

MINUTES OF THE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, June 15, 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, Assistant Superintendent Instructional Services
Amarbeer Bhandari, Director of Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation
Ron Cadez, Divisional Principal
Darcy Cormack, Divisional Principal
Steve Lawrie, Director of Inclusion and Clinical Services
Tim MacKay, Director of International Student Program and Newcomer Services
Deneen Madden, Executive Assistant
Lexi Muise, Executive Assistant
Marlene Murray, Assistant Superintendent Student Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

The June 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 6:35 p.m.

1.1 LRSD Land Acknowledgement

The Louis Riel School Division (LRSD) 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 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.

The meeting started with a moment of silence remembering and honouring Jules Lavallee who died on June 11, 2021. Jules joined LRSD as an Elder in Residence in 2016. His commitment to students and staff continues to leave a lasting impact.

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 15, 2021

2020-101

Moved by Trustee Page

Seconded by Trustee Turner

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

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting – June 1, 2021

3. LRSD NEWS

3.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Kolochuk

As the 2021 school year draws to a close, I'd like to express my gratitude to everyone who has contributed and participated during the year. While this year has been quite different, our students and division have had a successful year.

To think that we started in September in the Restricted (Orange) level on the Manitoba Pandemic Response System (PRS) – two metres distanced in all classrooms and some students in “different” schools due to space constraints. Later in the fall, we moved to two metres distanced with masks on at all times, followed by classrooms being sent

home to self-isolate, and finally a move from Restricted (Orange) to Critical (Red) with schools closed and only remote learning provided, except for K-6 for critical workers.

In response, LRSD created the Learning from Home School/L'École Apprendre-chez-soi, tents popped up in school yards, physical education was outdoors for the entire school year, and teachers were creative in using outdoor space for other classes such as art, science, social studies, music, math, and so on. Concerts and parent-teacher meetings were both held online. All of our students learnt how to use Microsoft Teams to communicate and learn in a virtual environment. This is a skill everyone will need after graduation.

I'm most excited for the 2021-2022 school year since there will hopefully be in-person meetings and in-person concerts.

I wish everyone a wonderful summer and hope to "see" you all in September!

3.2 News from Superintendent Michalik

Superintendent Michalik highlighted the following:

- From June 7 to 11, we held our first annual #LRSDMoves Week. This has been a tremendous success, as seen by our website and on social media. I'd like to thank Darcy Cormack and Taylor Fenn for their contributions to this project.
- I'd like to highlight the article published by Microsoft about the work LRSD is doing in the area of data literacy leveraging Microsoft Power BI.
- On June 21, we have a fantastic event planned to celebrate LRSD National Indigenous Day Live. There will be musical performances by Amélie Tétrault, Double the Trouble - Collège Jeanne-Sauvé students, Tracy Bone, Ethan Lyric - Glenlawn Collegiate student, Darryl Buck, Wes Nelson, Sebastian Gaskin and Sierra Noble. This will be an amazing day and I want to acknowledge our Indigenous Education Team, particularly Bobbie-Jo Leclair who is at the heart of this event.
- Students at Highbury School used their leadership skills to convey an incredible story about how they recently won over \$6,000 for accessibility upgrades to the school as part of Manitoba Possible's MPower: Manitoba's Accessibility Challenge. A great story about student voice leading to a better world at Highbury School.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 Standing Committees

4.1.1 Community Engagement Committee

Trustee Nemeth, Committee Chair, provided an update regarding the parent council forum on Bill 64 scheduled for June 17, 2021. The Board is bringing parents together virtually to give parents an opportunity to speak with one

another and trustees to answer questions. As well, Bill 64 yard signs supporting the Manitoba School Boards Association, YOUR VOICE MATTERS, have also been ordered and should arrive this week. A free lawn sign will be offered to anyone who supports "Say No to Bill 64" and requests one.

5. BOARD EDUCATION

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

The Chair and Superintendent Michalik led a table discussion regarding Bill 64: The Education Modernization Act and its four-pillar strategy with focus on Pillar 3: Future-Ready Students.

