

MINUTES OF THE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, May 16, 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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Christian Michalik, Superintendent & CEO
Jamie Rudnicki, Secretary-Treasurer & CFO
Jeff Anderson, Assistant Superintendent Policy, Planning & Research
Chaimae Bouamira, Executive Assistant, virtual
Ron Cadez, Director of School and Classroom Support
Clarke Hagan, Director of Information Technology Services
Michelle Jean-Paul, Assistant Superintendent Staff Services
Corey Kapilik, Divisional Principal, virtual
Deneen Madden, Executive Assistant
Marlene Murray, Assistant Superintendent Student Services
Derrick Sheldon, Assistant Director of Staff Services, virtual

1. CALL TO ORDER

The May 16 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 6:31 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 – May 16, 2023

2022-099

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT the May 16 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – May 2, 2023

As there were no changes, the May 2 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

2.3 Approval of Minutes of the Special Board Meeting - May 9, 2023

As there were no changes, the May 9 minutes of the Special Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

3. LRSD NEWS

3.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Champagne

Trustee Champagne shared the following highlights:

- Over the last couple months, I have visited many schools, including Dakota Collegiate Institute, Nelson McIntyre Collegiate, Nordale School, Marion School, Louis Riel Arts & Technology Centre, Lavallee School, École Howden and École Julie-Riel. These visits provided an opportunity to meet staff and students and to become better familiar with programs and activities.

- On April 22, students celebrated Earth Day which included many activities, such as displaying unique works of art in the hallways.
- Marion School is undergoing major renovations which will serve the school community well in the coming years.
- On May 2, I attended the fabulous Seussical matinee performance at Highbury School. The musical immersed us in the world of Dr. Seuss, where we revisited beloved characters such as Cat in the Hat, Horton the Elephant and JoJo. The production involved parents, students, and staff working diligently for months. There were approximately 250 students who took part in the musical; students in Grade 3 to 6 sang in the choir, while students in Grade 7 and 8 assumed theatrical roles. The quote by Dr. Seuss, "A person's a person, no matter how small" is a perfect example of supporting belonging.
- The Arts in Action exhibit took place at St. Vital Centre from May 11 to 14 and I was very impressed by the stunning artwork. Our students are so talented!

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

Assistant Superintendent Murray provided the following highlights:

- This morning, Andrew Smith, Minister of Municipal Relations, shared the announcement that Collège Béliveau Parent Advisory Council will receive \$300,000 to support the community track renewal project.
- On April 26, students from Niakwa Place School provided two incredible performances of *12 Angry Villains*.
- School Engagement Officers monitor and judge school patrols, in each division, throughout the year on their performance and attention to detail. This year, School Engagement Officers awarded first place in LRSB to the school patrols at Island Lakes Community School (ILCS).
- On April 28, students in Grade 5 and 6 at ILCS worked together to put on a fundraising event in support of families affected by the earthquakes in Syria and Türkiye.
- Jianne Turtle, Grade 10 student at J.H. Bruns Collegiate, led students and staff in the creation of an impactful and interactive display in observance of National Day of Awareness and Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two Spirits (MMIWG2S).

4. PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

4.1 Students and Well-being

Ron Cadez, Director of School & Classroom Supports, introduced Alex Peniuta, Supervisor of Well-Becoming and Psychology, who demonstrated how we are prioritizing belonging. Jason Dubeau, Principal, Minnetonka School, and Robyne Barbour-Dixon, Student Services Teacher, Minnetonka School, described a classroom library project and shared a video featuring the following students:

- Clark Zaffino
- Alegria Corral Ortega
- Gabe (Gabriel) Zebrasky
- Simon Klassen
- Kima George
- Fariz Khan
- Elie Tang
- Temilola Abayomi-Ganiyu
- Lisa Kim
- Luke Tavares
- Ayumi Acosta Borja
- Joel Omololu
- Yafet Negash
- Faizah Adebisi

Megan Vankoughnett, Principal, J.H. Bruns Collegiate, and the following students presented:

- Gloria Jaison
- Zaina Abazid
- Rahaf Ibrahim
- Lina Alfaouri
- Aiden Anderson
- Mia (Amelia) Buttimer

Darlene Gerrior, Trustee, left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Darlene Gerrior, Trustee, joined the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

5. FINANCE AND AUDIT

5.1 Third Quarter (Q3) Financial Update

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki provided a Q3 Financial Report as of March 31, 2023, noting we are three-quarters through our school year and our expenses are currently at 72 per cent spent, as anticipated.

