

MINUTES OF THE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
50 Monterey Road, Winnipeg
Hybrid Meeting

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

REGRETS: Pamela Kolochuk, Trustee

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
Darcy Cormack, Assistant Superintendent Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Services
Michelle Jean-Paul, Assistant Superintendent Staff Services
Deneen Madden, Executive Assistant
Lexi Muise, Executive Assistant, virtual
Jocelyn Peters, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, virtual
Derrick Sheldon, Assistant Director of Staff Services, virtual

1. CALL TO ORDER

The April 18 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 18, 2023

2022-083

Moved by Trustee Gerrior

Seconded by Trustee Champagne

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

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – April 4, 2023

As there were no changes, the April 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 Turner

Trustee Turner highlighted the following:

- Ebraheim Alder, a student at Windsor Park Collegiate, wins gold at the Canadian National Wrestling Championships in the 60 kg weight class.
- At the École Howden Family Fun Night, Oak Hammock Marsh celebrated its 500th presentation where Rusty, a beautiful long-eared owl, was introduced.
- Students from 17 Manitoba high schools, forming 10 Junior Achievement teams, were showcased at a trade fair held in the St. Vital Mall on April 8 and 9, 2023. The division was represented by two schools. Students at Windsor Park

Collegiate created and sold meticulously hand-painted terracotta flower pots, while students from Nelson McIntyre Collegiate created and sold stunning handmade wooden charcuterie boards and coasters.

3.2 News from Senior Leadership (SLT) Team Provided by Assistant Superintendent Jean-Paul

Assistant Superintendent Jean-Paul provided the following highlights:

- On April 10, The Level Up Challenge, a partnership with Microsoft Canada, Minecraft Education and six Winnipeg school divisions, was launched. On April 13, a press conference was held at City Hall where students had the opportunity to meet Mayor Gillingham as well as other characters from the Minecraft game. Students will have the opportunity to design creative solutions to real world issues by using Minecraft Education and envisioning a more sustainable, connected, and inclusive future. This challenge will provide students an opportunity to navigate through a customized virtual representation of downtown Winnipeg. Schools will submit their top designs to be evaluated by a divisional selection committee before being presented to the City of Winnipeg.
- Students from Nelson McIntyre Collegiate taught students from Dr. D.W. Penner School about coding and robots and will eventually gift a set of robots to be used for ongoing learning around coding and robots. This is part of a new divisional pilot project involving five elementary schools.
- April 12 was International Day of Pink and Samuel Burland School was one of many schools celebrating. Their Sources of Strength student leadership team planned the day including a school assembly. They made a strong connection between the International Day of Pink and our overarching goal of belonging.
- The Manitoba School Library Association (MSLA) announced that Audrey Otto, library technician at H.S. Paul School, is the recipient of the 2023 MSLA Outstanding Library Support Staff award. Audrey was honoured for the “the high caliber of her work, commitment to professional learning, and demonstrated leadership.”

4. PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

4.1 Kitchen Brigades

Assistant Superintendent Cormack introduced the following staff and students who shared their experiences participating in the Kitchen Brigade, a food literacy program:

- Angela Power, principal, Niakwa Place School
- Alana White, principal, Marion School
- Rayleen Dutka, teacher, Dakota Collegiate Institute
- Jane Peck, teacher, St. George School
- Robb Zaina, chef, Kitchen Brigades
- Stephanie Timmerman, teacher, Niakwa Place School

- Diana Risil, student, Dakota Collegiate Institute
- Vlada Shepotko, student, Dakota Collegiate Institute
- Mariana Kobita, student, Dakota Collegiate Institute
- Miley Tung, student, Niakwa Place School
- Ayo Olubowale, student, Niakwa Place School
- Emma Gorrill, student, St. George School
- Emma Doiron, student, Marion School
- Winter Cameron-Catcheway, student, Marion School
- Celestin Mukendi, student, Marion School

4.2 Balanced School Day

The Chair introduced Lisa Lewis, Principal at Hasting School, and Dave Charney, Principal at École Provencher, who made a presentation regarding the balanced school day.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Riel-Evate Endowment Fund Committee - Terms of Reference Amended

2022-084

Moved by Trustee Champagne

Seconded by Trustee Gerrior

THAT the Board approve the amendments to the Riel-Evate Endowment Fund Terms of Reference.

CARRIED

5.2 Riel-Evate Endowment Fund Committee Year-end Report

2022-085

Moved by Trustee Palmquist

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT the Board receive the Riel-Evate Endowment Fund Committee year-end report for 2022/2023.

CARRIED

6. BOARD EDUCATION

6.1 Braiding Sweetgrass

Trustees discussed their learnings from reading the book, *Braiding Sweetgrass*, written by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

7. FINANCE AND AUDIT

7.1 Accumulated Surplus

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki provided a report on accumulated surplus and answered trustee questions.

8. STAFFING

8.1 Personnel Update - Appointment

2022-086

Moved by Trustee Champagne

Seconded by Trustee Sigurdson

THAT Thomas Locke be appointed as principal at Niakwa Place School, effective Aug. 1, 2023.

