

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

Tuesday, February 15, 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
Robert Page, Trustee
Tom Parker, Trustee
Chris Sigurdson, Trustee
Cindy Turner, Trustee
Neil Vadeboncoeur, Trustee, virtual

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Jamie Rudnicki, Secretary-Treasurer & CFO
Lisa Aitken, Acting Superintendent
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
Michelle Jean-Paul, Divisional Principal, virtual
Steve Lawrie, Director of Inclusion and Clinical Services, virtual
Deneen Madden, Executive Assistant
Lexi Muise, Executive Assistant
Marlene Murray, Assistant Superintendent Student Services, virtual

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Feb. 15 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 – Feb. 15, 2022

2021-086

Moved by Trustee Parker

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the Feb. 15 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting – Feb. 1, 2022

As there were no changes, the Feb. 1 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

I want to highlight a few items:

- The Province of Manitoba proclaimed Feb. 7 to 11 as Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week. The Chair and Superintendent Michalik jointly wrote a spotlight story acknowledging the year-long collective efforts of all LRSD staff. Our students are thriving, and our community is flourishing because of staff dedication, commitment and the support staff provides students, families, and each other.

- Secondly, several LRSD schools are partnering with Domino's Pizza to raise funds for a number of endeavors. We wish Windsor School good luck with this fundraiser as they promote pizza sales this week.
- Finally, students in LRSD high schools have engaged with Junior Achievement Manitoba learning how to write business plans, develop, and market a product of their own design or invention. Nelson McIntyre posted a message on Twitter encouraging people to follow along to see what students are working on this year.

3.2 News from Acting Superintendent Aitken

I want to highlight the following stories:

- February is I Love to Read Month. A spotlight story written by Kathy Atkin, Library Coordinator, was published promoting this annual celebration and encouraging reading and writing. Examples of how classrooms and school libraries foster a love of reading include school-wide DEAR (drop everything and read), reading challenges, book swaps, mystery readers, virtual author visits, online book tastings, outdoor Storywalks®, and dress as your favourite character day.
- Feb. 7 to 11, marked the 8th annual Canadian School Counselling Week. We want to recognize and thank all Student Services Teachers in a counselling role for supporting students. Their roles continue to play a vital component in student success especially during the pandemic.
- On Feb. 8, it was Safer Internet Day, a day when organizations around the world join forces to make the internet a safer place for youth. Parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to regularly check in with their children regarding their online activity.
- Last week, the Manitoba Government announced an additional \$350,000 will be provided to Université de Sainte-Boniface to permanently expand the capacity of its Bachelor of Education degree program by 60 to 70 students per year. This was wonderful news as the demand for French Immersion teachers continues to grow.
- We want to recognize Léo Robert who was recently appointed to the Order of Canada for his contributions to Francophone education and commitment to promoting and preserving the language in Manitoba.
- Last week, Jennifer Oldfield, teacher at Collège Béliveau, was part of a group of educators who had the opportunity to meet with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. She discussed her experience as a teacher and the challenges and opportunities presented by the pandemic.

4. BOARD EDUCATION

4.1 Team Created to Guide the Work on Redevelopment of Education Funding Model

The Chair shared the Province of Manitoba's press release listing the members of the Education Funding Model Review team, including Trustee Nemeth.

4.2 Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning - Feedback and Submissions

The Chair and Acting Superintendent Aitken shared an email received from Leger Research, retained by Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning to assist in gathering feedback and submissions regarding the new funding model for K to 12 education.

5. FINANCE AND AUDIT

5.1 Second Quarter (Q2) Operating Fund Statements

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki shared the Q2 Operating Fund statements and answered trustee questions.

5.2 Spotlight Story RE: Public Budget Consultation and MailChimp Invite

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki referenced the spotlight story encouraging public participation in the 2022-2023 Budget ThoughtExchange. We are asking for your feedback on what should be our focus as we deliberate over next year's budget.

5.3 Promissory Note

2021-087

Moved by Trustee Parker

Seconded by Trustee Sigurdson

THAT the issue of the Promissory Note LTPS0498, as it is deemed necessary and expedient to raise by loan the sum of \$230,200 on the credit of the Louis Riel School Division for the purpose of financing capital projects, be approved.

CARRIED

6. INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

6.1 Pandemic Updates

Acting Superintendent Aitken provided pandemic updates as we move to Caution level (Yellow) of the Manitoba Pandemic Response System.

6.2 Collège Jeanne-Sauvé Renovation Update

Assistant Superintendent Anderson shared a slide deck regarding the renovations and accommodations for student learning at Collège Jeanne-Sauvé.

6.3 Enrolment Report

Acting Superintendent Aitken shared the current Division Enrolment Profile and the Enrolment Trends and answered trustee questions.

6.4 Professional Learning in February

Michelle Jean-Paul, Divisional Principal, summarized learning opportunities provided on Feb. 4 regarding Anti-Racist Education and Canadian Black History.

