

MINUTES OF THE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, October 18, 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, virtual
Neil Vadeboncoeur, Trustee, virtual

REGRETS: Pamela Kolochuk, Trustee

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Christian Michalik, Superintendent & CEO
Jamie Rudnicki, Secretary-Treasurer & CFO
Lisa Aitken, Assistant Superintendent Staff 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
Deneen Madden, Executive Assistant
Lexi Muise, Executive Assistant, virtual
Marlene Murray, Assistant Superintendent Student Services
Julie Cote-Marinelli, Divisional Principal, virtual
Derrick Sheldon, Assistant Director of Staff Services, virtual

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Oct. 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 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 – Oct. 18. 2022

2022-014

Moved by Trustee Page

Seconded by Trustee Parker

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

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting – Oct. 4, 2022

As there were no changes, the Oct. 4 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

3. LRSD NEWS

3.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Sigurdson

Trustee Sigurdson highlighted the following:

- The Family Centre at Lavallee School held a special event where the children made delicious pumpkin muffins. Many newcomer families who, are just settling into Canadian life had never tasted pumpkin before!
- Reminder that LRSD is hosting a winter clothing drive to support local communities. Gently used winter wear can be dropped off at many LRSD schools until Oct 31. Details are posted on the division's website.

- The Dakota Collegiate homecoming football games were played at Murray Field on Oct 14. The highlight was the talented pep band, led by the amazing Mr. Ritchie along with the energized cheer team who kept the crowd engaged even in the cold weather!

3.2 News from Superintendent Michalik

Superintendent Michalik highlighted the following:

- October is Dyslexia Awareness Month as pronounced by Wayne Ewasko, Minister of Education and October is Women's History Month in Canada.
- Oct. 4 was the National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit People. We encouraged schools to highlight that national day.
- We have been promoting *Refuge*, a documentary produced by La Liberté, followed the journey of a family fleeing Ukraine. It features Zlata and Anhelina who were welcomed into the Nordale School community when they arrived in Winnipeg.
- We acknowledged the United Nations World Teachers Day on Oct. 5.
- Oct. 6 was the kick off of the LRSD Educators' Summit. In 2021, in the midst of the pandemic, we brought together students to discuss what we had learned from the pandemic and to bring forward calls to action. Students led the summit, deciding the topics, capturing the information and then sharing their findings with staff in May 2021. We brought together a group of teachers and educational assistants to continue the learning. The students were very bold and audacious with their calls to action and the educators' takeaway is we have much learning to do. On Nov. 25 a day of learning has been scheduled with 100 learning focuses planned for staff.

4. PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

4.1 UNESCO Circumpolar Network in Copenhagen, Denmark

Superintendent Michalik introduced the following students and teacher from Collège Jeanne-Sauvé who shared their experiences participating at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Circumpolar Network held in Copenhagen, Denmark:

- Daniella Ajuwon, student
- Stella Opaleke, student
- Sandra Jansen, teacher

5. FINANCE AND AUDIT

5.1 Accumulated Surplus and Carry-Forward Report

2022-015

Moved by Trustee Sigurdson

Seconded by Trustee Landry

THAT the Board approve the Accumulated Surplus and Carry-Forward Report for the year ending June 30, 2022.

CARRIED

5.2 City of Winnipeg Property Tax Update

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki shared the verdict received regarding the City of Winnipeg tax lawsuit, where LRSD and four other metro school divisions filed a claim against the City of Winnipeg for a property tax exemption. On Oct. 3, 2022, the courts decided in the division's favour.

6. STAFFING

6.1 Personnel Update - Retirement Notice

Superintendent Michalik shared Assistant Superintendent Lisa Aitken's intention to retire effective Dec. 31, 2022.

6.2 Personnel Update - Additional Staffing

In January 2022, the government made additional funds available to support recovery learning and we are responding by reviewing class sizes and class compositions. For this year, we decided to hire 4 additional full-time equivalent (FTE) teachers and 20.67 FTE educational assistants. After further consultation with school administration, we have decided, for this year, to add an additional 5.68 FTE educational assistants and an additional 2 FTE teachers.

7. INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

7.1 New School Update - École Sage Creek & Bonavista

Superintendent Michalik 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. In November, an architect will be contracted to design a school for construction. Members of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) met with administration and will begin meeting with families of schools in the near future.

7.2 Collège Jeanne-Sauvé Renovation and Addition Update

Superintendent Michalik advised that the renovation and addition at Collège Jeanne-Sauvé are moving along without issue. Soon the foundation will be poured, and the steel structure will start taking shape. Our target for opening the addition and renovated spaces is September 2023.