CARRIED

8.2 Personnel Update - Transfers

2022-087

Moved by Trustee Gerrior

Seconded by Trustee Palmquist

That the following transfers be approved effective Aug. 1, 2023:

- Thaddeus Bourassa as vice-principal to Nelson McIntyre Collegiate from Victor Mager School
- Dana Cormier as vice-principal to Windsor Park Collegiate from Shamrock School
- Cathy-Ann Winters as vice-principal to Shamrock School from Dakota Collegiate Institute
- Cyril Indome as vice-principal to Dakota Collegiate Institute from St. George School
- Melanie Romas as vice-principal to General Vanier School from Glenlawn Collegiate Institute

CARRIED

9. SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

9.1 New School Update - École Sage Creek & Bonavista

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.

- Bird Construction Inc. was the successful applicant for the Construction Manager RFP. An initial meeting occurred earlier today between Bird Construction Inc., Number TEN Architectural Group (NTAG), members of the SLT and the province.
- Meetings took place last week to review room specifications for all of the various types of learning spaces in the new school. In these meetings, NTAG heard directly from teachers, administration and members of the School and Classroom Support Team. A summary of findings was presented to members of SLT earlier today and clarification provided on certain questions.

9.2 Collège Jeanne-Sauvé Renovation and Addition Update

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

- Science wing:
 - The science labs are now open with learning taking place. A few finishing touches are still be added.
- Addition:
 - The exterior structure, which includes brick and steel, is progressing well. Walls are completed on the first floor and continue to be erected on the second floor.

9.3 École Varennes Update

Assistant Superintendent Anderson did not have an update to share regarding École Varennes and the building of a new school to replace the existing school.

9.4 Collège Béliveau Renovation Update

Assistant Superintendent Anderson shared an update regarding the renovation at Collège Béliveau and Windsor Park Collegiate. Members of the SLT are currently preparing a formal request for assistance to supplement previous information submitted to the province. Part of this work includes a closer look at building capacity during each phase of construction to ensure that there will be sufficient space for all students. Certain facilities will be shared between the schools during construction, for example industrial arts shops, and band room.

9.5 Windsor Park Collegiate Renovation Update

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students. Certain facilities will be shared between the schools during construction, for example industrial arts shops, and band room.

9.6 J.H. Bruns Collegiate Renovation and Addition Update

Assistant Superintendent Anderson shared an update regarding the renovation and addition at J.H. Bruns Collegiate. Last week, a detailed request for assistance was submitted to the province. A meeting with government officials to review this request is scheduled for next week.

Chris Sigurdson, Vice-Chair left the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

9.7 Marion School Renovation and Addition Update

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

- The current focus is preparing the space for the elevator, the main entrance, and framing the doors at the north and south entrances.
- The division is having ongoing conversations with the province regarding the design submission for the potential addition. Initially, the RFP indicated additional classrooms; however, we want to ensure that those classrooms reflected an upgrading of the facilities including a wood shop, home ecology lab, and specialized learning spaces. Equity needs to be at the basis of this conversation. We want to ensure that the new space is reflective of other spaces in our division while ensuring capacity levels can accommodate both the Marion School and Archwood School catchments.

9.8 Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) 2023-2027

Superintendent Michalik shared the slide deck from the April 12 meeting with the Leadership Team and highlighted the conversations with staff during the professional learning day held on April 14.

9.9 Poverty and Education Task Force

Assistant Superintendent Cormack shared an update regarding the Poverty and Education Task Force and requested trustees provide feedback by mid-May.

Chris Sigurdson, Vice-Chair joined the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

9.10 United Way Campaign

Superintendent Michalik provided a letter from United Way sharing the record-breaking achievements from the 2022 campaign. LRSD raised the most of all Winnipeg school divisions with a total of \$86,940.21.

9.11 Policing in the Context of Schools Update

Assistant Superintendent Cormack provided the roadmap regarding creating policy for policing in the context of schools. School divisions work in partnership with many agencies and the Winnipeg Police Service (WPC) is one of those agencies. There are times when WPC is liaising with school personnel for a variety of reasons. The focus of the policy will be to provide support to school personnel when managing a WPC request or invitation, in navigating actions, services and support of students and families.

9.12 Mamàhtawisiwin Supplement: Tools for Reflection, Planning, and Reporting / Mamàhtawisiwin : Outils de réflexion, de planification et d'établissement de rapports

Superintendent Michalik provided context to the letter received from Minister Wayne Ewasko along with Tools for Reflection, Planning and Reporting.

9.13 Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS)

Assistant Superintendent Anderson provided sample Grade 4 math questions from the 2003 TIMSS and answered trustee questions.

9.14 Accessibility Community Consultation

Assistant Superintendent Cormack provided information regarding the Accessibility Community Consultation scheduled for May 3, 2023.

9.15 Monthly Updates Regarding Communications Metrics

Superintendent Michalik provided the March 2023 report on communications metrics.

