

**MINUTES OF THE**

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

Tuesday, October 19, 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  
Cindy Turner, Trustee, virtually in attendance  
Neil Vadeboncoeur, Trustee

**REGRETS:** Chris Sigurdson, 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, virtual  
Ron Cadez, Divisional Principal, virtual  
Darcy Cormack, Assistant Superintendent Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Services  
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, virtual  
Deneen Madden, Executive Assistant  
Lexi Muisse, Executive Assistant  
Marlene Murray, Assistant Superintendent Student Services  
Marnie Wilson, Coordinator of Data Literacy, virtual  
Jamie Rudnicki, Associate Secretary-Treasurer

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Oct. 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 6:32 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**

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 – Oct. 19, 2021**

2021-048

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Vadeboncoeur

THAT the Oct. 19 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

### **2.2 Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting – Oct. 5, 2021**

As there were no changes, the Oct. 5 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

## **3. LRSD NEWS**

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

I'm excited to say that earlier this month, I was able to volunteer at a school. École Van Belleghem participated in the Farm to School Fundraiser and requested parents/guardians to assist with vegetable sorting. It was great to see

other parents/guardians and students, and to be able to participate in ways we hadn't been able to in the previous 18 months. This fundraiser, which will be held at four different schools in LRSD, generated almost \$2,000.

Other fundraisers in which I enjoyed participating were the Old Dutch fundraising at Shamrock School and the Sage Creek Run last weekend.

It is great to see schools and parent councils fundraising in ways that they couldn't prior to COVID-19.

I'll be keeping an eye on my social media for other upcoming fundraisers.

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

- I want to share a piece written by Adriano Magnifico entitled, *Hallways of Indigenous inspiration at ATC*. This piece has been promoted on social media regarding Justine Proulx, a student who graduated from ATC in 2015, and the work she did at ATC filling hallways with beautiful Indigenous-inspired artwork.
- We were quite relieved to see that Premier Goertzen officially withdrew Bill 64 from the legislative agenda on Oct. 6.
- On Oct. 12, we kicked off our United Way/Riel-Evate campaign for 2021. The campaign in LRSD is primarily a digital campaign, so staff can donate electronically or manually fill out a donation form if they choose. I'd like to highlight the importance of both organizations. United Way has a long history of supporting many groups in St. Vital and St. Boniface that have a direct impact the lives of our students. Riel-Evate is a local organization that, like United Way, aims to engage a community's collective kindness to help those in need.

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

### **4.1 Well-becoming in LRSD**

Steve Lawrie, Director of Inclusion and Clinical Services, introduced the following members of the team who made a presentation regarding well-becoming in LRSD:

- Alex Peniuta, Supervisor of Well-Becoming
- Nanette Godbout, Vice-Principal, École Julie-Riel
- Denise de Rocquigny-King: Classroom Teacher, École Julie-Riel
- Andréa Léger, Student Services Teacher, École Julie-Riel
- Élissa Hart, Speech and Language Therapist
- India Friesen, Student
- Alana White, Principal, Marion School

- Megan Appleton, Occupational Therapist
- Amber Zetaruk, Supervisor of Student and Family Services

Sandy Nemeth, Vice-Chair left the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Sandy Nemeth, Vice-Chair joined the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

## **5. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **5.1 Trustees meeting with Parent Advisory Councils in LRSD**

2021-049

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Vadeboncoeur

THAT the Board approve the amendments to the process for trustees to attend parent advisory council meetings.

CARRIED

## **6. BOARD EDUCATION**

### **6.1 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 3, Creating a Culture of Inquiry and Responsibility - Independence.

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

### **7.1 Pandemic Updates**

Superintendent Michalik provided pandemic updates regarding voluntary disclosure of student vaccination status.

#### **7.1.1 L'École Apprendre-chez-soi Update**

Ron Cadez, Division Principal, provided an update regarding L'École Apprendre-chez-soi which is the learning from home option for our French Immersion high school students. We are working with the Manitoba Department of Education to provide a synchronous French Immersion learning option to students across the province in grades 9 to 12. This week we launched a soft opening to students in LRSD, serving those who have medical needs preventing them from attending school. All French Immersion administrators in Manitoba received an email today informing them of our programming and offering registration information. We also advised that more courses would be offered in the second semester.

## **7.2 Family Centres Reopening Plan**

Assistant Superintendent Murray provided an update regarding the plan in LRSD to reopen family centres next week.

