

MINUTES OF THE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, June 1, 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
Ron Cadez, Divisional Principal

1. CALL TO ORDER

The June 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 6:39 p.m.

The meeting started with a moment of silence remembering and honouring the lives of 215 children found at a former residential school in Kamloops, British Columbia.

1.1 LRSB Land Acknowledgement

The Louis Riel School Division (LRSB) brings together a community of schools on the traditional land of the Anishinaabek, Ininewak, and Dakota. Our division is located on the homeland of the Métis. We recognize that Manitoba is also the traditional land of the Anishininwak and Dene.

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

The ongoing development of LRSB'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 – June 1, 2021

2020-091

Moved by Trustee Nemeth

Seconded by Trustee Landry

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

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting – May 4, 2021

As there were no changes, the May 4 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

2.3 Approval of Minutes of Special Board Meeting - May 18, 2021

As there were no changes, the May 18 minutes of the Special Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

3. LRSD NEWS

3.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Johnston

My focus this evening is on the Board's Community Conversation about Bill 64 held on May 25.

More than 950 people registered for the virtual event: *A Conversation about Bill 64: The Education Modernization Act and its Four-Pillar Strategy*. When that many people register for a community conversation on Manitoba public education, it is a great news day!

The purpose of the evening was to encourage our community to engage and consider the proposed reforms under Bill 64 and its Better Education Starts Today strategy. The high level of participation showed what we have known to be true for some time: the LRSD community is truly engaged and interested in public education.

The virtual event included a presentation from five students at Windsor Park Collegiate, perspective from a parent in the division, and a keynote from Dr. John R. Wiens, dean emeritus at the faculty of education at the University of Manitoba. All three of the presentations were powerful, well researched and passionate.

I am personally most proud of the five students from Windsor Park Collegiate. The students and teachers are to be applauded for bringing the study of democracy to life! They raised some very worthy questions and (engaged in) discussion on the proposed Bill 64.

These students are our future! They are our leaders!

3.2 News from Superintendent Michalik

Superintendent Michalik highlighted the following:

- I want to reiterate the Chair's comments that on May 25, students from Windsor Park Collegiate showed great courage about sharing their learnings. I applaud the teachers, from whom and with whom the students learn. I also want to be very clear that I applaud the community for efforts to learn (more about Bill 64) and their courage in sharing what they learned. No one should feel they have done anything wrong; on the contrary, it was a wonderful example of learning at its best. We also had a brave parent who spoke so brilliantly and eloquently about her perspective as a parent.
- I want to celebrate and recognize Lisa Reis Tymchuk, Occupational Therapist, who was selected as one of the recipients of the 2021 Outstanding Therapist Awards by the Manitoba Society of Occupational Therapists (MSOT) Awards and Nominations Committee.
- I also want to recognize Keith Moen, School Psychologist, who was honoured with the Manitoba Association of School Psychologists Award of Excellence.

It is wonderful to see employees in LRSD sharing their excellent work and efficacy.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 Standing Committees

4.1.1 Community Engagement Committee Year-end Report

2020-092

Moved by Trustee Vadeboncoeur

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the Community Engagement Committee year-end report be received with thanks from the Board.

CARRIED

4.1.2 Finance and Audit Committee Year-end Report and Update

Louise Johnston, Chair left the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Sandy Nemeth, Trustee left the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

2020-093

Moved by Trustee Page

Seconded by Trustee Landry

THAT the Finance and Audit Committee year-end report be received with thanks from the Board.

CARRIED

4.1.3 Negotiations Committee Year-end Report

2020-094

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Landry

THAT the Negotiations Committee year-end report be received with thanks from the Board.

CARRIED

5. BOARD EDUCATION

5.1 Bill 64 - The Education Modernization Act and its Four-Pillar Strategy

The Vice-Chair and Superintendent Michalik led a table discussion regarding Bill 64: The Education Modernization Act and its four-pillar strategy with focus on Pillar 2: High-Quality Learning and Outcomes.

