

MINUTES OF THE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
50 Monterey Road, Winnipeg
Hybrid Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS: Sandy Nemeth, Chair
Chris Sigurdson, Vice-Chair
Francine Champagne, Trustee
Darlene Gerrior, Trustee
Pamela Kolochuk, Trustee
Irene Nordheim, Trustee
Ryan Palmquist, Trustee
Chipalo Simunyola, Trustee
Cindy Turner, Trustee, virtual

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Christian Michalik, Superintendent & CEO
Jamie Rudnicki, Secretary-Treasurer & CFO
Jeff Anderson, Assistant Superintendent Policy, Planning & Research
Amarbeer Bhandari, Director of Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation, virtual
Chaimae Bouamira, Executive Assistant, virtual
Ron Cadez, Director of School and Classroom Support, virtual
Darcy Cormack, Assistant Superintendent Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Services
Michelle Jean-Paul, Assistant Superintendent Staff Services
Corey Kapilik, Divisional Principal, virtual
Deneen Madden, Executive Assistant
Marlene Murray, Assistant Superintendent Student Services
Jocelyn Peters, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, virtual
Derrick Sheldon, Assistant Director of Staff Services, virtual

1. CALL TO ORDER

The March 7 Regular Board Meeting of the Louis Riel School Division (LRSD) Board of Trustees was called to order by Sandy Nemeth, 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 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 the Regular Board Meeting – March 7, 2023

2022-064

Moved by Trustee Champagne

Seconded by Trustee Kolochuk

THAT the March 7 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – Feb. 21, 2023

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

3. LRSD NEWS

3.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Simunyola

Trustee Simunyola provided the following highlights:

- Pink Shirt Day was on Feb. 22, 2023, and many LRSD students wore pink shirts to show their support for anti-bullying. On that day, I went to Shamrock School, and it was nice to see students and staff dressed in pink.
- The Riel-Evate Endowment Fund Committee met on Feb. 23 to discuss fundraising ideas for the current school year. More information will follow.
- Many schools in LRSD hosted open houses in February, including Nelson McIntyre Collegiate, J.H. Bruns Collegiate, and Collège Béliveau, to name a few.

- On Feb. 28, the LRSD Board of Trustees presented the 2023/2024 draft budget to the community, which was well attended virtually and in person.
- On March 2, the fourth provincially ranked, undefeated, Dakota Junior Varsity (JV) Girls Basketball team faced another LRSD powerhouse, the Glenlawn Lions, in a playoff game in which the Dakota Lancers won 64-34. The AAAA JV Girls Basketball Provincial playoffs will take place from March 9 to March 14. The finals will be held at the University of Manitoba on March 14, 2023.
- Congratulations to the Dakota Lancers Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball Teams who are the South Central Athletic Conference (SCAC) Champions!

3.2 News from Senior Leadership (SLT) Team Provided by Assistant Superintendent Cormack

Assistant Superintendent Cormack provided the following highlights:

- Congratulations to Zailey Cameron, Dakota Collegiate Institute (DCI) student, who received the Nutrien Indigenous Youth Financial Management Award. Zailey uses her role as an Indigenous youth leader to teach her peers cultural traditions and volunteers her time to share her gift of dancing with the broader community at DCI's Winter Solstice Ceremonies. Zailey is a strong and committed powwow dancer who travels all over Canada and the United States to dance traditional jingle.
- Louis Riel Arts and Technology Centre (LRATC) Students tested their ability to create a unique pastry treat to capture the imagination of a panel of industry experts in the Baker's Den, a competition in the Baking and Pastry Program at the LRATC.
- On Feb. 15, Kal Barteski, a Canadian Artist and Advocate, visited Grade 1/2 classes as a culmination of the creative cross-curricular work they have been doing regarding birds. While Ms. Barteski is well known for her paintings of polar bears, brushed script with positive words, and her dedication to environmental health, she also loves painting various birds on birchbark.
- Lavallee School staff shared exciting new literacy learning strategies with families at the very first "Lavallee Literacy Night", an educational opportunity for parents and guardians to learn about literacy both in and out of the classroom. The night was a success with more than 100 parents and children in attendance.
- On Jan. 31, a hockey program at Victor H.L. Wyatt School started for Grade 3 and 4 students with little or no experience in hockey. The program will teach the fundamentals of the game in a safe and positive setting.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 Riel-Evate Endowment Fund Committee

4.1.1 Committee Report and Update

2022-065

Moved by Trustee Gerrior

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT the Board receive the Riel-Evate Endowment Fund Committee minutes from the Feb. 23, 2023, meeting, and;

THAT Sandy Nemeth be named interim Chair of the Riel-Evate Endowment Fund Committee, effective immediately.

CARRIED

5. FINANCE AND AUDIT

5.1 Draft Budget 2023-2024

Superintendent Michalik shared the spotlight story regarding the LRSD's Draft Budget Presentation held on Feb. 28, 2023, with a reminder the draft budget is coming to the Board for final approval on Tuesday, March 14, 2023.

