

MINUTES OF THE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 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
Cindy Turner, Trustee
Neil Vadeboncoeur, Trustee, virtual

REGRETS: Josie Landry, Trustee
Robert Page, 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, virtual
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 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 – March 15, 2022

2021-098

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Turner

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

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting – March 1, 2022

As there were no changes, the March 1 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

2.3 Approval of Minutes of Special Board Meeting - March 8, 2022

As there were no changes, the March 8 minutes of the Special Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

3. LRSD NEWS

3.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Kolochuk

I just wanted to remind everyone that schools are continuing to fundraise through many avenues, such as Domino's Pizza and Glenlea Greenhouses. These are great fundraisers that are easy to support as everyone loves pizza and flowers. If you are looking for more information, I encourage you to reach out to your school or watch for information on social media.

I also wanted to let the community know that a Town Hall will be held on April 26, 2022, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This will be a hybrid event, with some people joining us in person and some joining us online due to restricted capacity. The Town Hall will include

presentations about the Louis Riel School Division's (LRSD) Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism Services and the change in ward boundaries. Community members will also have the opportunity to ask questions.

I'd like to thank Brian Mayes, MLA, for his financial support in the amount of \$8,000 being applied to the building of an outdoor classroom at École Varennes.

3.2 News from Superintendent Michalik

I want to highlight the following celebrations:

- March is Social Work Month, a time to recognize and honour our colleagues who support students, staff and community.
- February was Black History Month, and I'd like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make it a success. We hope that this motivates staff and students to include Black history and contemporary stories in their classrooms all year.
- March 8 was International Women's Day, another opportunity to honour women and girls. I want to acknowledge the women on my team, teachers, educational assistants, support staff and, of course, students. I encourage everyone to read the message published to celebrate women and girls and to empower a more just world for women.
- Liberation75 is an organization dedicated to reminding us of the horrors of the Holocaust and ensuring that survivors in Canada continue to have their stories shared and that we learn from them.
- Stone Soup 2022 is taking place the week of March 14 to 20, 2022. During that week, restaurants across Manitoba will donate \$1 from every bowl of soup sold to the Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba. The Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba provides help to 19 of our 40 schools in LRSD.

4. PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

4.1 René Deleurme Centre Updates

Assistant Superintendent Cormack introduced Melissa Brown, Community Supervisor, who provided an update on the programs offered at the René Deleurme Centre.

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 shared the streamlined process for donating to the fund. The LRSD website, under the What We Offer tab, has been updated providing links and instructions.

6. BOARD EDUCATION

6.1 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) 58th Annual Convention - March 11, 2022

Trustees Landry, Parker, Nemeth and Johnston virtually attended the MSBA Conference and shared their takeaways.

6.2 Accessibility Plan

Assistant Superintendent Cormack shared an update regarding LRSD's Accessibility Plan and answered trustee questions.

7. FINANCE AND AUDIT

7.1 Budget 2022/23 Update

Superintendent Michalik shared an update regarding the Budget 2022/23 press release and related infographic.

7.2 Funding Adjustment 2021-2022

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki advised that throughout the school year, we receive three funding announcements from the province. The first announcement is estimated, the second announcement is an adjustment which is based on updated enrolment data and financial statements, and the third announcement is received at year end. We recently received the adjusted funding announcement for the 2021-2022 school year, indicating a \$1.5 million reduction to the equalization support.

7.3 Funding Model Review Submission

Superintendent Michalik shared the funding model review submitted on behalf of the division and highlighted the following four big ideas for consideration:

1. Eliminate child poverty in Manitoba by leveraging schools and local school boards.
2. Improve learning outcomes, equity, and the economic prosperity of families by implementing universal full-day kindergarten for children who are four and five.
3. Invest to revitalize and reimagine Adult Education.
4. Provide adequate, equitable, predictable, and sustainable funding.

8. STAFFING

8.1 Personnel Update

2021-099

Moved by Trustee Nemeth

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the following vice-principals be transferred, effective April 4, 2022:

- Bob Cowie to Highbury School
- Reno Gerl to Samuel Burland School

CARRIED

9. INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

9.1 Pandemic Updates

Superintendent Michalik provided a pandemic update regarding the Public Health Orders that came into effect March 15. A summary of those changes included:

- The use of masks is no longer required in indoor places; however, at this time, the LRSD Board of Trustees strongly recommends the continued use of masks in schools and on school buses. The Board will continue to review this recommendation related to masks.
- Physical distancing and cohorting are no longer required in schools.
- Isolation requirements have been replaced by isolation recommendations.

The division is strongly recommending the use of masks in schools and on school buses. We will continue to monitor COVID-19 related absences and we will continue to communicate with Public Health if there is a concern. The community is receiving mixed messages and may believe divisions are free to mandate; however, as I have shared with families and staff the following is the written direction we have received, “As changes to public health requirements take place in the community, they will be mirrored in schools and childcare facilities. School divisions should take due diligence to ensure that any decisions are consistent with all relevant statutes.”

The division is of the understanding that we cannot deviate from the action government has taken.

Cindy Turner, Trustee left the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

9.2 March 23 Town Hall for Parents who live in Southdale, Southland Park and Sage Creek attending Shamrock School

Superintendent Michalik provided context to the ongoing journey with the Windsor Park Collegiate, J. H. Bruns Collegiate, and Collège Béliveau Family of Schools. Tomorrow, we will be inviting families from the Sage Creek area, specifically with children currently attending Grades 5 and 6 at Shamrock School, to a Town Hall meeting on March 23. This will provide more information and opportunity to dialogue.

Cindy Turner, Trustee joined the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

9.3 Monthly Updates Regarding Communications Metrics

The Chair provided the February report on communications metrics.

10. POLICY

10.1 Policy Committee Update - Rescindment

2021-100

Moved by Trustee Sigurdson

Seconded by Trustee Parker

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

- Policy GBGBB/JLIH

- Policy JLIJ
- Policy JLIL

CARRIED

11. CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 School Board Correspondence – Received

The following correspondence will be received by the Board:

Manitoba Education:

- None

Education Funding Branch:

- (Page 1) Letter RE: Glenwood School – Steam Heating System Replacement (Feb. 25, 2022)
- (Page 3) Letter RE: Victor Mager School – Roof Replacement (Feb. 25, 2022)
- (Page 4) Letter RE: Collège Jeanne-Sauvé – Heating and Cooling System Replacement (March 4, 2022)
- (Page 5) Letter RE: Collège Jeanne-Sauvé – Major Addition and Renovation Project (March 4, 2022)

General:

- (Page 7) Email from M. Vouk (Feb. 28, 2022)
- (Page 8) Email from I. Bindi (March 3, 2022)

11.2 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence was received by the Board:

Labour Relations:

- None

General MSBA Correspondence:

- (Page 1) 2022 Resolutions and Special Business
- (Page 8) Aboriginal Education Research Forum 2022 (March 7, 2022)
- (Page 12) Canadian School Boards Association Congress – Call for Presentations
- (Page 14) e-bulletin (March 9, 2022)

12. ACTION ITEMS

13. 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
- Charlene Sacher
- Cyril Indome

- Jay McGurran
- Joanne DeCruyenaere
- Kirk Goodlet
- Marcela Cabezas
- Margaret Whitlaw
- Melissa Brown
- Nicole Mager
- Sandra-Dee Beer
- Scott Wood
- Sia Erlendaon
- Yana Zheleva

14. ADJOURNMENT

The March 15 Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

“Original signed by L. Johnston”

Chair

“Original signed by J. Rudnicki”

Secretary-Treasurer