

MINUTES OF THE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, September 21, 2021, 6:30 P.M.
50 Monterey Road, Winnipeg
Hybrid Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS: Louise Johnston, Chair
Sandy Nemeth, Vice-Chair
Pamela Kolochuk, Trustee
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
Marnie Wilson, Coordinator of Data Literacy

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Sept. 21 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 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

I would like to welcome everyone participating in this hybrid meeting. This is also 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. 21, 2021

2021-026

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Kolochuk

THAT the Sept. 21 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of Annual Board Meeting – Sept. 7, 2021

As there were no changes, the Sept. 7 minutes of the Annual Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

2.3 Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting - Sept. 7, 2021

As there were no changes, the Sept. 7 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

3. LRSD NEWS

3.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Nemeth

On Sept. 16, the parent advisory council (PAC) at Dr. D.W. Penner School held a barbeque. This year, the growing community has welcomed many new families and, thankfully, the rain stayed away, allowing new and returning families to spend time together. A nod to Kuldeep Sahota for taking on the role of PAC Chair.

Earlier this year, we learned Victor H. L. Wyatt School will get a new play structure thanks to the support from the Building Sustainable Communities Grant program. On Sept. 17, Trustees Josie Landry, Tom Parker, and Robert Page, City Councillors Brian Mayes and Markus Chambers, Rochelle Squires, Minister responsible for Accessibility and Francophone Affairs, Laurie Ryz, Principal, and Kim Melvin, Vice-Principal, gathered for a celebratory photo. Bringing together elected community representatives and school administration to recognize some very good news for the Victor H. L. Wyatt School community is a fantastic way to begin the school year.

3.2 News from Superintendent Michalik

I'm really looking forward to safely bringing together 40 principals tomorrow with the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) for a face-to-face meeting. The meeting will focus on learning and well-becoming and will include:

- the Indigenous Education Team teaching us some incredibly important lessons
- revisiting how to observe and understand data to identify the greatest areas of need in LRSD
- revisiting how to use Power BI
- recalling the June commitments, we made regarding staff professional learning for 2021/2022
- connecting the dots between the work we're doing as a SLT and the work of support teams, like the Indigenous Education Team, what we can offer schools, and what we're doing in schools
- talking about the pandemic, about how we will safely collaborate and nurture relationships, and about keeping everyone up to date

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 Riel-Evate Endowment Fund Committee

Trustee Nemeth, Chair of the Committee, provided an update from the Riel-Evate Endowment Fund Committee meeting on Sept. 13, sharing that there is interest in organizing a fundraiser prior to the winter break. I invite everyone to visit www.LRSD.net and click on the *What We Offer* tab to find the link to the Riel-Evate Committee, where we celebrate students who graduated and received a bursary from

the endowment fund. I would also like to acknowledge Pamela Gilroy-Rajotte, who has stepped back from the committee, and thank her for her contributions and insights.

5. BOARD EDUCATION

5.1 The Better Education Starts Today (BEST) Strategy

The Chair and Superintendent Michalik led a conversation regarding the BEST strategy.

5.2 Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) with Reference to the Annual Report to the Community (ARC)

Superintendent Michalik facilitated a dialogue regarding the Board's MYSP flipbook with reference to the ARC flipbook for 2020-2021, specific to the Priority 1, Creating a Culture of Equity and Inclusion - Belonging.

6. FINANCE AND AUDIT

6.1 Communication Sent Recently to the Hon. Minister Cullen

The Chair and Superintendent Michalik provided context to the letter sent from the Chair to Hon. Minister Cullen regarding Governance, dated Sept. 17, 2021.

7. INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

7.1 Pandemic Updates

Superintendent Michalik and members of the SLT provided pandemic updates and reference the following:

- Chair's letter to Hon. Minister Cullen RE: Extra-curricular Activities (Sept. 17, 2021)
- Superintendent Michalik's letter to Christina Moody, Assistant Deputy Minister RE: Toolkit (Sept. 17, 2021)
- Ventilation in LRSD
- Self-administered Testing

7.2 2021/2022 Clinician Assignments

Steve Lawrie, Director of Inclusion and Clinical Services, shared the clinician assignments for the 2021/2022 school year.

Clarke Hagan, Director of Information Technology Systems left the meeting at 7:37 pm.

Clarke Hagan, Director of Information Technology Systems joined the meeting at 7:51 pm.

7.3 Recovery Learning Plan

Superintendent Michalik shared the July 19, 2021, letter from Christina Moody, Assistant Deputy Minister regarding Safe Schools Fund for 2021/2022 along with the Safe Schools Recovery Learning Plan.

