

MINUTES OF THE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, September 6, 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
Chris Sigurdson, Trustee
Cindy Turner, Trustee

REGRETS: Robert Page, Trustee
Tom Parker, Trustee
Neil Vadeboncoeur, Trustee

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: 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
Clarke Hagan, Director of Information Technology Systems, virtual
Michelle Jean-Paul, Divisional Principal
Deneen Madden, Executive Assistant
Lexi Muise, Executive Assistant, virtual
Marlene Murray, Assistant Superintendent Student Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Sept. 6 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 Red River 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

The Chair welcomed everyone participating in the hybrid meeting and advised that Board meetings are audio recorded 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 – Sept. 6, 2022

2022-003

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Sigurdson

THAT the Sept. 6 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting – June 21, 2022

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

2.3 Approval of Minutes of Special Board Meeting - June 28, 2022

As there were no changes, the June 28 minutes of the Special Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

2.4 Approval of Minutes of Special Board Meeting - Aug. 30, 2022

As there were no changes, the Aug. 30 minutes of the Special Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

3. LRSD NEWS

3.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Johnston

We hope you and your families enjoyed a wonderful summer and had opportunity to re-energize.

The start of a new school year brings such excitement and promise.

Welcome students and staff new to LRSD. I wish everyone great success.

Thank you to the many teams who worked throughout the summer months:

- The Maintenance, Facilities and Transportation Departments have worked tirelessly to ensure our schools are ready for students and staff.
- Staff supporting the many programs operating throughout the summer, such as the ASPIRE Program and the Summer Learning Academy to ensure our students continue their summer learning.
- Thank you to our Communications Team. I receive many messages of appreciation on LRSD spotlight stories, summer learning opportunities and parent links.

Please keep watching our website as we continue to improve!

3.2 News from Acting Superintendent Aitken

Acting Superintendent Aitken highlighted the following:

- The Winnipeg Free Press has been doing a series of articles on Knowledge Keepers of Indigenous culture and on Aug. 4, published a story, *The weight – and wait-of words*, highlighting Grandfather Wanbdi Wakita's life experiences and sharing his knowledge. Grandfather Wanbdi is on the LRSD's Council of Grandmothers and Grandfathers.
- Congratulations to Grandmother Chickadee Richard, who is also on the LRSD's Council of Grandmothers and Grandfathers, who was celebrated for her contributions to public education in Canada and in the Indigenous Elder Recognition by the Canadian Teachers' Federation.
- Congratulations to Michelle Jean-Paul, Divisional Principal of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, who received the Canadian Teachers' Federation Special Recognition Award for her service to education.
- Congratulations to nine students at Victor H.L. Wyatt School. Through the CanU experience, they received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Winnipeg Foundation to be used at any university or college in Canada.
- July 19, 2022, marked 20 years since the St. Boniface and St. Vital School Divisions amalgamated to form Louis Riel School Division. Celebrating two decades of learning in LRSD will take place throughout the upcoming school year.
- Mathieu Allard, Councillor for St. Boniface provided a \$20,000 grant to the École Varennes to help support the playground renewal project.
- Brian Mayes, Councillor for St. Vital provided a \$12,000 grant to Windsor School to help support the development of a new outdoor classroom.
- Congratulations to Aiden Anderson, student from J. H. Bruns Collegiate, and Tony (Seung Woo) Han, student from Collège Jeanne-Sauvé, on being selected for the Minister of Education's Student Advisory Council.

- In July, Sandy Nemeth, Vice Chair of the Board, attended and shared at the National Trustee Gathering on Indigenous Education and Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA) Congress. The theme was Local Voices, Local Choices: Education Belongs to Community. Trustee Nemeth along with Lena Kublick, Lord Selkirk School Division Board Chair, shared their journeys respectively of their school boards navigating Bill 64: The Education Modernization Act.

I want to wish all students and staff a wonderful start to the school year.

4. BOARD EDUCATION

4.1 Annual Report to the Community (ARC) for 2021-2022 with Reference to the Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP)

Acting Superintendent Aitken highlighted the Board's Annual Report to the Community 2021-2022 with reference to the MYSP.

Chris Sigurdson, Trustee left the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

5. FINANCE AND AUDIT

5.1 Statutory Declaration Secretary-Treasurer 2022-2023

2022-004

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Landry

THAT the Statutory Declaration made by Jamie Rudnicki, Secretary-Treasurer, be accepted.

CARRIED

5.2 Provincial Financial Accountability Review

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki shared an update regarding the Provincial Financial Accountability Review including the following topics:

- Procurement
- Non-core education and ancillary programs
- Program assessment
- Consulting
- Measurement of financial health
- Transportation
- Cost pressures
- Staffing

Chris Sigurdson, Trustee joined the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

5.3 Strengthening Student Support and Learning - Funding for 2022/2023

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki shared details of the government's funding announcement and the division's allocation in the amount of \$427,000. This is additional funding to support strengthening student support and learning.

5.4 Healthy Schools Grant 2021-2022

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki shared an update regarding the Healthy Schools Grant for 2021-2022 in the amount of \$36,307.88.

5.5 École Howden Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Request for Interim Financing

2022-005

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Nemeth

THAT the Board approve a \$67,000 repayable line of credit to the École Howden School Parent Advisory Council to support the upfront costs incurred regarding the Playground Enhancement project at École Howden; and

THAT the École Howden School Parent Advisory Council repay the division any outstanding balance by Nov. 30, 2023.

