serve on the SRO Management Committee as the Board representative.

CARRIED

8.3 Building Sustainable Communities Grant Program Update

The Chair led a conversation regarding the Building Sustainable Communities Grant Program.

8.4 Updates to Safe Work Procedure: Students with Additional Needs - Close Proximity

Steve Lawrie, Director of Inclusion and Clinical Services, provided an update and answered trustee questions related to the Safe Work Procedure.

8.5 Mobile Eyecare Clinic Update

Darcy Cormack, Divisional Principal, provided an update and answered trustee questions.

8.6 Monthly Updates Regarding Communications Metrics

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

8.7 Expanding Schools Capital Support

Amarbeer Bhandari, Director of Maintenance, Facilities and Transportation, shared an update and answer trustee questions.

9. POLICY

9.1 Policy Review Committee Update - First Reading

2020-058

Moved by Trustee Landry

Seconded by Trustee Vadeboncoeur

THAT Policy AEB - Recognition for Exceptional Contributions to Public Education in LRSD reviewed by the Superintendent's Policy Committee receive first reading; and

THAT Policy AEB - Recognition for Exceptional Contributions to Public Education in LRSD be further reviewed in committee and brought back for second and third reading before the end of the school year.

CARRIED

9.2 Policies Schedule for Review in 2020-2021

Superintendent Michalik shared the schedule of policies coming for review during the 2020-2021 school year.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 School Board Correspondence – Received

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

Manitoba Education:

- (Page 1) Letter from C. Moody, Assistant Deputy Minister, RE: Manitoba Remote

- Learning Support Centre (Jan. 4, 2021)
- (Page 4) Remote Learning Strategy (Jan. 2021)
- (Page 25) Remote Learning Strategy – At a Glance
- (Page 26) Letter from S. Whiteford, RE: Order of Local Governance (Jan. 13, 2021)

Education Funding Branch:

- None

General:

- (Page 27) Letter from G. McFarlane (Jan. 6, 2021)
- (Page 29) Email from G. Young (Jan. 9, 2021)
- (Page 30) Spelling Bee of Canada 33rd Annual Digital Championship

10.2 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence was received by the Board:

Labour Relations:

- None

General MSBA Correspondence:

- (Page 1) Data Privacy Day Poster
- (Page 2) E-bulletin (Jan. 6, 2021)
- (Page 3) Awards Extension Flyer
- (Page 4) E-Resources Repository Follow-Up Letter to Hon. Minister Cullen (Jan. 8, 2021)
- (Page 5) TRCM Treaty Education Poster

11. ACTION ITEMS

11.1 Draft Ethno-Cultural Diversity Staff Survey and Community Consultation Strategy

2020-059

Moved by Trustee Landry

Seconded by Trustee Page

THAT the Board approve the draft ethno-cultural diversity staff survey and community consultation strategy related to its eventual implementation.

CARRIED

11.2 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Nominations

2020-060

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Nemeth

THAT the Board accepts the SLT's recommendation for the following MSBA award

nominations:

Student Citizenship Award:

Individual - Mariah Meilleur, Collège Jeanne-Sauvé
Group - Indigenous Leadership Group

Presidents' Council Award:

Learning from Home School

CARRIED

11.3 Region 5 Resolution - Proposed Amendments

2020-061

Moved by Trustee Parker

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the Board approve the proposed amendments to the Region 5 Resolution; and,

THAT the Chair respond to the Manitoba School Boards Association by January 25, 2021.

CARRIED

12. 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:

- Asif Mohamed
- Irene Bindi
- Jay McGurran
- Maggie Macintosh
- Marcela Cabezas
- Scott Wood
- Shamara McGurran
- Tina Choy-Pohl

Marcela Cabezas: "The LRTA looks forward to the opportunity to engage in conversations regarding the ethno-cultural survey. This data is needed both from the division's and from the teachers' society perspective. I am thankful for the work that has been undertaken and look forward to future conversations with respect to this item."

Irene Bindi asked for and received clarification regarding the SRO Management Committee.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The January 19 Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

“original signed by L. Johnston”

Chair

“original signed by M. Kenny”

Secretary-Treasurer