5.2 Supporting Equity Programming in LRSD

The Chair shared the spotlight story *Supporting Equity Programming in LRSD* providing the process for anyone wanting to make a donation to the division.

5.3 Hon. Minister Cullen Letter dated June 9, 2021

The Chair shared the June 9, 2021, letter received from the Hon. Minister Cullen regarding funding.

5.4 LRSD Response Letter to Hon. Minister Cullen

The Chair shared the response sent on behalf of the Board to the Hon. Minister Cullen requesting financial support.

6. FINANCE AND AUDIT

6.1 Financial Report

Secretary-Treasurer Kenny provided a financial update advising that we are still awaiting clarification from the province regarding funding.

7. STAFFING

7.1 Personnel Update

Superintendent Michalik provided an update that Marna Kenny, Secretary-Treasurer, intends to retire from the division, effective November 30, 2021.

The Chair read a letter of commendation for Marna Kenny received from the Manitoba Association of School Business Officials, dated June 9, 2021.

8. INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

8.1 Pandemic Updates

Superintendent Michalik and the Chair provided pandemic updates and referenced:

- COVID-19 Bulletin #11 regarding Year-End Graduation Events
- Graduation in LRSD | 2021 spotlight story

8.2 Practical Arts Update

Superintendent Michalik and Assistant Superintendent Anderson shared a slide deck regarding practical arts and answered trustee questions.

8.3 Collège Jeanne-Sauvé Update

Superintendent Michalik provided an update regarding the schematic design renderings for the addition to Collège Jeanne-Sauvé.

8.4 Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) and the Professional Learning Plan for 2021/22

Superintendent Michalik shared the professional learning plan as it relates to the MYSP for the 2021/22 school year and shared the agenda for tomorrow's Leadership Team Meeting.

8.5 LRSD Indigenous, BIPOC, Ethno-Cultural Diversity Employee Survey Results

Superintendent Michalik shared the results of the LRSD Indigenous, BIPOC, Ethno-cultural Diversity Employee survey and answered trustee questions.

8.6 Monthly Updates Regarding Communications Metrics

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

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 School Board Correspondence – Received

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

Manitoba Education:

- (Page 1) Letter from Hon. Min. Cullen (June 9, 2021)
- (Page 3) Letter from D. Rudy (June 15, 2021)

Education Funding Branch:

- (Page 4) Letter RE: J. H. Bruns Collegiate Science Lab Renewal (May 28, 2021)
- (Page 14) Letter RE: Nelson McIntyre Collegiate Science Lab Renewal (May 28, 2021)
- (Page 24) Letter RE: Windsor Park Collegiate Science Lab Renewal (May 28, 2021)

General:

- (Page 34) Email G. McFarlane, Chair of Seven Oaks School Division Board of Trustees (June 1, 2021)
- (Page 36) Email and Letter W. Ruff (June 5, 2021)

- (Page 64) Letter from Manitoba Association of School Business Officials (June 9, 2021)

9.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent

The following correspondence was sent by the Board:

- Letter to Hon. Cliff Cullen, Minister of Education (June 11, 2021)

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) e-bulletin (June 2, 2021)
- (Page 2) Email RE: Canada Celebrates Folklore: Call for illustrations (June 4, 2021)

10. ACTION ITEMS

10.1 Island Lakes Community School and Shamrock School Update

2020-102

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Parker

THAT the Board approve the temporary change to the catchment area for Shamrock School to include English programming for Grade 5 and 6 students living in the Sage Creek area beginning Sept. 2021, with the understanding that when a second LRSD school opens in Sage Creek, one will be designated K-8 English programming and the other K-8 French Immersion programming.

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:

- Audrey Mowat
- Carol Bitchok
- Jay McGurran
- Karen Letham
- Maggie Macintosh
- Marcela Cabezas
- Margaret Whitlaw
- Michelle Amsler

- Nicholas Kelly
- Rob Letham

12. ADJOURNMENT

The June 15 Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer