

**MINUTES OF THE**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Tuesday, April 4, 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  
Ron Cadez, Director of School and Classroom Support, virtual  
Darcy Cormack, Assistant Superintendent Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Services  
Clarke Hagan, Director of Information Technology Services  
Michelle Jean-Paul, Assistant Superintendent Staff Services  
Deneen Madden, Executive Assistant  
Lexi Muise, Executive Assistant, virtual  
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 April 4 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 6:30 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 the Regular Board Meeting – April 4, 2023**

2022-079

Moved by Trustee Champagne

Seconded by Trustee Gerrior

THAT the April 4 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

### **2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – March 21, 2023**

As there were no changes, the March 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 Sigurdson**

Trustee Sigurdson provided the following student success and achievements:

- Dakota Collegiate Girls Basketball team won the championship last weekend.
- J.H. Bruns Collegiate Guitar Band received the CBC Music Award and was recognized at the legislature.
- Collège Jeanne-Sauvé Musical performance of *The Addams Family* was a huge success with over 2,000 people enjoying the performances.

I want to acknowledge the culture and atmosphere of excellence that we maintain in all of our schools in LRSD. The staff, students and volunteers are to be commended for their commitment.

### **3.2 News from Senior Leadership (SLT) Team Provided by Assistant Superintendent Murray**

Assistant Superintendent Murray provided the following highlights:

- Students and staff at General Vanier School acknowledged Down Syndrome Day on March 21 with a special assembly featuring special guest, Liam Frain. Liam, 24, is a General Vanier School alumnus who appeared in the made-in-Manitoba film *Champions*, starring Woody Harrelson. The special assembly was organized by Sabrina and Amadora, Grade 5 and 6 students, who stated, “A big part of World Down Syndrome Day is about embracing all-inclusivity and celebrating everyone’s own unique self.”
- Ridhwanlai Badmos, a Grade 12 student at Windsor Park Collegiate, was named a 2023 Loran Scholar. The Loran Award is given to young people based on their character, commitment to community service, and leadership potential.
- Despite the Windsor Park Collegiate hockey program only forming two years ago, they were able to win the 2023 Winnipeg High School Hockey League’s Price Division championship.

## **4. PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD**

### **4.1 Defeat Depression Day on May 27, 2023**

The Chair introduced Avary Kemball, a Grade 12 student at Dakota Collegiate, who made a presentation regarding the Defeat Depression movement.

## **5. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **5.1 Riel-Evate Endowment Fund Committee**

Trustee Nemeth, Interim Chair of the Riel-Evate Endowment Fund Committee, shared minutes from the March 22 committee meeting.

## **6. BOARD EDUCATION**

### **6.1 Understanding the Pan-Canadian Assessment Program (PCAP) Science, Reading, and Mathematics Assess**

Assistant Superintendent Anderson provided an overview of the PCAP assessment including sample questions from a previous PCAP assessment and answered trustee questions.

## **7. FINANCE AND AUDIT**

### **7.1 Memorandum of Agreement Between LRSD and LRTA**

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki shared the draft Memorandum of Agreement between the Louis Riel School Division (LRSD) and the Louis Riel Teachers' Association (LRTA).

## **8. STAFFING**

### **8.1 Personnel Update - Appointments**

2022-080

Moved by Trustee Gerrior

Seconded by Trustee Kolochuk

THAT the following be appointed effective Aug. 1, 2023:

- Jacqueline Chan, as vice-principal of Collège Jeanne-Sauvé
- Lynn Caron-Plischke, as vice-principal of École Provencher
- Jennifer Boudreau-Allen, as vice-principal of École Varennes
- Adam Dobriansky, as vice-principal of Victor H.L. Wyatt School

CARRIED

### **8.2 Personnel Update - Acting Principal**

2022-081

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Sigurdson

THAT Greg Keisman be appointed as acting principal at Louis Riel Arts & Technology Centre, effective immediately.

CARRIED

## **9. SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM INFORMATION TO THE BOARD**

### **9.1 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.

- Members of the SLT, along with officials from the province and Number Ten Architectural Group (NTAG) reviewed applications for the Construction Manager RFP. The selection process has occurred, and a public announcement is forthcoming.
- Next week, meetings will take place to review room specifications for all the various types of learning spaces in the new school. The architectural team will

hear directly from teachers, administration and members of the School and Classroom Support Team and will tweak designs accordingly.

## **9.2 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 with five classrooms:
  - Furniture has arrived and has been set up.
  - Inspections have been completed.
  - Teachers started to prepare the classrooms for students to return to these spaces on Thursday.
- Addition:
  - The exterior structure (brick and steel) is progressing well.
  - The music room will be closed to the elements in the upcoming weeks.
  - Installation of roof trusses is currently ongoing.

## **9.3 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. There is not much to update; however, to address Trustee Palmquist's question about how many three-storey schools exist, I can confirm that Regina, Saskatchewan has one three-storey K-8 school, details of which can be provided upon request.

## **9.4 Collège Béliveau Renovation Update**

Superintendent Michalik and Assistant Superintendent Anderson shared an update regarding the renovation at Collège Béliveau and Windsor Park Collegiate. Members of the SLT will be preparing a formal request for assistance to supplement previous information submitted to the province.

## **9.5 Windsor Park Collegiate Renovation Update**

Superintendent Michalik and Assistant Superintendent Murray shared an update regarding the renovation at Windsor Park Collegiate and Collège Béliveau. On April 6, there is a meeting to review the concept study and feedback received from staff, students, parents, and the community.

## **9.6 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. The final concept study has been received and we are now preparing a formal request for assistance to supplement previous information submitted to the province.

### **9.7 Marion School Renovation and Addition Update**

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

- The crawl space excavation is nearly complete.
- The upstairs universal bathroom is being plumbed.
- The doors to the daycare center and parking lot have been modified.
- The hoarding for the elevator shaft is being built.
- We will be providing clarity to the project manager regarding the concept design for the addition which was submitted to the province.

### **9.8 Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) 2023-2037**

The Chair and Superintendent Michalik led a discussion regarding the current MYSP which will inform the MYSP for 2023-2027.

### **9.9 Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS)**

Assistant Superintendent Anderson provided context to the TIMSS. The following schools in LRSD were randomly selected and will be included in the trends in international mathematics and science study:

- École Sage Creek School
- École St. Germain
- École Julie-Riel
- Highbury School
- École Van Belleghem
- Frontenac School
- Victor Mager School
- Dr. D.W. Penner School

Ryan Palmquist, Trustee, left the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

### **9.10 Manitoba Workplace Safety and Health Enforcement Project**

Assistant Superintendent Jean-Paul provided an update regarding the Manitoba Workplace Safety and Health Enforcement Project and answered trustee questions.

### **9.11 Accessibility Plan Updates**

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

Ryan Palmquist, Trustee, joined the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

## **9.12 Highbury School Playground Update**

Assistant Superintendent Cormack and Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki provided an update regarding preliminary plans for upgrades to the Highbury School playground.

## **10. POLICY**

### **10.1 Policy Review Committee Update - Ratification of Amendment**

This matter will be deferred to a future meeting.

## **11. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **11.1 School Board Correspondence – Received**

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning (MEECL):

- (Page 1) Letter from J. Tomy and S. Herbst RE: Provincial Implementation Team Inaugural Meeting Invitation (March 21, 2023)

Education Funding Branch:

- (Page 3) Letter RE: Collège Jeanne-Sauvé – Science Room Renewal (March 14, 2023)

General:

- (Page 5) Email from J. James (March 15, 2023)
- (Page 6) Email from T. and J. Flynn (March 18, 2023)
- (Page 9) Email from J. and C. Wujec (March 18, 2023)
- (Page 11) Email from J. and C. Stanus (March 18, 2023)
- (Page 15) Email from T. and J. Gooch (March 19, 2023)
- (Page 17) Email from G. Meade (March 19, 2023)
- (Page 20) Email from S. and T. Mortimer (March 19, 2023)
- (Page 23) Email from R. Boone (March 19, 2023)
- (Page 25) Email from M. Morrison (March 19, 2023)
- (Page 27) Email from L. Kinsley (March 20, 2023)
- (Page 29) Email from T. Locken (March 20, 2023)
- (Page 31) Email from B. Meade and C. Gendron (March 21, 2023)
- (Page 36) Email from G. Meade (March 21, 2023)
- (Page 116) Email from G. Meade (March 23, 2023)
- (Page 119) Email from I. Bindi (March 24, 2023)
- (Page 121) Email from R. Squires, MLA (March 27, 2023)
- (Page 122) Email from C. Gregorashuk (March 28, 2023)
- (Page 124) Email from J. Wujec (March 29, 2023)

## **11.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent**

The following correspondence was sent on behalf of the Board:

- (Page 1) Email to T. and J. Flynn (March 19, 2023)
- (Page 2) Email to J. and C. Wujec (March 19, 2023)
- (Page 3) Email to J. and C. Stanus (March 19, 2023)
- (Page 4) Email to S. and T. Mortimer (March 19, 2023)
- (Page 5) Email to W. Ruff (March 20, 2023)
- (Page 6) Email to G. Meade (March 23, 2023)
- (Page 7) Email to J. James (March 25, 2023)
- (Page 8) Email to C. Gregorashuk (March 28, 2023)
- (Page 9) Email to J. Wujec (March 29, 2023)
- (Page 10) Email to J. Wujec (March 30, 2023)

## **11.3 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 (March 22, 2023)
- (Page 2) Memo RE: MSBA Director Region 5 By-Election (March 23, 2023)
- (Page 4) Executive Highlights (March 15, 2023)
- (Page 5) 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Aboriginal Education Research Forum

## **12. ACTION ITEMS**

### **12.1 TJ's Gift Gala**

2022-082

Moved by Trustee Champagne

Seconded by Trustee Nordheim

THAT the Board support the TJ's Gift Foundation by purchasing one corporate table with 10 seats for the 2023 TJ's Gift Gala.

CARRIED

## **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:

- Adam Dobriansky, virtual
- Amy Warriner, virtual
- Arthur Boudreau, virtual



- Charlene Sacher, virtual
- Chris Heidebrecht, virtual
- Christine Stanus, virtual
- Cyril Indome, virtual
- Ida Azevedo, virtual
- Jay McGurran
- Jennifer Boudreau-Allan, virtual
- Karen Duffield, virtual
- Kendra Greasley, virtual
- Krista Labossiere, virtual
- Leah Klassen, virtual
- Lisa Tymchuk, virtual
- Lynn Valde, virtual
- Marcela Cabezas
- Margaret Whitlaw, virtual
- Melissa Martin, virtual
- Michelle Bacon, virtual
- Sandy Boudreau, virtual
- Sara Decker-Razos, virtual
- Scott Wood, virtual
- Sia Erlendson, virtual
- Tricia Bailey Sauve, virtual
- William Wong, virtual

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

The April 4 Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

“Original signed by S. Nemeth”

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Chair

“Original signed by J. Rudnicki”

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Secretary-Treasurer