10. POLICY

10.1 Policy Review Committee Update -Ratification of Amendment

2022-088

Moved by Trustee Champagne

Seconded by Trustee Sigurdson

THAT the following list of policies be amended:

- Policy ID - School Day
- Protocol ID - Balanced School Day Planning Considerations

CARRIED

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 RE: Early Years Assessment (March 21, 2023)
- (Page 36) Letter from Hon. Minister Ewasko RE: Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learnings (March 30, 2023)
- (Page 38) Letter from Hon. Minister Ewasko RE: Elders and Knowledge Keepers (March 31, 2023)
- (Page 39) Letter from D. Rudy, Deputy Minister, RE: Manitoba Remote Learning Support Centre (April 5, 2023)
- (Page 42) Letter from S. Penner, Assistant Deputy Minister, RE: Request – Provincial Student Information System (April 6, 2023)
- (Page 44) Letter and Proclamation from Hon. Minister Ewasko RE: Education Week in Manitoba (April 11, 2023)
- (Page 46) Letter from S. Penner, Assistant Deputy Minister, RE: Remote Learning for High School Students (April 12, 2023)

Education Funding Branch:

- (Page 49) Letter RE: École Sage Creek/Bonavista – New K-8 French Immersion School RFP (Tender) Award Authority and Project Support (March 30, 2023)

General:

- None

11.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent

The following correspondence was sent on behalf of the Board:

- (Page 1) Invitation emailed to employees retiring in 2022/2023 (April 5, 2023)
- (Page 2) Invitation emailed to employees celebrating milestone years of service in 2022/223 (April 5, 2023)

11.3 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence was received by the Board:

Labour Relations:

- (Page 1) Memo RE: Privacy of FIPPA Applicants (April 3, 2023)
- (Page 2) Email RE: Save the Date Public Forum – Five-Year Review of The Accessibility for Manitobans Act (April 4, 2023)

General MSBA Correspondence:

- (Page 5) e-bulletin (April 5, 2023)
- (Page 6) Alliance Française du Manitoba
- (Page 7) Memo RE: Staff/Student/Trustee/Volunteer Travel (April 5, 2023)

12. ACTION ITEMS

12.1 Sage Creek Enrolment Pressures

2022-089

Moved by Trustee Nordheim

Seconded by Trustee Champagne

THAT the Superintendent's report and recommendation to address enrolment challenges in the English program at École Sage Creek School be received as information, and;

THAT the Board close enrolment in Grades 2, 3 and 4 of the English Program at École Sage Creek School for the balance of the 2022-2023 school year, and;

THAT the Board approve the temporary change to the catchment area for Shamrock School to include residents of Sage Creek newly registering for Grade 2, 3, & 4 of the English program, as well as residents of Sage Creek newly registering for Kindergarten or Grade 1 of the English program who have a sibling living at the same address who is newly registering for Grade 2 to 7 of the English program, and;

THAT this temporary change take effect immediately and remain in effect for the balance of the 2022-2023 school year, and;

THAT students affected by this temporary change continue at Shamrock School until such time as a second LRSD elementary school opens in Sage Creek at which time they will attend the English program at 315 Sage Creek Boulevard, and;

THAT school bus transportation be provided at no cost to families to students affected by this temporary change, and;

THAT Senior Leadership monitor class size at Shamrock School and provide additional staff if required, and finally;

THAT Senior Leadership monitor enrolment at Grade 1 of the English program at École Sage Creek School and, should enrolment reach 27, the temporary change to the catchment area for Shamrock School outlined above be expanded to include residents of Sage Creek newly registering for Grade 1 of the English program with all of the same provisions applying.

Trustee Simunyola abstained from the vote.

CARRIED

13. PUBLIC FORUM

The following members of the public attend and had the opportunity to ask questions for information or clarification from items on this evening's agenda:

- Allie Hassin, virtual
- Angela Power, virtual
- Brooke Anderson, virtual
- Carol Bitchok, virtual
- Charlene Sacher, virtual
- Christine Stephenson, virtual
- Curtis Lowton, virtual
- Cyril Indome, virtual
- Dina Almeida, virtual
- Jay McGurran
- Karen Duffield, virtual
- Kathy Atkin, virtual
- Kim Melvin, virtual
- Krista Labossiere, virtual
- Laura Kellough, virtual
- Leanne Aitken, virtual
- Lisa McLellan-Bowes, virtual
- Lisa Tymchuk, virtual
- Marcela Cabezas
- Margaret Whitlaw, virtual
- Nicholas Kelly, virtual
- Nicole Mager, virtual
- Robbie Mager, virtual
- Sara Decker-Razos, virtual
- Scott Wood, virtual
- Sia Erlendson, virtual
- Steven Houssin, virtual
- Susan Ciastko, virtual
- Trichia Gannon, virtual

14. ADJOURNMENT

The April 18 Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

“Original signed by S. Nemeth”

Chair

“Original signed by J. Rudnicki”

Secretary-Treasurer