Marnie Wilson, Coordinator of Data Literacy, referenced the LRSD Data Literacy Initiative and Data Dashboard and answered trustee questions.

7.4 St. Boniface Hospital Youth BIOLab Annual Activity Report

Superintendent Michalik shared the June 5, 2021, letter from Stephen Jones, Director of the Youth BIOLab along with the annual activity report.

7.5 Feedback from ThoughtExchange

Superintendent Michalik shared the feedback received regarding the Staff and Family ThoughtExchanges and answered trustee questions.

8. POLICY

8.1 Policy Review Committee Update - Ratification of Amendment - Policy GBGBC

2021-027

Moved by Trustee Page

Seconded by Trustee Parker

THAT Policy GBGBC - Safe Work & Learning Environment: Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination of Staff & Visitors, be amended to comply with operationalization requirements issued by the Manitoba School Boards Association on Sept. 11, 2021.

CARRIED

8.2 Policy Review Committee Review - Second Reading - Policy JLI

2021-028

Moved by Trustee Sigurdson

Seconded by Trustee Nemeth

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 second reading; and,

THAT Policy JLI be further reviewed in committee and brought back for third reading at the Oct. 5 Regular Board Meeting.

CARRIED

8.3 Policy Review Committee Update - First Reading - Policy JLIJ

2021-029

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT Policy JLIJ - Safe Work & Learning Environment: Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination of New International Students, reviewed by the Superintendent's Policy Committee, receive first reading; and

THAT Policy JLIJ be further reviewed in committee and brought back for second reading at the Oct. 5 Regular Board Meeting.

CARRIED

8.4 Policy Review Committee Update - Dissolution of Adhoc Recognition Policy Committee

2021-030

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Page

WHEREAS, the Adhoc Recognition Policy Committee has completed its work.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Adhoc Recognition Policy Committee is hereby dissolved, with thanks from the Board.

CARRIED

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 School Board Correspondence – Received

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

Manitoba Education:

- (Page 1) Letter from Hon. Minister Cullen RE: Peace Days (Sept. 13, 2021)
- (Page 2) Proclamation – Peace Days September 15 to 21

Education Funding Branch:

- None

General:

- (Page 3) Letter from J. Onyschak (July 31, 2021)
- (Page 7) Fax from Concerned Parents and Grandparents (Aug. 2, 2021)
- (Page 38) Superintendent Michalik's letter to C. Moody (Sept. 17, 2021)
- (Page 41) Superintendent Michalik's letter to Hon. Minister Cullen (Sept. 21, 2021)

9.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent

The following correspondence was sent by the Board:

- Letter to the Hon. Minister Cullen RE: Governance (Sept. 17, 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 Sept. 15, 2021
- (Page 2) Memo RE: Fall General and Regional Meetings Date Change (Sept. 15, 2021)

Sandy Nemeth, Vice-Chair left the meeting at 8:55 pm.

10. ACTION ITEMS

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

2021-031

Moved by Trustee Parker

Seconded by Trustee Landry

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 second reading; and,

THAT Bylaw 20212022-001 be further reviewed in committee and brought back for third reading at the Oct. 5 Regular Board Meeting.

CARRIED

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

2021-032

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Page

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 second reading; and,

THAT Bylaw 20212022-002 be further reviewed in committee and brought back for third reading at the Oct. 5 Regular Board Meeting.

CARRIED

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

2021-033

Moved by Trustee Sigurdson

Seconded by Trustee Landry

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 second reading; and,

THAT Bylaw 20212022-003 be further reviewed in committee and brought back for third reading at the Oct. 5 Regular Board Meeting.

CARRIED

11. PUBLIC FORUM

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

- Angela Raine-Magri
- Ashley Davis
- Brandy Madrigga
- Carrie Fill
- Chandra Kremski
- Charlene Sacher
- Crista Gladstone
- Cyril Indome
- Dale Recksiedler
- Darrin Thorvaldson
- Derek Kremski
- Doreen Perron
- Irene Bindi
- Jay McGurran
- Julie Gaudette
- Joy Onyschak
- Karen Boden
- Maggie Macintosh
- Marcela Cabezas
- Margaret Whitlaw
- Michael Haip
- Minister Rochelle Squires
- Natalie
- Philip Hadley
- Quinn Hunter
- Rachelle Desmarais

- Scott Wood
- Suzanne Buffie
- Tannis Nohlgren
- Tim Agren
- Traci neufeld01

Sandy Nemeth, Vice-Chair joined the meeting at 8:56 pm.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Sept. 21 Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

“Originals signed by L. Johnston”

Chair

“Originals signed by M. Kenny”

Secretary-Treasurer