Darcy Cormack, Assistant Superintendent, and Rosemary Bird, Indigenous Student Support Teacher, summarized learning opportunities provided on Feb. 10 and 11 including unpacking of land acknowledgments, exploring truths about who we are in relation to this land, and the ongoing importance of our treaty relationships.

6.5 Monthly Updates Regarding Communications Metrics

The Chair provided the January report on communications metrics.

7. POLICY

7.1 Policy Review Committee Update - Ratification of Amendment

Lisa Aitken, Assistant Superintendent Staff Services left the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

2021-088

Moved by Trustee Page

Seconded by Trustee Landry

THAT the following list of policies be amended to align with current Public Health Orders:

- Policy GBGBB-JLIH
- Policy GBGBC
- Policy JLIH
- Policy JLIK
- Policy JLIL

CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 School Board Correspondence – Received

The following correspondence will be received by the Board:

Manitoba Education:

- (Page 1) Letter from C. Moody, Assistant Deputy Minister, RE: Safe Schools Fund (Jan. 28, 2022)
- (Page 2) Letter and proclamation from Hon. Minister Ewasko RE: I Love to Read Month (Jan. 28, 2022)
- (Page 4) Letter from Hon. Minister Ewasko RE: Bill 45 (Jan. 31, 2022)
- (Page 5) Letter and proclamation from Hon. Minister Ewasko RE: International Development Week (Feb. 2, 2022)
- (Page 7) Letter and proclamation from Hon. Minister Ewasko RE: Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week (Feb. 3, 2022)
- (Page 9) Letter from Hon. Minister Ewasko RE: Funding of School Program for 2022/23 (Feb. 4, 2022)

Education Funding Branch:

- (Page 11) Letter RE: Collège Jeanne-Sauvé Major Addition and Renovation (Jan. 31, 2022)
- (Page 12) Letter RE: 2022/23 Funding Information (Feb. 4, 2022)
- (Page 24) Letter RE: Louis Riel Arts & Tech Centre – Roofing Replacement (Feb. 4, 2022)
- (Page 26) Letter RE: St. George School – Roofing Replacement (Feb. 4, 2022)

General:

- (Page 28) Email from I. Bindi (Feb. 2, 2022)
- (Page 31) Email from Leger Research (Feb. 11, 2022)

8.2 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence was received by the Board:

Labour Relations:

- (Page 1) Memo RE: Update Bill 45 (Jan. 31, 2022)

General MSBA Correspondence:

- (Page 4) Convention 2022 Draft Agenda
- (Page 5) Memo RE: 2022 (Virtual) Convention Registration (Feb. 8, 2022)
- (Page 9) Email RE: Speed Limit By-law No. 63/2019 (Feb. 1, 2022)
- (Page 23) Memo RE: 2022 “Bear-pit Session” with Minister of Education Wayne Ewasko (Feb. 2, 2022)
- (Page 24) Memo RE: Manitoba Government 2022/23 Funding to Public Schools (Feb. 4, 2022)
- (Page 26) Memo RE: Trustee Elections and Board Ballots (Feb. 7, 2022)
- (Page 29) e-bulletin (Feb. 9, 2022)
- (Page 30) Memo RE: NOTE: Upcoming School Division Deadline for Updating Accessibility Plans – March 31, 2022 (Feb. 9, 2022)
- (Page 31) Memo RE: Resolutions Procedures – Reminders (Feb. 9, 2022)

Lisa Aitken, Assistant Superintendent Staff Services joined the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

9. ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Distribution of Board Ballots

2021-089

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Parker

THAT the memorandum dated Feb. 7, 2022, from Karen Harrington, Communications Officer for MSBA, regarding the distribution and casting of board ballots at the 2022 (Virtual) MSBA Annual Convention be received as information; and

THAT the Chair respond.

CARRIED

9.2 Senior Election Official for the City of Winnipeg Election

2021-090

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Page

THAT Marc Lemoine, City of Winnipeg Election Official, be appointed as the Senior Election official for the 2022 school board election for the Louis Riel School Division.

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:

- Amber Zetaruk
- Angie Conrad
- Carol Bitchok
- Chandra Haines
- Charlene Desjarlais
- Charlene Sacher
- Crista Gladstone
- Cynthia Cox
- Dustin and Peter Boileau
- Georgia Belanger
- Jay McGurran
- Jennifer Keeler

- Jolene Capina
- Judy Chu
- Karen Bouvier
- Karen Small
- Kirk Goodlet
- Laurenda Madill
- Lorraine Bitchok
- Maggie Macintosh
- Marcela Cabezas
- Margaret Whitlaw
- Maria Margolina
- Nicholas Kelly
- Olga Safroshkina
- Renée France Rouget
- Rhonda Derkatch
- Ruth Barth
- Tyler Kearns

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Feb. 15 Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

“Original signed by L. Johnston”

Chair

“Original signed by J. Rudnicki”

Secretary-Treasurer