

MINUTES OF THE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, December 7, 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, virtual

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Christian Michalik, Superintendent & CEO
Jamie Rudnicki, Secretary-Treasurer
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
Clarke Hagan, Director of Information Technology Systems
Steve Lawrie, Director of Inclusion and Clinical Services, virtual
Deneen Madden, Executive Assistant
Lexi Muise, Executive Assistant
Marlene Murray, Assistant Superintendent Student Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Dec. 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 6:30 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 – Dec. 7, 2021

2021-071

Moved by Trustee Page

Seconded by Trustee Turner

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

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting – Nov. 16, 2021

As there were no changes, the Nov. 16 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

2.3 Approval of Minutes of Special Board Meeting - Nov. 30, 2021

As there were no changes, the Nov. 30 minutes of the Special Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

3. LRSD NEWS

3.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Turner

Every year, LRSD staff and students plan to commemorate Nov. 11 in a meaningful way. When speaking with school administrators, they advised there was a focus on remembering the sacrifices made by those who had served our country in battle. Schools carefully planned events and projects with care and respect for the brave men and women who made such sacrifices.

I was in awe and want to share some events that recently took place:

- Some school commemorations, like those held at Glenwood School, followed a traditional style of programming with a reading of *In Flanders Fields*, the playing of the *Last Post*, and closing remarks.
- On Nov. 10, Nordale School held a virtual assembly for students and provided a link to parents/guardians so they could watch the ceremony the following day.
- On Nov. 8, in addition to the annual assembly, Frontenac School held a ceremony to recognize Indigenous Veterans Day. Indigenous people have been serving in the Canadian military since the War of 1812 and were regarded as the best military sharpshooters and reconnaissance scouts. Since World War I, it is estimated that 12,000 Indigenous, Métis and Inuit veterans have served in the Canadian military.
- On Nov. 10, École Henri-Bergeron presented a video featuring students in Grade 7 and 8 reciting the poems *In Flanders Fields*, *Act of Remembrance*, and the *Commitment to Remember* in both English and French. Students also made poppies which were then combined into wreaths and hung in the hallway. Students in Grade 6 made a collaborative art project colouring an image of a soldier which were assembled and displayed in the front windows of the school.
- Archwood School's Remembrance Day assemblies also included a video, various narratives, and a moment of silence. The students shared what they learned about peace, friendship, and why it is important to remember those who have fought for our freedoms. Students also participated in peace workshops which included a variety of activities focused on belonging and friendship.
- To commemorate Remembrance Day, Nelson McIntyre Collegiate's English Language Arts and History Interdisciplinary classes collaborated on memorial projects. To remember the past and to move forward with the thought of peace, one group of students created a school-wide dove origami installation. On Nov. 10, students hosted a virtual ceremony including musical performances and greetings. Students also participated in writing postcards containing messages of encouragement for members of the Canadian Armed Forces.
- A virtual Remembrance Day ceremony was held at École Howden, featuring Grade 4 students signing and signing *Enfant de paix (Child of Peace)*. They also recognized the 100th anniversary of the remembrance poppy in Canada and the significance of this symbol.
- Students in the Broadcast Media program at the Louis Riel Arts & Technology Centre developed a new Remembrance Day video. I was filled with pride, humility and sadness when I watched last year's video.

These are just a few examples of how LRSD students continue to honour and remember those who heard and answered the call of duty to keep our country strong, free and safe.

3.2 News from Superintendent Michalik

I want to highlight a few events that occurred recently:

- On Nov. 15, the Dakota Lancers won the WHSFL Home Run Sports Bowl defeating the Oak Park Raiders in the Winnipeg High School Football League's junior varsity championship game.
- Over the weekend, the J.H. Bruns girls' volleyball team also won a volleyball championship, the 2021 Boston Pizza AAAA provincial championship, for the first time in J. H. Bruns Collegiate's history.
- In late November, the Darwin Grade 8 students participated in the 2021 UNESCO Minecraft Worldwide competition where they created sustainable cities incorporating 17 of the UNESCO sustainable goals.
- We celebrated #ProjectJoyLRSD for a second year in a row. This was an initiative that began during the pandemic and hopefully will continue post pandemic.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 Riel-Evate Endowment Fund Committee Update

Trustee Nemeth, Committee Chair, provided an update on behalf of the Riel-Evate Endowment Fund Committee including information on the current fundraiser which runs until Dec 17. Trustee Nemeth also acknowledged collaborative efforts between the endowment fund committee and staff at RBC. She also expressed gratitude to CUPE Local 4642 for their \$3,000 donation to the endowment fund.

