

**MINUTES OF THE**

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

Tuesday, January 18, 2022, 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, virtual  
Robert Page, Trustee  
Tom Parker, Trustee  
Chris Sigurdson, Trustee  
Neil Vadeboncoeur, Trustee, virtual

**REGRETS:** Cindy Turner, Trustee

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Christian Michalik, Superintendent & CEO  
Jamie Rudnicki, Secretary-Treasurer & CFO  
Lisa Aitken, Assistant Superintendent Staff Services  
Jeff Anderson, Assistant Superintendent Instructional Services, virtual  
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  
Michelle Jean-Paul, Divisional Principal, virtual  
Steve Lawrie, Director of Inclusion and Clinical Services, virtual  
Deneen Madden, Executive Assistant  
Lexi Muisse, Executive Assistant  
Marlene Murray, Assistant Superintendent Student Services, virtual

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Jan. 18 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.

The Chair also introduced and welcomed Michelle Jean-Paul, Divisional Principal, to her first LRSD board meeting.

### **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 – Jan. 18. 2022**

2021-080

Moved by Trustee Parker

Seconded by Trustee Kolochuk

THAT the Jan. 18 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

### **2.2 Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting – Dec. 21, 2021**

As there were no changes, the Dec. 21 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

### 3. LRSD NEWS

#### 3.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Johnston

This being our first public meeting of 2022, I want to start by wishing everyone a healthy and happy New Year. I am confident that, with a little kindness and patience, as we continue to navigate this pandemic, we can make 2022 a great year!

It's important to talk about the incredible acts of kindness that our school communities and board offices demonstrated over the holiday season. Food hampers were prepared, letters of encouragement were sent out, and we connected with and took care of many people in need. Over the holidays an incredible amount of work was done to ensure the safest possible school reopening.

As I look back on 2021, I want to recognize the hard work and dedication of the LRSD staff, students, families, and community. Together, we worked through some challenging times. We witnessed world events that changed our lives. Together we found ways to educate students and keep moving forward during this pandemic. Together, we defeated Bill 64. Together, our students continued to be thriving learners. Together, we continued to move our strategic plan forward. Now we've begun what may turn out to be some of our most crucial work in the fight against racism and the movement toward reconciliation. In 2021, policy ACH: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion received its first reading. The policy outlines the division's commitment to advancing equitable opportunities for all and to anti-oppressive practices through the identification and elimination of all types of discrimination.

2021 was a year that changed all of us!

We learned LRSD is a resilient and hopeful community.

I encourage you to follow our spotlight stories on the website and witness the incredible successes of students and staff.

#### 3.2 News from Superintendent Michalik

As we begin a new year, I want to highlight the following stories:

- *Giving back adds to Dakota experience*, is an article published in the Winnipeg Free Press, spotlighting the work of Mackenzie Dudeck, a Dakota Collegiate student. Mackenzie contributed to filling 38 hampers this holiday season. Outstanding job Mackenzie and team.
- *Seizing the day*, is another article in the Winnipeg Free Press, about an amazing Winnipeg teen, Jackson Toone Drosdowech, who uses his passion for skateboarding as the catalyst for amazing learning at Nelson McIntyre Collegiate. This is learning at its best; knowing what we are passionate about and leveraging that passion to grow

and learn in all kinds of ways. I'm looking forward to seeing how Jackson develops his passion for publishing, skateboarding, writing, listening, and reporting.

- Big thanks to Mayor Bowman for recently joining virtual meetings with classrooms at École Julie-Riel, Victor H.L. Wyatt School, Hastings School, Windsor Park Collegiate and Collège Béliveau.
- Justin Patrocinio, a Windsor Park Collegiate student, is among the 2022 Loran finalists. Since 1988, the Loran Scholars Foundation has awarded more than 57 million dollars in undergraduate scholarships to deserving young Canadians. This four-year scholarship is valued at \$100,000 and assists young people with their post-secondary education.

#### **4. BOARD EDUCATION**

##### **4.1 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Mentorship Program and MSBA Convention**

The Chair and Vice-Chair shared information regarding the MSBA [Mentorship Program](#) and the [58th Annual MSBA Convention](#) taking place virtually on March 11, 2022.

#### **5. FINANCE AND AUDIT**

##### **5.1 2022-2023 Draft Budget Update**

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki and Superintendent Michalik provided an update regarding the 2022-2023 draft budget, outlining the communication plan, and highlighting the ThoughtExchange for the budget consultation. Next week, registration will open inviting the public to participate in the Draft Budget Public Consultation Live Event scheduled for Feb. 22.

