

**MINUTES OF THE**

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

Tuesday, February 16, 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 Muisse, Administrative Assistant  
Marlene Murray, Assistant Superintendent Student Services  
Henri Pélouquin, Assistant Superintendent Instructional Services

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Feb. 16 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 6:32 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 – Feb. 16, 2021**

2020-064

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the Feb. 16 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

### **2.2 Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting – Feb. 2, 2021**

As there were no changes, the Feb. 2 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

## **3. LRSD NEWS**

### **3.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Parker**

Trustee Parker commented on how nice it was to see students playing and learning safely outside during COVID-19. Learning social distancing is one of the most difficult challenges for all of us.

He also highlighted parent advisory councils who are still managing to work well (during a pandemic) and continue the business of supporting our schools.

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

Superintendent Michalik highlighted:

- Thoughtexchange is technology that helps us engage with our community. The Thoughtexchange related to the 2021-2022 budget will remain open until the budget is finalized. Some of the key thoughts include smaller class sizes, the importance of student-teacher relationships, and smaller groups or a one-to-one ratio (between student and teacher) for instruction.
- The Dakota Family of Schools Town Hall Live Event is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 18.
- This week we launch our celebration of Indigenous Storytelling Week culminating on Friday, Feb. 19 with an all-day and all-age Indigenous Music Festival.
- Reminder that on Tuesday, Feb. 23 we will host the Draft Budget Public Consultation Live Event.

## **4. PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD**

### **4.1 Employment Skills Training Team Presentation**

Steve Lawrie, Director of Inclusion and Clinical Services along with the following co-presenters made a presentation to the Board regarding employment skills training in LRSD:

- Morgan Jollymore, Student
- Kimberley Correia, Job Coach
- Nicole Woodhall, Job Coach
- Scott Chisholm, Job Coach
- Chris Marinelli, Employment Skills Team Teacher Leader

## **5. FINANCE AND AUDIT**

### **5.1 Second Quarter Operating Fund Statements**

Secretary-Treasurer Kenny shared the Second Quarter Operating Fund report.

## **6. STAFFING**

### **6.1 Personnel Update**

Superintendent Michalik advised that as a result of Henri Péroquin announcing his intention to retire, the vacant position of Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services, responsible for French Immersion programming, will be posted immediately.

## **7. INFORMATION TO THE BOARD**

### **7.1 Pandemic Updates**

Superintendent Michalik and members from the Senior Leadership Team provided pandemic updates.

### **7.2 Enrolment Report**

Superintendent Michalik shared the Enrolment Report dated of Feb. 11, 2021.

### **7.3 Manito Ahbee Aki Live Event**

Superintendent Michalik hosted a virtual live event held on Wednesday, Feb. 10 to introduce *Manito Ahbee Aki*, the first Minecraft teaching resource in the world that honours, celebrates and explores a Manitoba Anishinaabe community. He was joined by Hon. Dan Vandal, Minister of Northern Affairs, Hon. Rochelle Squires, Minister of Families and Minister responsible for Francophone Affairs, and Mayor Brian Bowman.

### **7.4 Building our Data Literacy Journey**

Superintendent Michalik illustrated through Power BI how we are building our data literacy journey in LRSD.

### **7.5 Monthly Updates Regarding Communications Metrics**

Superintendent Michalik provided a report on communications metrics for the month of Jan. 2021.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **8.1 School Board Correspondence – Received**

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

Manitoba Education:

- (Page 1) Letter from Hon. Minister Cullen RE: Family Outreach Coordinator Initiative (Jan. 22, 2021)
- (Page 3) Letter from C. Moody, Assistant Deputy Minister, RE: Manitoba Learning Resource Centre (Feb. 1, 2021)
- (Page 5) Manitoba Learning Resource Centre – Stakeholder FAQ
- (Page 7) Letter from C. Moody, Assistant Deputy Minister, RE: Sources of Strength (Feb. 1, 2021)
- (Page 10) Sources of Strength Attachment
- (Page 11) Letter from Hon. Minister Cullen RE: 2021/22 Funding (Feb. 5, 2021)

Education Funding Branch:

- (Page 13) Letter RE: 2021/22 Funding Information (Feb. 5, 2021)

General:

- (Page 21) Letter from K. Rebeck (Jan. 29, 2021)

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

The following MSBA correspondence was received by the Board:

Labour Relations:

- None

General MSBA Correspondence:

- (Page 1) Zoom How To's Convention 2021
- (Page 3) Memo RE: 2021 (Virtual) Convention Registration (Feb. 3, 2021)
- (Page 7) e-bulletin (Feb. 3, 2021)
- (Page 8) 2021 Convention Resolutions Package
- (Page 19) Convention 2021 Program Overview
- (Page 20) Memo RE: Resolutions Procedures (Feb. 10, 2021)

## **9. ACTION ITEMS**

### **9.1 MSBA Advocating for the K-12 Review to be Released**

2020-065

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Parker

THAT the Board direct Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) to advocate to the province for the immediate release of the Manitoba Commission Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education review.

CARRIED

### **9.2 MSBA Distribution of Board Ballots**

2020-066

Moved by Trustee Parker

Seconded by Trustee Landry

THAT the memorandum dated Feb. 10, 2021, from Janis Arnold regarding the distribution and casting of board ballots at the 2021 (Virtual) Annual Convention of the Manitoba School Boards Association be received as information; and

THAT the Chair respond.

CARRIED

**10. 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:

- Carol Bitchok
- Charlene Edye-Rowntree
- Itoro Affia
- Jay McGurran
- Katherine Hyshka
- Leanne Roberts
- Marcela Cabezas
- Scott Wood
- Tina Choy-Pohl

Marcela Cabeza asked how many teachers are now in the Learning from Home School.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The February 16 Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

“original signed by L. Johnston”

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Chair

“original signed by M. Kenny”

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Secretary-Treasurer