

MINUTES OF THE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, September 7, 2021, 7:00 P.M.

50 Monterey Road, Winnipeg

Hybrid Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS: Louise Johnston, Chair
Sandy Nemeth, Vice-Chair
Pamela Kolochuk, Trustee, virtually in attendance
Josie Landry, Trustee
Robert Page, Trustee
Tom Parker, Trustee
Chris Sigurdson, Trustee
Cindy Turner, Trustee
Neil Vadeboncoeur, Trustee, virtually in attendance

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
Clarke Hagan, Director of Information Technology Systems
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
Jamie Rudnicki, Associate Secretary-Treasurer

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Sept.7 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 7:02 p.m.

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 the public to the first public Board meeting of the 2021-2022 school year, praising the Leadership Team, Board Office staff, and Superintendent Michalik for their outstanding efforts during these challenging times. They have sacrificed so much of their summer to ensuring that LRSB is ready to reopen this school year. Their unwavering commitment to keeping our students, staff, and communities healthy and safe is what makes LRSB so powerful! We are all working hard to make this school year engaging and sustainable.

I'd also like to thank the School Board. This summer, the Board of Trustees met frequently. Your dedication to public education in Manitoba is truly inspiring. Together, we will continue to do our very best in LRSB.

I would also like to welcome everyone participating in this hybrid meeting. This is to notify you that we audio record Board meetings for accuracy. 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 – Sept. 7, 2021

2021-017

Moved by Trustee Parker

Seconded by Trustee Nemeth

THAT the Sept. 7 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting – June 15, 2021

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

2.3 Approval of Minutes of Special Board Meeting - June 29, 2021

As there were no changes, the June 29 minutes of the Special Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

2.4 Approval of Minutes of Special Board Meeting - Aug. 24, 2021

As there were no changes, the Aug. 24 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

This week, as we welcome students and staff back into schools, we do so without the overwhelming stress and pressure of Bill 64. I want to thank everyone who showed their commitment to public education in so many ways. It is truly a testament to our collective efforts. Let's celebrate and then focus our attention on the important work that lies ahead.

We continue to face the realities of living in a pandemic as we return to school this week. Together we are learning and looking for the best and most sustainable way to start school safely.

Although these times are trying, I am confident we have the best team to guide us through a safe and sustainable effort to keep students in school despite the fourth wave.

Personally, I find a positive outcome of Bill 64 has been the increased level of community engagement and awareness. We have lots of opportunities to collaborate to improve public education in LRSD and across this province.

Today, I had the pleasure of attending a news conference in front of our own board office. Audrey Gordon, Minister of Health and Mental Wellness, and Cliff Cullen, Minister of Education, were present to announce that mental health initiatives will continue to be funded. I would like to highlight that a portion of the funds will now be focused on education staff, well-being, and mental health, along with more funding to continue the Thrival Kits for students.

3.2 News from Superintendent Michalik

Superintendent Michalik acknowledged the Senior Leadership Team and all staff for their efforts as we work together to welcome back more than 15,400 students and 2,200 staff members across the division. I am so grateful to be a part of this team.

Again, this year, we are relying on the students, staff, and community to help us create a successful lived experience.

Jordana Milne, Sport Convenor, will be joining the LRSD team to promote and support physical education, staff, and students' well-being and well-becoming. Jordana brings a wealth of experience to the team. Physical and vigorous play in all forms, particularly in sports, are encouraged.

4. PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

4.1 Summer Vaccine Pop-up Clinics

Darcy Cormack, Divisional Principal, introduced Melissa Brown, School and Family Community Connector, and Michaela Calderwood, Community Resource Worker, who made a presentation regarding the summer vaccine pop-up clinics taking place at the René Deleurme Centre.

5. POLICY

5.1 Policy Review Committee Update - Second and Third Reading - Policy GBGGB-JLIH

2021-0018

Moved by Trustee Sigurdson

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT in accordance with Policy BG - School Board Policy Process, and with the unanimous consent of the Trustees in attendance, two readings may occur at this meeting; and,

THAT Policy GBGGB-JLIH - Safe Work & Learning Environment: Mandatory Mask Usage, reviewed by the Superintendent's Policy Committee, receive second and third reading and finally be adopted.

CARRIED

5.2 Policy Review Committee Update - Second and Third Reading - Policy GBGBC

2021-019

Moved by Trustee Page

Seconded by Trustee Parker

THAT in accordance with Policy BG - School Board Policy Process, and with the unanimous consent of the Trustees in attendance, two readings may occur at this meeting; and,

THAT Policy GBGBC - Safe Work & Learning Environment: Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination of Staff & Visitors, reviewed by the Superintendent's Policy Committee, receive second and third reading and finally be adopted.

CARRIED

5.3 Policy Review Committee Update - First Reading - Policy JLI

2021-020

Moved by Trustee Sigurdson

Seconded by Trustee Page

THAT Policy JLI - Safe Work & Learning Environment: Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination of Students Participating in Extracurricular Activities, reviewed by the Superintendent's Policy Committee, receive first reading; and,

THAT Policy JLI be further reviewed in committee and brought back for second and third reading at the Sept. 21 Regular Board Meeting.

CARRIED

6. BOARD EDUCATION

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

The Chair and Superintendent Michalik spoke to actions and correspondence, since June 2021, related to and Bill 64 - The Education Modernization Act and its Four Pillar Strategy.

7. FINANCE AND AUDIT

7.1 Statutory Declaration

2021-021

Moved by Trustee Page

Seconded by Trustee Landry

THAT the Statutory Declaration made by Marna Kenny, Secretary-Treasurer, be accepted.