Chris Sigurdson, Trustee left the meeting at 6:50 pm.

##### **5.2 Anticipated Funding Announcements**

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki advised that the provincial government will provide an additional 80 million dollars to support Manitoba school divisions for the 2021-2022 school year. In the upcoming days, we anticipate confirmation of LRSD's allocation of the 80 million dollars.

The funding announcement for the 2022-2023 school year should be released by the province in the near future.

#### **6. INFORMATION TO THE BOARD**

##### **6.1 Pandemic Updates**

Superintendent Michalik and members of the SLT provided pandemic updates including student and staff report absence dashboards and rapid antigen testing.

Chris Sigurdson, Trustee joined the meeting at 6:59 pm.

**6.2 French-language Teacher Training Program for EAs**

Assistant Superintendent Anderson and Ron Cadez, Divisional Principal, provided an update regarding the application submitted to fund a feasibility study regarding French-language teacher training program for educational assistants.

**6.3 Winnipeg Free Press Community Review - East**

The Chair and Vice-Chair provided an update regarding the newly consolidated community weekly paper, Free Press Community Review - East, formerly known as the Lance and the Metro, and acknowledged LRSD's contributions to this valuable relationship.

**6.4 Meetings with MLAs**

The Chair shared an update regarding recent meetings with Minister Gordon and Minister Squires.

**6.5 Monthly Updates Regarding Communications Metrics**

Superintendent Michalik provided the December report on communications metrics.

**7. POLICY**

**7.1 Policy Review Committee Update - Policy JLIL - Second and Third Reading**

2021-081

Moved by Trustee Sigurdson

Seconded by Trustee Page

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 JLIL - Save Work & Learning Environment: Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination of Post-Secondary Students, reviewed by the Superintendent's Policy Review Committee, receive second and third reading and finally be adopted.

CARRIED

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

**8.1 School Board Correspondence – Received**

The following correspondence will be received by the Board:

Manitoba Education:

- (Page 1) Letter from V. Mariani – Education Funding Model (Dec. 22, 2021)

- (Page 3) Letter from Hon. Minister Cullen – Education’s Community Schools Program (Dec. 30, 2021)

Education Funding Branch:

- (Page 4) Letter RE: Hastings School – Elevator & Grooming Room (Dec. 10, 2021)

General:

- (Page 6) Copied letter to D. Rudy, Deputy Minister (Dec. 21, 2021)
- (Page 9) Email from M. Cabezas (Dec. 21, 2021)
- (Page 10) Letter from E. Millions (Jan. 10, 2021)
- (Page 12) Email from S. Paisley (Jan. 11, 2021)
- (Page 14) Email from C. Strong (Jan. 11, 2021)
- (Page 15) Email from C. Jones (Jan. 11, 2021)

## **8.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent**

The following correspondence was sent by the Board:

- (Page 1) Email to Min. Gordon (Dec. 23, 2021)
- (Page 3) Email to M. Cadez (Jan. 12, 2022)

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

The following MSBA correspondence was received by the Board:

Labour Relations:

- (Page 1) Memo RE: Clarification on TRAF – 12- Day Rules (Jan. 14, 2022)

General MSBA Correspondence:

- (Page 4) Memo RE: Call for Mentors (Dec. 22, 2021)
- (Page 6) Greetings on behalf of Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA)
- (Page 7) e-bulletin (Dec. 22, 2021)
- (Page 8) 2022 Prime Minister’s Awards
- (Page 9) CSBA Request for Proposal
- (Page 21) 2022 Provincial Budget Presentation
- (Page 45) Memo RE: Required Meeting Attendance (Jan. 10, 2022)
- (Page 46) Memo RE: Student Citizenship Awards: On-line Survey (Jan. 12, 2022)
- (Page 47) e-bulletin (Jan. 12, 2022)

## **9. ACTION ITEMS**

### **9.1 Changes to the Electoral Ward Map - First Reading**

2021-082

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Sigurdson

THAT changes to the Electoral Ward Map receive first reading; and,

THAT the Electoral Ward Map be further reviewed in committee and brought back for second and third reading at a future date.

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:

- Asif Mohamed
- Jay McGurran
- Kirk Goodlet
- Marcela Cabezas
- Scott Wood

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The Jan. 18 Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

“Original signed by L. Johnston”

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Chair

“Original signed by J. Rudnicki”

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Secretary-Treasurer