Sandy Nemeth, Vice-Chair left the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Sandy Nemeth, Vice-Chair joined the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

5. FINANCE AND AUDIT

5.1 2022-2023 Budget Development

Superintendent Michalik and Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki provided a report regarding the 2022-2023 budget.

6. INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

6.1 Pandemic Updates

Superintendent Michalik and members of the SLT provided pandemic updates regarding:

- Pop-up vaccine clinics for children aged 5 to 11
- Implementation of Policy JLII

Chris Sigurdson, Trustee left the meeting at 7:12 pm.

6.2 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Initiative - Professional Learning with SLT, Principals and Vice-Principals

Superintendent Michalik shared an update regarding recent learning opportunities focused on the DEI initiative.

Robert Page, Trustee left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

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7. POLICY

7.1 Policy Review Committee Update - Policy JLIK - Second and Third Reading

2021-072

Moved by Trustee Landry

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 JLIK - Safe Work & Learning Environment: Measures to Enhance Safety of Extra-curricular Activities during COVID-19, reviewed by the Superintendent's Policy Committee, receive second and third reading and finally be adopted.

CARRIED

7.2 Policy Review Committee Update - Policy JLII - Ratification of Amendment

2021-073

Moved by Trustee Sigurdson

Seconded by Trustee Nemeth

THAT Policy JLII - Safe Work & Learning Environment: Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination of Students Participating in Indoor Extra-curricular Sporting Activities, be amended to align with current Public Health Orders.

CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 School Board Correspondence – Received

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

Manitoba Education:

- (Page 1) Letter from Hon. Minister Cullen RE: “I Love to Read Month” (Nov. 26, 2021)
- (Page 2) Proclamation – Celebrating Reading in Manitoba Schools February 2022
Education Funding Branch:
- (Page 3) Letter RE: Shamrock School – Roof and wall replacement (Oct. 29,2021)

General:

- (Page 7) Email from M. Cerilli (Nov. 12, 2021)
- (Page 8) Email from K. Goodlet (Nov. 16, 2021)
- (Page 9) Thank you note from M. Kenny
- (Page 10) Email from J. Laidlaw (Dec. 2, 2021)

8.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent

The following correspondence was sent by the Board:

- (Page 1) Email to K. Goodlet (Nov. 17, 2021)
- (Page 2) Email to I. Bindi (Nov. 24, 2021)
- (Page 3) Email to J. Fraser (Nov. 28, 2021)

8.3 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence was received by the Board:

Labour Relations:

- None

General MSBA Correspondence:

- (Page 1) Apprenticeship Manitoba
- (Page 7) Coffee & Conversation with Equal Voice MB
- (Page 8) Memo RE: Recognition and Award Programs (Nov. 19)
- (Page 12) Manitoba Government Announces Public Engagement for Budget 2022 (Nov. 22, 2021)
- (Page 14) e-bulletin (Nov. 24, 2021)
- (Page 15) Copied letter from C. Moody (Nov. 25, 2021)
- (Page 17) Memo RE: Omicron Variant of Concern (Nov. 27, 2021)
- (Page 19) Highlights from the CSBA President Fall 2021
- (Page 20) Manitoba Government News Release (Nov. 30, 2021)
- (Page 21) Equity Mattes Virtual Townhall

9. ACTION ITEMS

9.1 MSBA Region 5 Nomination

2021-074

Moved by Trustee Parker

Seconded by Trustee Kolochuk

THAT the Board support the nomination of Trustee Sandy Nemeth as the MSBA Director for Region 5.

CARRIED

10. PUBLIC FORUM

The following members of the public were in attendance and had the opportunity to ask questions for information or clarification from items on this evening's agenda:

- Carol Bitchok
- Jay McGurran
- Kirk Goodlet
- Marcela Cabezas
- Margaret Whitlaw
- Maureen Desjardins
- Maureen Desjardins
- Scott Wood

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Dec. 7 Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

“Original signed by L. Johnston”

Chair

“Original signed by J. Rudnicki”

Secretary-Treasurer