CARRIED

7.2 Promissory Note LTPS0475

2021-022

Moved by Trustee Nemeth

Seconded by Trustee Sigurdson

THAT the issue of the promissory note #LTSP0475, as it is deemed necessary and expedient to raise by loan the sum of \$1,195,500 on the credit of the Louis Riel School Division for the purpose of financing capital projects, be approved.

CARRIED

8. INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

8.1 Pandemic Update

Superintendent Michalik provided a pandemic update.

8.1.1 Feedback Received Regarding the LRSD Back-to-School Planning

Superintendent Michalik shared the list of public members who reached out to the division with concerns and comments regarding the Navigating the 2021-2022 School Year plan in LRSD. All concerns have been addressed.

8.2 Reviewing Recent ThoughtExchange Regarding the Return to School

Superintendent Michalik reviewed the feedback received from the Staff ThoughtExchange and the Family ThoughtExchange and answered trustee questions.

8.3 Annual Report to the Community (ARC) 2020-2021

Superintendent Michalik shared the 2020-2021 ARC and answered trustee questions. Taylor Fenn, Communications Manager, was key to making this document come to life.

8.4 Manitoba Remote Learning

Superintendent Michalik shared an update regarding remote learning for the 2021/22 school year.

8.5 Provincial Assessments - 2021/22 School Year

Superintendent Michalik shared the Provincial Assessments for the 2021/22 school year.

8.6 State of Equity in Education Report - Newcomers Education Coalition

Superintendent Michalik shared the Education Equity Office Campaign report and will share LRSD's plan when preparing for the 2021 report.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 School Board Correspondence – Received

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

Manitoba Education:

- (Page 1) Letter from the Deputy Minister's Office (Aug. 25, 2021)

Education Funding Branch:

- (Page 7) Letter RE: St. George School – Roofing Replacement Design (July 20, 2021)

General:

- (Page 10) Copy of a letter to V. Martens (June 30, 2021)
- (Page 13) Copy of a letter to J. and M. Onyschak (Aug. 5, 2021)
- (Page 15) Presentation notes from J. Onyschak (Aug. 24, 2021)
- (Page 22) Presentation from J. Onyschak (Aug. 24, 2021)
- (Page 42) Presentation notes from N. Reimer Anderson (Aug. 24, 2021)
- (Page 52) Presentation notes from B. Martens (Aug. 24, 2021)
- (Page 60) Thank you note from S. Treble
- (Page 61) Thank you note from K. Schreckenbach
- (Page 62) Thank you note from R. Raabe
- (Page 63) Thank you note from M. Kim
- (Page 64) Thank you note from A. Moyosore Rogers
- (Page 65) Thank you note from L. Minty
- (Page 66) Thank you note from Melinda
- (Page 67) Thank you note from B. Pilon
- (Page 69) Thank you note from S. Lysack

9.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent

The following correspondence was sent by the Board:

- Letter to MLAs representing LRSD catchment (June 24, 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) MITT Posting for Finance Manager, Planning & Projects
- (Page 4) Letter to A. Campbell (July 6, 2021)
- (Page 5) Memo RE: 2021-2022 Trustee Datebook (Aug. 4, 2021)
- (Page 6) Memo RE: Mask Use in Schools Effective August 17, 2021 (Aug. 18, 2021)
- (Page 23) MAST Posting for Director of Education and Communication Services (Aug. 2021)
- (Page 29) MAST Posting for Director of Labour and Human Resources Services (Aug. 2021)
- (Page 39) Email re: Board meetings (Aug. 27, 2021)

10. ACTION ITEMS

10.1 Bylaw 20212022-001 - Religious Instruction - Island Lakes Community School - First Reading

2021-023

Moved by Trustee Landry

Seconded by Trustee Parker

THAT Bylaw 20212022-001 being a bylaw to authorize the instruction of religion at Island Lakes Community School during the period of Sept. 2021 to June 2022, receive first reading.

CARRIED

10.2 Bylaw 20212022-002 - Religious Instruction - Shamrock School - First Reading

2021-024

Moved by Trustee Page

Seconded by Trustee Nemeth

THAT Bylaw 20212022-002 being a bylaw to authorize the instruction of religion at Shamrock School during the period of Sept. 2021 to June 2022, receive first reading.

CARRIED

10.3 Bylaw 20212022-003 - Religious Instruction - École Sage Creek School - First Reading

2021-025

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Page

THAT Bylaw 20212022-003 being a bylaw to authorize the instruction of religion at École Sage Creek School during the period of Sept. 2021 to June 2022, receive first reading.

CARRIED

10.4 Negotiations Update - CUPE

2021-025

Moved by Trustee Parker

Seconded by Trustee Landry

THAT the amended collective agreement, per the Agreement-in-Committee dated Sept. 7, 2021, agreed to by *The* Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 3473 and the Louis Riel School Division for the period of July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2023, be ratified subject to the Union ratifying the amended collective agreement.

CARRIED

11. PUBLIC FORUM

The Chair invited the public to express their thoughts, concerns, and questions by submitting a contact form on www.lrsd.net.

The following members of the public registered to attend the meeting:

- Asif Mohamed

- Bobbie-Jo Leclair
- Carol Bitchok
- Celia Valel
- Charlene Sacher
- Cyril Indome
- Dwight Lavallee
- Farah Abdul
- Irene Bindi
- Jay McGurran
- Jessica
- Joanne DeCruyenaere
- Joy Onyschak
- Kathy Labelle
- Kelly Grijalva
- Marcela Cabezas
- Maggie Macintosh
- Margaret Whitlaw
- Quinn Hunter
- Rey-Rivard
- Rhonda Timmerman
- Scott Wood
- Sharon Sapoznik
- Shirley Ewanchuk
- Xiao Shen

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Sept. 7 Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

“Originals signed by L. Johnston”

Chair

“Originals signed by M. Kenny”

Secretary-Treasurer