6. STAFFING

6.1 Personnel Update - Transfers

2022-066

Moved by Trustee Champagne

Seconded by Trustee Kolochuk

THAT the following transfers be made effective Aug. 1, 2023:

- Angela Power be transferred as principal to Island Lakes Community School from Niakwa Place School
- Jordan Falconer be transferred as principal to H.S. Paul School from Island Lakes Community School
- Jennifer Oldfield be transferred as vice-principal to Collège Béliveau from École Provencher
- Kim Melvin be transferred as vice-principal to Samuel Burland School from Victor H.L. Wyatt School

CARRIED

6.2 Personnel Update - Appointment

2022-067

Moved by Trustee Sigurdson

Seconded by Trustee Gerior

THAT Nicole Maynard be appointed as principal at École George-McDowell, effective Aug. 1, 2023.

CARRIED

7. CHAIR INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

7.1 Canada School Boards Association (CSBA)

The Chair highlighted the CSBA website and answered trustee questions.

Chris Sigurdson, Vice-Chair left the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

7.2 Conversation with MLA Audrey Gordon

The Chair met with MLA Audrey Gordon on Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2023. The discussions focused on current challenges, student achievement, programming and included a budget conversation.

7.3 Conversation with MLA Dougald Lamont

Chris Sigurdson, Vice-Chair joined the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

The Vice-Chair shared highlights from this evening's conversation with Dougald Lamont, MLA for St. Boniface. Topics of discussion included updates to infrastructure, challenges the division is facing due to increasing enrolment and the recent funding announcement from the Province of Manitoba.

8. SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

8.1 New School Update - École Sage Creek & Bonavista

Superintendent Michalik and Assistant Superintendent Anderson 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.

- Today, confirmation was received from the province that we can proceed with the full build being 900-student capacity as opposed to 700-student capacity.
- This week, the conditional use and application for development permit will be submitted to the city simultaneously, each dependent on the other.
- The Construction Manager RFP closed today and is expected to be awarded on March 24, 2023.

8.2 Collège Jeanne-Sauvé Renovation and Addition Update

Superintendent Michalik and Assistant Superintendent Anderson shared an update regarding the renovation and addition at Collège Jeanne-Sauvé.

- Science wing (five classrooms) - The construction of two science labs is fully complete and will be included on the open house tour being held tonight for incoming Grade 9 students. The other three science labs are nearly complete. All spaces will be ready for occupancy by spring break.
- New addition and music room - The addition is progressing as scheduled with masonry work continuing; the main floor is expected to be complete by the end of the month, and flooring for the second level to begin in April.
- Contingency planning continues, including conversations with the city regarding occupancy of the addition.

8.3 École Varennes Update

Superintendent Michalik and Assistant Superintendent Anderson shared an update regarding École Varennes and the need to build a new school to replace the existing school. We are in the process of preparing additional documentation at the request of provincial officials.

8.4 Collège Béliveau Renovation Update

Superintendent Michalik and Assistant Superintendent Anderson shared an update regarding the renovation at Collège Béliveau. Feedback has been provided to Prairie Architects Inc. for their review. Design concepts are being modified and shared with the community in April.

8.5 Windsor Park Collegiate Renovation Update

Superintendent Michalik and Assistant Superintendent Murray shared an update regarding the renovation at Windsor Park Collegiate. Feedback for the design options presented at the Jan. 31 Community Consultation event have been forwarded to Prairie Architects Inc. for their review. The finalized design options will be shared with the community in April.

8.6 J.H. Bruns Collegiate Renovation and Addition Update

Superintendent Michalik and Assistant Superintendent Murray shared an update regarding the renovation and addition at J.H. Bruns Collegiate. LRSD has recently received the concept study from Number TEN Architectural Group. We are ready to proceed with the RFA submission to the provincial government.

8.7 Marion School Renovation and Addition Update

Superintendent Michalik and Assistant Superintendent Cormack shared an update regarding the renovation and addition at Marion School:

- Sump pits are being installed.
- Excavation in crawlspace is being completed.
- Interior masonry work continues for door openings.
- Excavation continues at the front of the school and the vapour barrier and veneer angle will be installed following the completion of the excavation.
- Plumbing is being installed in the upstairs universal bathroom.
- The trim work around windows from the interior continues.

8.8 Darwin/Minnetonka

On Feb. 28, an invitation to attend a meeting on March 9 was sent to families at Darwin and Minnetonka Schools. The focus of the meeting is to explore the opportunity to reconfigure both schools for September 2023.

8.9 Updated Organizational Chart

Superintendent Michalik shared the updated LRSD Organizational Chart.

8.10 Presenting at Insights Manitoba 2023 - The Learning Bar

Superintendent Michalik shared highlights from his presentation made at the Insights Manitoba 2023 Conference hosted by The Learning Bar. The focus of the presentation was building data literacy across the division.