7.3 J.H. Bruns Collegiate Renovation and Addition Update

Superintendent Michalik shared on Thursday evening we are bringing together the J.H. Bruns Collegiate community with the architect to share High-Level Block Planning Design options and discuss the journey of developing a Class D (concept) Design for the addition. The target is to have the Class D Estimate finalized by the end of December 2022.

7.4 Windsor Park Collegiate Renovation Update

Superintendent Michalik shared that members of the SLT met with school administration from Windsor Park Collegiate to establish a working group with teachers, students and parents/guardians to journey alongside with us and the Windsor Park Collegiate and the Collège Béliveau communities. At some point in November, an architect will be contracted to design for the renovations required at Windsor Park Collegiate. The design process will begin before the winter break with a target completion date in March.

7.5 Collège Béliveau Renovation Update

Superintendent Michalik shared that he met last week with members of the SLT and school administration at Collège Béliveau. In November an architect will be contracted to design the renovations at Collège Béliveau and the design process will begin before the winter break and go until sometime in March.

7.6 Marion School Renovation and Addition Update

Superintendent Michalik advised in November an architect will be contracted to design the construction of the addition at Marion School. Assistant Superintendent Cormack shared that the team meets regularly with the architectural firm and construction company regarding the renovation. They are working in tandem on the exterior of the building and prioritizing the update and renovation of the universal changeroom. The preliminary installation of the cement board around the north side of the building has been completed and the universal changeroom is 95 percent complete. The team is currently working through procurement challenges.

7.7 École Varennes Update

Superintendent Michalik shared an update regarding École Varennes and the need to build a new school to replace the existing school. A meeting with members of the SLT and school administration is planned for Thursday afternoon to finalize a working group including staff, students and community; after which we will be ready to bring community together with the architect.

7.8 Leadership Team Professional Learning

Superintendent Michalik shared highlights from the two days of professional learning held on Oct. 11 and 12 with the Leadership Team.

7.9 Startup 2022-2023 - Staff and Student Perspective

Superintendent Michalik shared the data collected regarding startup 2022-2023 and what could we learn to improve on next year's startup.

7.10 Accessibility Plan Updates

Assistant Superintendent Cormack provided an update regarding the division's Accessibility Plan.

7.11 Monthly Updates Regarding Communications Metrics

Superintendent Michalik provided the September reports on communications metrics.

8. POLICY

8.1 Policy Review Committee - First Reading

2022-016

Moved by Trustee Page

Seconded by Trustee Landry

THAT the following policies - reviewed by the Superintendent's Policy Committee, receive first reading and be returned to committee for further review and brought back for second reading:

- Policy IKFC - Graduation Requirements - Substitution of Credits 2022
- Policy IGCC and Administrative Protocol - Challenge for Credit Option - Grade 9 to 12

CARRIED

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 School Board Correspondence – Received

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

Manitoba Education:

- (Page 1) Email from R. Shaw and D. McCutcheon RE: New High School Apprenticeship Programs (Oct. 13, 2022)
- (Page 2) Letter from Allan Hawkins, Executive Director RE: Menstrual products ordering process and product availability (Oct. 14, 2022)

Education Funding Branch:

- (Page 4) Letter RE: École Marie-Anne-Gaboury Mechanical Systems Replacement Design (Oct. 7, 2022)

General:

- (Page 7) Email from I. Prokipchuk (Oct. 4, 2022)

9.2 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence was received by the Board:

Labour Relations:

- None

General MSBA Correspondence:

- (Page 1) e-bulletin (Oct. 5, 2022)
- (Page 2) Call for Presentation Proposals: 2023 CSBA Congress
- (Page 4) Prime Minister's Awards (Oct. 6, 2022)
- (Page 5) Copyright Advocacy and Reform Update in 2022
- (Page 9) Memo RE: Manitoba Physical Activity Safety in Schools (MPASS) (Oct. 13, 2022)

10. ACTION ITEMS

10.1 Multi-Year Strategic Plan 2023-2027

2022-017

Moved by Trustee Nemeth

Seconded by Trustee Page

Superintendent Michalik will provide context to the following proposed Board motion:

THAT the Board reaffirms the importance of a multi-year strategic (MYSP) process; and,
THAT the Board supports the roadmap to have the MYSP for 2023-2027 by June of 2023.

CARRIED

11. 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:

- Chipalo Simunyola
- Cyril Indome
- Darlene Gerrior
- Jay McGurran
- Kandis Welbers
- Lisa McLellan-Bowes
- Marcela Cabezas

- Margaret Whitlaw
- Michelle Bacon
- Scott Wood
- Sia Erlendaon

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Oct. 18 Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

"Original signed by L. Johnston"

Chair

"Original signed by J. Rudnicki"

Secretary-Treasurer