5.2 MSBA Memo - Bill 64: The Education Modernization Act and changes to the Non-Teaching Pension Plan

The Vice-Chair shared the memo dated May 13, 2021, received from Colleen Carswell, Chair, MSBA Non-Teaching Pension Plan.

5.3 May 25, 2021, Community Conversation

The Vice-Chair shared a debrief from the community conversation held on May 25, 2021, including the spotlight story. She commended and thanked the students from Windsor Park Collegiate, Rachel Boone, who provided a parent perspective and Dr. John Wiens, keynote speaker.

6. FINANCE AND AUDIT

6.1 Third Quarter (Q3) Operating Fund Statements

Secretary-Treasurer Kenny provided an update regarding the Q3 Operating Fund statements.

6.2 Five-Year Capital Plan for 2022/23 to 2026/27

2020-095

Moved by Trustee Page

Seconded by Trustee Landry

THAT the Five-Year Capital Plan for 2022/23 to 2026/27 be approved and submitted to Capital Planning and Agreement Management.

CARRIED

6.3 Borrowing/Banking Bylaw

2020-096

Moved by Trustee Vadeboncoeur

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the Procedural Bylaw requirement of Section I.3 regarding the limit to two readings at any one meeting be suspended with leave; and,

THAT Secretary-Treasurer Kenny read first, second and third time long, Bylaw 20202021-002 providing for the borrowing of moneys upon the credit of the said School Division to meet current expenses; and finally, be adopted.

CARRIED

6.4 Shared Service Agreements

2020-097

Moved by Trustee Landry

Seconded by Trustee Parker

THAT the Louis Riel School Division enter into shared service agreements for the services for the following independent schools for the 2021-2022 school year:

- Beautiful Savior Lutheran School - clinical services and practical arts services
- Christ the King School- clinical services and practical arts services
- Holy Cross School - clinical services and practical arts services

- Springs Christian Academy - clinical services
- St. Boniface Diocesan High School - clinical services and practical arts services
- St. Emile School – clinical services and practical arts services

CARRIED

7. INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

7.1 Pandemic Updates

Superintendent Michalik provided pandemic updates.

7.2 Enrolment Report

Superintendent Michalik shared an update on the Enrolment Report as of April 30, 2021.

7.3 Future Planning - Southeast Quadrant

Superintendent Michalik and members of the Senior Leadership Team shared an update regarding future planning in the southeast quadrant of the division.

Louise Johnston, Chair joined the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Sandy Nemeth, Trustee joined the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

7.3.1 Middle Immersion Update

Superintendent Michalik and Assistant Superintendent Anderson provided an update on middle immersion, which is now hosted at École Julie-Riel for grades 4 and 5 and at École George-McDowell for grades 6 for students living in the southern portion of our division. Instead of transferring to École George-McDowell, one class of grade 6 pupils will remain at École Julie-Riel next year.

7.4 Summer Learning and Supports

Superintendent Michalik and Darcy Cormack, Divisional Principal, provided a report related to supports and opportunities for learners and families during the summer of 2021. The division was able to redirect some funding thanks to three grants received from the Community Schools Program. For four weeks over the summer, the division will be offering a streamlined ASPIRE program in the morning at the following seven locations:

- Victor Mager School
- Victor H.L. Wyatt School
- St. George School
- Lavallee School
- Frontenac School
- Marion School
- École Varennes

7.5 Graduation 2021 - Update

Superintendent Michalik confirmed that a message was sent to parents/guardians of graduating students that convocation will be celebrated in June. Details will be supplied later in June, as we must adhere to the most recent health orders. Graduation signs will be delivered in the upcoming weeks.

7.6 Leadership Team Meeting - May 19, 2021

Superintendent Michalik shared the agenda from the May 19 Leadership Team Meeting focused on the Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) and data literacy.

