

MINUTES OF THE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 6:30 P.M.
50 Monterey Road, Winnipeg
Hybrid Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS: Louise Johnston, Chair
Sandy Nemeth, Vice-Chair
Josie Landry, Trustee
Robert Page, Trustee
Tom Parker, Trustee
Chris Sigurdson, Trustee
Cindy Turner, Trustee
Neil Vadeboncoeur, Trustee

REGRETS: Pamela Kolochuk, 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
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
Deneen Madden, Executive Assistant
Lexi Muise, Executive Assistant
Marlene Murray, Assistant Superintendent Student Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

The March 1 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 6:37 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 – March 1, 2022

2021-091

Moved by Trustee Vadeboncoeur

Seconded by Trustee Page

THAT the March 1 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting – Feb. 15, 2022

As there were no changes, the Feb. 15 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

3. LRSD NEWS

3.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Parker

Due to current Public Health Orders, sports in schools have returned and we are so happy students can engage in sports and extracurricular activities.

Today I want to highlight the following:

- **Windsor Park Collegiate (WPC)** –On March 26, 27 and 28, WPC will be producing the musical "Mama Mia." To purchase tickets, please contact the school directly. The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC), in partnership with Glenlea Greenhouse, is

launching a spring planting fundraiser. Please place your orders with the school. The Week of March 14 is Spirit Week at WPC, and events are planned for students at each grade level.

- **Collège Béliveau (CB)** – Sports have been a big part of CB’s student success including:
 - Varsity Girls Basketball Team is heading into the playoffs with a current record of seven wins and zero losses
 - Girls Hockey team is heading into the quarter finals
 - Boys Hockey team is heading into semi-finalsOther activities at CB include:
 - Grades 9 to 12 Environmental Solutions Club – Studying composting and Natural Gas renewal solutions that benefit the environment.
 - Green Team (Environment Club) – Planning a composting program to benefit the community garden located by the community swimming pool on the southwest corner of the school; also planning a tree planting initiative to improve the green spaces at CB.
- **General Vanier School** has been promoting increased inclusion with bus transportation. Students from individualized program classes have joined students on urban and rural routes to promote inclusion and gain a better understanding for students with needs. Staff have been educating and creating an inclusive environment for all students on the route. New friendships have been created through empathy and understanding.
- **Island Lakes Community School** - The PAC purchased outdoor play equipment for all grade levels. Items included balls, frisbees, skipping ropes, chalk, snow toys, sleds, and more. The PAC has not done any fundraising events this year but requested donations in December and the school community was very generous in their support.
- **École Guyot** had a very busy week celebrating Festival (du Voyageur) including:
 - A virtual performance from Manitoba violinist Logan Picton
 - Serving Bannock and homemade preserves to all the students
 - Physical education classes focused on Festival du Voyageur games
 - A beard growing contest held for Grade 2 studentsThe PAC has been meeting virtually and has applied for a community grant to expand the outdoor learning space.

3.2 News from Superintendent Michalik

I want to highlight the following stories:

- Canada's largest Francophone event, Festival du Voyageur, took place Feb. 18 to 27, 2022. Despite the pandemic, many people including our students, took part in the festival.

- The Olympics were recently a big part of our lives. Tyler Landry, a Grade 8 student at General Vanier School, did an amazing job broadcasting Olympic updates to his school and was recently featured on CTV News.
- The Super Bowl was held on Feb. 13 and Karen Kosowski, an alumna from Glenlawn Collegiate, now a music producer and songwriter, helped to arrange the national anthem performed and was also a part of the performance.
- Thank you to Mayor Bowman for reading to Grade 3 and 4 students at Island Lakes Community School. We had many community members who, despite the pandemic, read to our students virtually during February's I Love to Read month.
- To honour Louis Riel Day on Feb. 21, Holly Pike, library assistant at Nordale School and Marion School curated and created wonderful displays.
- Feb. 23 was one of two Pink Shirt Days in the year, with the other day in April, which is a time to highlight respect, dignity, kindness and healing. Many schools shared how they stand against bullying and cyberbullying.
- On Feb. 25 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Story Time was launched. Richard, a student in Grade 5 at Frontenac school, stepped in when the guest author was not able to attend. Richard is an author and illustrator of two novels and is working on his third book.
- Our thoughts are with those affected by the current conflict in Ukraine. We are sharing resources to support teachers and families who are talking about war and conflict in the classroom and the home.

4. PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

4.1 Meet the Learning Team

Assistant Superintendent Jeff Anderson and Divisional Principals Ron Cadez and Michelle Jean-Paul introduced the Learning Team, which team consists of two divisional principals and 12 teachers. A presentation was made from the following three teachers who shared the team's work and showed how they support students and staff in schools:

- Patrice Chartrand
- Lisa Monson
- Shirley Ewanchuk

Darcy Cormack, Assistant Superintendent Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Services left the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Darcy Cormack, Assistant Superintendent Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Services joined the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Riel-Evate Endowment Fund Committee

Trustee Nemeth, Committee Chair, provided an update on behalf of the Riel-Evate Endowment Fund Committee and referenced notes from the Feb. 3 committee meeting.

6. FINANCE AND AUDIT

6.1 Draft Budget 2022-2023

Superintendent Michalik shared the slide deck presented at the LRSD's Draft Budget Town Hall Live Event held Feb. 22 and provided a recap of the draft budget coming to the Board for final approval on Tuesday, March 8, 2022.

Chris Sigurdson, Trustee left the meeting at 7:18 pm.

Chris Sigurdson, Trustee joined the meeting at 7:23 pm.

6.2 Funding Model Meeting

The Chair shared an update regarding the recent meeting with Andrew Enns of Leger Research, to discuss and provide ideas with regards to reimagining the funding model.

7. STAFFING

7.1 Personnel Update

Superintendent Michalik provided an update regarding the following postings:

- French Immersion Program Opportunities - Directeur Adjoint/Directrice Adjointe
- École Provencher - Directeur/Directrice
- Collège Béliveau - Directeur/Directrice

7.2 Personnel Update - Vice-Principal at École Julie-Riel for 2022-23

2021-092

Moved by Trustee Parker

Seconded by Trustee Vadeboncoeur

THAT Carole Bonin be appointed Vice-Principal at École Julie-Riel, effective Aug. 1, 2022.

CARRIED

7.3 Personnel Update - Term Vice-Principal at Marion School

2021-093

Moved by Trustee Landry

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT Robin Plouffe-Hingley be appointed term Vice-Principal at Marion School, effective March 10, 2022.

CARRIED

8. INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

8.1 Pandemic Updates

Superintendent Michalik provided a pandemic update including current Public Health Orders effective March 1.

8.2 International Student Program (ISP) Update

Assistant Superintendent Cormack introduced Al McDermid, Acting Director of ISP, who provided an update and answered trustee questions.

8.3 Collège Jeanne-Sauvé Renovation Update

Trustees and the SLT discussed the community's response to the proposed accommodations for student learning at Collège Jeanne-Sauvé in 2022-23.

9. POLICY

9.1 Policy Committee Update - Rescindment

2021-094

Moved by Trustee Nemeth

Seconded by Trustee Page

THAT the following list of polices be rescinded to align with current Public Health Orders:

- Policy GBGBC
- Policy JLII
- Policy JLIK

CARRIED

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 School Board Correspondence – Received

The following correspondence will be received by the Board:

Manitoba Education:

- (Page 1) Letter from Hon. Minister Ewasko RE: 2021/22 Skills Strategy Equipment Enhancement Fund (SSEEF) Grant (Feb. 16, 2022)

Education Funding Branch:

- None

General:

- (Page 6) Email from MLA Moses (Feb. 17, 2022)
- (Page 7) Copy of support letter to T. Simms (Feb. 23, 2022)

10.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent

The following correspondence was sent by the Board:

- email to Minister Rochelle Squires (Feb. 18, 2022)

10.3 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence was received by the Board:

Labour Relations:

- (Page 1) Memo RE: Teacher Candidates Interested in Substitute Teaching (Feb.11, 2022)
- (Page 2) Memo RE: COLA – Teacher Collective Agreement Appendix (Feb. 16, 2022)

General MSBA Correspondence:

- (Page 3) Email RE: Elevate Aviation Virtual Cross Country Tour (Feb. 15, 2022)
- (Page 4) Memo RE: 2022 (Virtual) Convention Registration (Feb. 8, 2022)
- (Page 9) Manitoba Government News Release RE: Manitoba Accessibility Fund
- (Page 7) D. Harus Obituary
- (Page 9) e-bulletin (Feb. 23, 2022)

11. ACTION ITEMS

12. 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:

- Al McDermid
- Angela Whitney
- Carole Bonin
- Charlene Sacher
- Greg Kiesman
- Ingrid Pedersen
- Jay McGurran
- Lynn Caron-Plischke
- Marcela Cabezas
- Margaret Whitlaw
- Michael Haip
- Nicholas Kelly
- Scott Wood
- Sharmila Sukhan

- Sharon Sapoznik
- Tricia Bailey Sauve

13. ADJOURNMENT

The March 1 Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

“Original signed by L. Johnston”

Chair

“Original signed by J. Rudnicki”

Secretary-Treasurer