

MINUTES OF THE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

BOARD MEMBERS: Louise Johnston, Chair
Sandy Nemeth, Vice-Chair
Pamela Kolochuk, Trustee
Tom Parker, Trustee
Chris Sigurdson, Trustee, virtual
Cindy Turner, Trustee, virtual
Neil Vadeboncoeur, Trustee

REGRETS: Josie Landry, Trustee
Robert Page, Trustee

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
Darcy Cormack, Assistant Superintendent Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Services
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. 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 – Dec. 21, 2021

2021-075

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Nemeth

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

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting – Dec. 7, 2021

As there were no changes, the Dec. 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 Vadeboncoeur

Tonight, I would like to highlight the important contributions Parent Advisory Committees (PAC)s make to the LRSD school community. In late September, Trustee Nemeth and I had the pleasure of attending a virtual PAC meeting at École St. Germain. It was clear that the parents/guardians were working closely with school administration and staff to support student activities and the school. I believe the same can be said about all PACs in LRSD. The relationships between PACs and schools exemplify the spirit of cooperation and goodwill that exists in LRSD. I think it is appropriate at this time of

year to recognize and appreciate not only the PACs, but also the excellent relationships that exist between all LRSD parents/guardians and staff. This spirit of cooperation, and a mutual interest in the well-being of our students and our entire community, is extremely valuable. I feel it important that we reflect on these relationships from time to time, especially as we all continue to navigate the pandemic.

3.2 News from Superintendent Michalik

- The creation of an outdoor rink at École George-McDowell is wonderful news for students who will be able to enjoy some outdoor activities on the ice this winter.
- As schools began the 2021-2022 year at Caution (Yellow) on the Pandemic Response System, we were unable to accommodate in-person spectators; however, the Louis Riel Arts and Technology Centre (ATC) Broadcast Media Program has assisted us in returning as virtual spectators. In October, students in the Broadcast Media Program streamed all LRSD volleyball and football home games. We're thrilled to announce that LRSD TV has surpassed 100,000 views on YouTube.

4. PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

4.1 Overview of Early Years Evaluation – Direct Assessment (EYE-DA) and its Application in the Classroom

Ron Cadez, Divisional Principal, along with Robin Plouffe-Hingley, Teacher, and Jennifer Sitka, Teacher, presented an overview of Early Years EYE-DA and its application in the classroom.

4.2 Refinements to Early Literacy

Ron Cadez, Divisional Principal, and Rob George, School Psychologist, made a presentation to the Board regarding an assessment model for early literacy with a focus on equity and inclusion.

5. COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

5.1 Riel-Evate Endowment Fund Committee

Trustee Nemeth, Committee Chair, provided an update on behalf of the Riel-Evate Endowment Fund Committee including information on the current fundraiser which exceeded \$5,000. Trustee Nemeth appreciated and acknowledged all supporters.

5.2 Parent Advisory Committees (PAC) Update

The Chair and Vice-Chair acknowledged and celebrated the work of all parent groups. Please contact the Chair and/or Vice-Chair if you would like trustees to attend a PAC meeting.

6. FINANCE AND AUDIT

6.1 2022-2023 Budget Update

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki provided a report regarding the 2022-2023 budget and invited the public to provide feedback by engaging in a ThoughtExchange.

6.2 Electoral Ward Review

The Chair provided an update regarding an electoral ward review and shared a slide deck regarding the 2022 Election prepared by the City of Winnipeg.

7. INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

7.1 Pandemic Updates

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

- Disclosure of vaccination status update for children aged 5 to 11 years
- Ventilation
- Masks
- Rapid Test Kits

7.2 Capital Projects Updates

Amarbeer Bhandari, Director of Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation, provided a report regarding proposed capital projects including timelines.

7.3 Murray Field Information Request from Trustee Landry

Assistant Superintendent Cormack and Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki provided Trustee Landry with answers regarding Murray Field.

7.4 Professional Learning with the Leadership Team

Superintendent Michalik shared an update regarding professional learning that took place last week with the Leadership Team.

7.5 Clerical Professional Development Nov. 26, 2021

Assistant Superintendent Cormack shared a slide deck from the Nov. 26 day of learning with clerical staff focused on the data initiative and diversity campaign.

7.6 Monthly Updates Regarding Communications Metrics

The Chair provided the November report on communications metrics.

8. POLICY

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

2021-076

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Vadeboncoeur

THAT Policy GBGBC - Safe Work & Learning Environment: Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination of Staff & Visitors, be amended to align with current Public Health Orders.

CARRIED

8.2 Policy Review Committee Update - Policy JLIJ - Ratification of Amendment

2021-077

Moved by Trustee Parker

Seconded by Trustee Nemeth

THAT Policy JLIJ - Safe Work & Learning Environment: Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination of New International Students, be amended to align with current Public Health Orders.

CARRIED

8.3 Policy Review Committee Update - Policy JLIL - First Reading

2021-078

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Vadeboncoeur

THAT Policy JLIL - Save Work & Learning Environment: Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination of Post-Secondary Students, reviewed by the Superintendent's Policy Review Committee, receive first reading; and,

THAT Policy JLIL be further reviewed in committee and brought back for second reading at a future date.

CARRIED

8.4 Policy Review Committee Update - Policy ACH - First Reading

2021-079

Moved by Trustee Nemeth

Seconded by Trustee Kolochuk

THAT Policy ACH - Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, reviewed by the Superintendent's Policy Review Committee, receive first reading; and

THAT Policy ACH be further reviewed in committee and brought back for second reading at a future date.

CARRIED

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 School Board Correspondence – Received

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

Manitoba Education:

- None

Education Funding Branch:

- (Page 1) Letter RE: J. H. Bruns School – Structural roof upgrade (Nov. 15, 2021)

General:

- (Page 3) Letter from J. Rocque and J. Larrieux (Nov. 22, 2021)
- (Page 4) Thank you note from S. Nemeth and I. Johnston (Dec. 8, 2021)
- (Page 5) Copied letter from V. Mariani (Dec. 10, 2021)
- (Page 7) Email from D. Lamont (Dec. 13, 2021)
- (Page 9) Email from J. Sklover on behalf of MLA Gordon (Dec. 14, 2021)
- (Page 10) Copied letter to D. Rudy (Dec. 15, 2021)

9.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent

The following correspondence was sent by the Board:

- (Page 1) Email to M. Cerilli (Dec. 7, 2021)
- (Page 3) Letter to D. Lamont, MLA (Dec. 9, 2021)
- (Page 4) Letter to J. Moses, MLA (Dec. 9, 2021)
- (Page 5) Letter to J. Morley-Lecomte, MLA (Dec. 9, 2021)
- (Page 6) Letter to A. Smith, MLA (Dec. 9, 2021)
- (Page 7) Letter to R. Squires, MLA (Dec. 9, 2021)
- (Page 8) Letter to N. Altomare, MLA (Dec. 9, 2021)
- (Page 9) Letter to A. Gordon, MLA (Dec. 9, 2021)
- (Page 11) Letter to J. Watt (Dec. 13, 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 (Dec. 8, 2021)
- (Page 2) Letter RE: Nomination received (Dec. 16, 2021)

10. ACTION ITEMS

11. 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:

- Charlene Sacher
- Jay McGurran
- Kirk Goodlet
- Lisa Reis Tymchuk
- Marcela Cabezas
- Margaret Whitlaw
- Scott Wood
- Sharon Sapoznik

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Dec. 21 Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

“Original signed by L. Johnston”

Chair

“Original signed by J. Rudnicki”

Secretary-Treasurer