7.7 Measuring the Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP)

Superintendent Michalik provided an update measuring the MYSP.

Chris Sigurdson, Trustee left the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

7.8 Annual Report to the Community 2020-2021

Superintendent Michalik shared an update regarding the Annual Report to the Community for 2020-2021.

7.9 Monthly Updates Regarding Communications Metrics

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

7.10 Beyond the Horizon Youth Summit Share Lessons Learned with LRSD Educators on May 31, 2021

Superintendent Michalik shared the agenda and provided an update from the day of professional learning held on May 31 during which students shared lessons learned from the Beyond the Horizon Youth Summit with LRSD educators.

7.11 Board Office December Closure

The Vice-Chair shared the Memorandum of Agreement between LRSD and members of the CUPE Local 4642 for the December holiday closure.

8. POLICY

8.1 Policy Review Committee Update - Policies Presented for Revision

2020-098

Moved by Trustee Nemeth

Seconded by Trustee Johnston

That the Board accept the policies listed below as revised:

- Policy EEA-1 - Student Transportation

- Policy EEA-2 - Student Transportation: Students in a Joint Custody Agreement
- Policy GBG - Board Commitment to Workplace Safety and Health
- Policy IFC - Commitment to Indigenous Perspectives in Education
- Policy IHB - Commitment to Indigenous Student Achievement
- Policy IHBEBA - Bilingual Instruction: French Immersion Education

CARRIED

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 School Board Correspondence – Received

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

Manitoba Education:

- None

Education Funding Branch:

- None

General:

- (Page 1) Email from D. Lamont (April 5, 2021)
- (Page 3) Letter from D. Lavallee, CUPE 4642 President (April 30, 2021)
- (Page 4) Letter from M. Cabezas (May 19, 2021)

9.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent

The following correspondence was sent by the Board:

- (Page 1) Email to MLAs representing the LRSD catchment area (May 8, 2021)

9.3 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence was received by the Board:

Labour Relations:

- (Page 1) Memo RE: BILL 73 – The Employment Standards Code Amendment Act (COVID-19 Vaccination Leave) (May 11, 2021)
- (Page 8) Memo RE: Update on Remaining Bills from 3rd Session, 42nd Legislature (Spring Session 2021) (May 21, 2021)

General MSBA Correspondence:

- (Page 14) CASSA CSBA 2021 Indigenous Education Gathering
- (Page 15) Teaching Math Effectively in Rural Manitoba Isn't Rocket Science or is it
- (Page 18) e-bulletin (May 5, 2021)
- (Page 19) e-bulletin (May 19, 2021)
- (Page 20) CASSA CSBA Congress 2021
- (Page 22) Municipal Engagement Resource (May 28, 2021)

10. ACTION ITEMS

10.1 Change to Island Lakes Community School Catchment Area

2020-099

Moved by Trustee Parker

Seconded by Trustee Nemeth

THAT the Board approve the change to the catchment area for Island Lakes Community School (ILCS) to include North Island Lakes and Bonavista; and,

THAT children entering kindergarten will begin the 2021-2022 school year in ILCS; and,

THAT families with children entering kindergarten will also be given the opportunity to have those children's siblings accompany them at ILCS beginning in September 2021; and,

THAT once we have heard from each of the families with children in kindergarten and their siblings, we will extend the opportunity progressive to families with children in grades 1, 2 and 3 and those children's siblings.

CARRIED

10.2 Board Meetings 2021-2022 Schedule

2020-100

Moved by Trustee Johnston

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the list of Board Meeting dates for 2021-2022 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

11. PUBLIC FORUM

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

- Carol Bitchok
- Darian Davidson
- Jay McGurran
- Joanne DeCruyenaere
- Marcela Cabezas
- Margaret Whitlaw
- Nicholas Kelly
- Sia Erlendson

12. ADJOURNMENT

The June 1 Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

“original signed by L. Johnston”

Chair

“original signed by M. Kenny”

Secretary-Treasurer