8.11 Pan-Canadian Assessment Program (PCAP) Science, Reading, and Mathematics Assessment - April 17 to May 26, 2023

Superintendent Michalik shared the letter received from Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning (MEECL) outlining the assessment. This program assesses the knowledge and skills of Grade 8 students across Canada in the core subjects of science, reading and mathematics. The following schools in LRSD have been randomly selected as part of the PCAP assessment:

- École George McDowell
- Frontenac School
- Collège Béliveau
- H.S. Paul School
- Windsor Park Collegiate
- Island Lakes Community School
- St. George School
- École Guyot
- École Van Belleghem
- École Varennes
- Archwood School

9. POLICY

9.1 Policy Review Committee Update - Third Reading

2022-068

Moved by Trustee Gerrior

Seconded by Trustee Champagne

THAT Policy JBC - Appropriate Educational Programming: Provisions of In-School Support to Students by External Clinicals, reviewed by the Policy Review Committee receive third reading and finally be adopted.

CARRIED

9.2 Policy Review Committee Update - Ratification of Amendment

2022-069

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT the following list of policies and protocols be amended:

- Policy JLIAA - Supervision of Students: Lunch Supervision - Kindergarten to Grade 8
 - Protocol JLIAA - Determining and Reporting on Lunch Fees

CARRIED

9.3 Policy Review Committee Update –First Reading

Pamela Kolochuk, Trustee left the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Pamela Kolochuk, Trustee joined the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

2022-070

Moved by Trustee Champagne

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT Policy KHB - Corporate Sponsorships, Donations and Sponsorships, reviewed by the Policy Review Committee, receive first reading and be further reviewed in committee and brought back for second and third reading at a future date.

CARRIED

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 School Board Correspondence – Received

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning (MEECL):

- (Page 1) Letter and Proclamation from Minister Ewasko RE: Student Presence and Engagement Month (Feb. 24, 2023)

- (Page 3) Letter from J. Faulder, Director of Education Administration Services, RE: Respect Group Training Reporting Requirements (Sept. 16, 2023)

Education Funding Branch:

- None

General:

- None

10.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent

The following correspondence was sent on behalf of the Board:

- (Page 1) Invitation to Ministers Gordon, Morley-Lecomte, Squires, Smith, RE: Budget Presentation 2023/2024 (Feb. 22, 2023)
- (Page 2) Invitation to Councillors Chambers, Allard, Wyatt and Mayes, RE: Budget Presentation 2023/2024 (Feb. 22, 2023)
- (Page 3) Invitation to MLA Lamont Budget Presentation 2023/2024 (Feb. 22, 2023)
- (Page 4) Invitation to MLA Moses and Altomare RE: Budget Presentation 2023/2024 (Feb. 22, 2023)

10.3 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence was received by the Board:

Labour Relations:

- (Page 1) Memo RE: Employee and Family Assistance Programs (Dec. 22, 2022)
- (Page 11) Memo RE: Accessibility for Manitobans Act (Feb. 27, 2023)

General MSBA Correspondence:

- (Page 14) Stone Soup Raffle 2023
- (Page 17) Fair Dealing Canada
- (Page 26) e-bulletin (Feb. 22, 2023)
- (Page 27) CACE Outreach Benefits (February 2023)
- (Page 28) CACE Webinar (Feb. 27, 2023)
- (Page 29) Memo RE: 2023 TADD Leading Change Scholarship/Bursary (March 1, 2023)
- (Page 32) Memo RE: 2023 “Bear-pit Session“ with Minister of Education (March 1, 2023)
- (Page 33) Memo RE: MSI Updates (March 1, 2023)
- (Page 34) Fair Dealing Works!
- (Page 35) 2023 Award Results (March 3, 2023)

11. ACTION ITEMS

11.1 Bylaw 20222023-002 Religious Instruction - Shamrock School

2022-071

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT Bylaw 20222023-002 being a bylaw to authorize the instruction of religion at Shamrock School during the 2022-2023 school year receive first, second and third reading.

Trustee Palmquist voted against the motion.

CARRIED

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:

- Carol Bitchok, virtual
- Charlene Sacher, virtual
- Christine Stephenson, virtual
- Cyril Indome, virtual
- David Charney, virtual
- Jay McGurran
- Jennifer Oldfield, virtual
- Joanne DeCruyenaere, virtual
- Kathy Atkin, virtual
- Krista Labossiere, virtual
- Kristin Olensky-Taylor, virtual
- Lisa McLellan-Bowes, virtual
- Lindsey Kinsley, virtual
- Lynn Valde, virtual
- Marcela Cabezas
- Michelle Bacon, virtual
- Nello Altomare, virtual
- Nicholas Kelly, virtual
- Rose Pagtakhan, virtual
- Ross Cathers, virtual
- Scott Wood, virtual
- Sharmila Sukhan, virtual
- Trichia Gannon, virtual

13. ADJOURNMENT

The March 7 Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

“Original signed by S. Nemeth”

Chair

“Original signed by J. Rudnicki”

Secretary-Treasurer