CARRIED

6. INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

6.1 School Start-up

Acting Superintendent Aitken shared a report regarding the 2022-2023 start up and highlighted the spotlight story.

6.2 New School Update - École Sage Creek & Bonavista

Acting Superintendent Aitken and Amarbeer Bhandari, Director of Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation, shared an update regarding the construction of the new school that will support students enrolled in the French Immersion program, who live in Sage Creek and Bonavista.

6.3 Collège Jeanne-Sauvé Renovation and Addition Update

Amarbeer Bhandari, Director of Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation, shared an update regarding the renovation and addition at Collège Jeanne-Sauvé.

6.4 J. H. Bruns Collegiate Renovation and Addition Update

Amarbeer Bhandari, Director of Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation, shared an update regarding the renovation and addition at J. H. Bruns Collegiate.

6.5 Marion School Renovation and Addition Update

Amarbeer Bhandari, Director of Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation, shared an update regarding the renovation and addition at Marion School.

6.6 Windsor Park Collegiate Renovation Update

Amarbeer Bhandari, Director of Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation, shared an update regarding the renovation at Windsor Park Collegiate.

6.7 Collège Béliveau Renovation Update

Amarbeer Bhandari, Director of Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation, shared an update regarding the renovation at Collège Béliveau.

6.8 École Varennes Update

Amarbeer Bhandari, Director of Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation, shared an update regarding École Varennes and the need to build a new school to replace the existing school.

6.9 Accessibility Plan Update

The update regarding the division's Accessibility Plan was deferred to the Sept. 20 Regular Board Meeting.

6.10 New Website, Contact Manager, Staff/Student/Parent Portal, IOS/Android App

Clarke Hagan, Director of Information Technology Systems, shared technology updates related to the website, portal and new communications app.

6.11 Request from the Steering Committee 100th Anniversary Glenlawn Collegiate

The Chair shared the request made from the steering committee of the 100th Anniversary at Glenlawn Collegiate.

6.12 Student Achievement Statistics from Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning (MEECL)

Assistant Superintendent Anderson highlighted student achievement statistics received provided by MEECL for the 2020/2021 school year.

6.13 Leadership Meeting - Sept. 1, 2022

Acting Superintendent Aitken shared highlights from the Sept. 1 meeting with principals.

6.14 Board Presentations for 2022-2023

The Chair asked trustees to submit ideas for presentations to the Board for this school year.

7. POLICY

7.1 Policy Review Committee Update - Ratification of Amendments

2022-006

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the existing policies revised by the Superintendent's Policy Review Committee listed below be amended:

- Policy JFBB-JFABB - Admission of International and Exchange Students and Administrative Protocol
- Policy JJE-1 - Student Fundraising Activity: School-Initiated
- Policy JJE-2 - Student Fundraising Activity: Parent-Initiated
- Policy JJE-3 - Student Fundraising Activity: Charitable-Initiates
- Policy JJE-4 - Student Fundraising Activity: Fundraising for School Trips

CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 School Board Correspondence – Received

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

Manitoba Education:

- (Page 1) Email from D. Rudy, Deputy Minister, RE: National Indigenous Peoples Day (June 21, 2022)
- (Page 2) Email from J. Tomy, Assistant Deputy Minister, RE: Standards for Appropriate Educational Programming in Manitoba (June 28, 2022)
- (Page 47) Letter from Hon. Minister Ewasko RE: Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning (June 29, 2022)

Education Funding Branch:

- (Page 48) Letter RE: Marion School – Addition and Renovation (June 29, 2022)
- (Page 60) Letter RE: J. H. Bruns Collegiate – Structural Roof Reinforcement (June 30, 2022)
- (Page 62) Letter RE: Lavallee School – Universal Washroom/Changeroom (June 30, 2022)
- (Page 66) Letter RE: Windsor Park Collegiate – Universal Washroom/Changeroom (June 30, 2022)
- (Page 70) Letter RE: New-K-8 French Immersion School Sage Creek (July 8, 2022)
- (Page 72) Letter RE: Marion School – Exterior Wall Renewal & Elevator Addition (July 15, 2022)
- (Page 74) Letter RE: J. H. Bruns Collegiate – Foundation Structural Upgrade (July 15, 2022)

- (Page 76) Letter RE: Dr. D. W. Penner School - Universal Washroom/Changeroom (July 28, 2022)

General:

- (Page 78) Letter from J. Neufeld (June 28, 2022)
- (Page 79) Thank you note from TJ's Gift Foundation
- (Page 80) Thank you notes from various scholarship recipients
- (Page 86) Email from W. Ruff (Aug. 10, 2022)
- (Page 87) Email from W. Ruff (Aug. 17, 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: *The Accessibility for Manitobans Act – Accessible Information and Communication Standard Regulation* (June 29, 2022)
- (Page 2) Memo RE: Bills 2, 15, 39, 44 (June 29, 2022)
- (Page 9) Memo RE: Manitoba Minimum Wage to Increase to \$15 by Oct. 2023 (Aug. 24, 2022)

General MSBA Correspondence:

- (Page 11) By-law No. 69/2022
- (Page 13) Horizon link

9. 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, virtual
- Darlene Gerrior, virtual
- Jay McGurran, virtual
- Marcela Cabezas, virtual
- Margaret Whitlaw, virtual
- Michelle Bacon, virtual
- Scott Wood, virtual
- Simon Fuller, virtual

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Sept. 6 Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

"Original signed by L. Johnston"

Chair

"Original signed by J. Rudnicki"

Secretary-Treasurer