Tom Parker, Trustee left the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

## **7.3 Meeting Agenda with Vice-Principals - Oct. 6, 2021**

Superintendent Michalik and members of the SLT shared the slide deck from the meeting held with vice-principals on Oct. 6, 2021.

Tom Parker, Trustee joined the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

## **7.4 Professional Learning Provided by the Indigenous Education Team**

Superintendent Michalik and Assistant Superintendent Cormack shared an update regarding the day of professional learning held on Oct. 13, 2021. The Indigenous Education Team has planned a series of learning journeys for members of SLT, administrators, learning teams, coordinators and clinicians. We will also be planning an opportunity for the trustees and board office staff to participate on a journey of learning.

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

The Chair shared the monthly report on communications metrics for the months of June, July, Aug., and Sept. 2021.

Robert Page, Trustee left the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Robert Page, Trustee joined the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

## **8. Updating the Organizational Charts**

Superintendent Michalik shared the updated organizational charts.

## **9. POLICY**

### **9.1 Policy Committee Review Update**

Superintendent Michalik and Assistant Superintendent Anderson shared an update regarding the feedback received regarding on DRAFT Policy JLII - Safe Work & Learning Environment: Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination of Students Participating in Extracurricular Activities. This feedback is being carefully considered as we continue to update draft Policy JLII.

Starting tomorrow, another survey will be sent to students, parents and staff seeking additional feedback.

Pamela Kolochuk, Trustee left the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

**9.2 Policy Review Committee Update - Third Reading - Policy JLIJ**

Pamela Kolochuk, Trustee joined the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

2021-050

Moved by Trustee Page

Seconded by Trustee Vadeboncoeur

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

CARRIED

**9.3 Policy Review Committee Update - Ratification of Amendment - Policy GBGGBB-JLIH**

2021-051

Moved by Trustee Nemeth

Seconded by Trustee Page

THAT Policy GBGGBB-JLIH - Safe Work & Learning Environment: Mandatory Mask Usage, be amended to remove the provision that has not been implemented while remaining in compliance with operationalization requirements issued by the Manitoba School Boards Association on Sept. 11, 2021.

CARRIED

**9.4 Policy Committee Review Update - Ratification of Amendment - Policy CDBB**

2021-052

Moved by Trustee Landry

Seconded by Trustee Kolochuk

THAT Policy CDBB - Temporary Absence: Superintendent of Schools or Secretary-Treasurer, be amended to align with the organizational chart updated effective Nov. 1, 2021.

CARRIED

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

**10.1 School Board Correspondence – Received**

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

Manitoba Education:

- (Page 1) Letter from Hon. Minister Cullen RE: Dyslexia Awareness Month (Oct. 4, 2021)
- (Page 2) Proclamation –Dyslexia Awareness Month
- (Page 3) Letter from Hon. Minister Cullen: Manitoba’s Excellence in Education Awards (Oct. 5, 2021)

Education Funding Branch:

- None

General:

- (Page 7) Letter from CUPE 4642
- (Page 8) Copied letter from Superintendent Michalik to D. Smyth (Oct. 8, 2021)

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

The following MSBA correspondence was received by the Board:

Labour Relations:

- None

General MSBA Correspondence:

- (Page 1) Presentations by Canadian Armed Forces Members (Sept. 29, 2021)
- (Page 3) Request for Quotes for CSBA (Sept. 7, 2021)
- (Page 7) Treaty Education Training
- (Page 9) e-bulletin (Oct. 13, 2021)
- (Page 10) The Facts on PCAP 2019

## **11. ACTION ITEMS**

## **12. PUBLIC FORUM**

Public forum has been postponed until a technical solution can be implemented to support the new hybrid meeting format.

Members of the public were encouraged to submit questions for clarification to the Chair of the Board, regarding items on this evening's agenda, by completing the [Contact Form](#) found on [www.lrsd.net](http://www.lrsd.net).

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

- Angela (D'andrea)
- Asif Mohamed
- Brad Lang
- Charlene Sacher
- Jay McGurran
- Karen Boden
- Lyette Carrière
- Marcela Cabezas
- Margaret Whitalw
- Michael Haip
- Natalie (Reimer Anderson)
- Russ Sawatzky

- Scott Wood

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The Oct 19 Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

“Original signed by L. Johnston”

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Chair

“Original signed by M. Kenny”

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Secretary-Treasurer