Darlene Gerrior, Trustee, left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Darlene Gerrior, Trustee, joined the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

5.2 Promissory Note

2022-100

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Palmquist

THAT the issue of the Promissory Note LTPS0632, as it is deemed necessary and expedient to raise by loan the sum of \$2,284,300 on the credit of the Louis Riel School Division for the purpose of financing capital projects, be approved.

CARRIED

5.3 Borrowing/Banking Bylaw

2022-101

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Kolochuk

THAT the Procedural By-Law requirement of Section I.3 regarding the limit to two readings at any one meeting be suspended with leave; and,

THAT Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki read first, second and third time long, Bylaw 20222023-003 providing for the borrowing of moneys upon the credit of the said School Division to meet current expenses; and finally be adopted.

CARRIED

6. STAFFING

6.1 Personnel Update - Appointment

2022-102

Moved by Trustee Gerrior

Seconded by Trustee Sigurdson

THAT Christine Stephenson be appointed as principal of Windsor School, effective Aug. 1, 2023.

CARRIED

6.2 Personnel Update - Appointment - Director of International Student Program

2022-103

Moved by Trustee Champagne

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT Debra Parker be appointed the Director of the International Student Program, effective Aug. 1, 2023.

CARRIED

7. CHAIR INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

7.1 Trustees will bring Greetings to Graduation Ceremonies

The Chair shared information regarding the upcoming graduation ceremonies.

7.2 Ontario Bill 98, Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act

The Chair shared the Ontario Bill 98, Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act.

8. SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

8.1 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.

- The province has assigned Carlito Morada, a new project manager, to this project.
- Follow-up meetings continue between Bird Construction, Number TEN Architectural Group (NTAG), members of the SLT, the province and Landmark Planning and Design. Plans continue to advance. As reported at our last meeting, the conditional use application and the plan approval is expected to be considered by the Riel Community Committee on June 19. The division will be receiving the structural drawing package on June 29.

8.2 Collège Jeanne-Sauvé Renovation and Addition Update

Assistant Superintendent Anderson shared an update regarding the renovation and addition at Collège Jeanne-Sauvé. Members of the SLT met with NTAG and Gateway Construction & Engineering to review the project schedule. Adjustments have been made to enhance the likelihood of partial occupancy by the beginning of the school year.

8.3 École Varennes Update

Assistant Superintendent Anderson shared an update regarding École Varennes and the need to build a new school to replace the existing school. The document detailing the request for assistance is being drafted for a meeting with government officials before the end of the school year.

8.4 Collège Béliveau Renovation Update

Assistant Superintendent Murray shared an update regarding the renovation at Collège Béliveau and Windsor Park Collegiate as a campus-planning project. Members of the SLT are finalizing a formal request for approval to supplement information previously provided to the province. We are currently awaiting confirmation of a meeting with government officials before the end of the month.

8.5 Windsor Park Collegiate Renovation Update

Assistant Superintendent Murray shared an update regarding the renovation at Windsor Park Collegiate and Collège Béliveau as a campus-planning project. Members of the SLT are finalizing a formal request for approval to supplement information previously provided to the province. We are currently awaiting confirmation of a meeting with government officials before the end of the month.

8.6 J.H. Bruns Collegiate Renovation and Addition Update

Assistant Superintendent Murray shared an update regarding the renovation and addition at J.H. Bruns Collegiate. We are awaiting a response from the province regarding our request for assistance.

8.7 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.

Renovation:

- Tyndall and brick masonry veneer installation is currently underway.
- Parapet framing has been completed and the perimeter of the roof tie-in and installation is in progress.

Addition:

- We have received feedback regarding the concept plan presented to the Capital Planning and Project Delivery Department and will incorporate changes in the design concept. The design stage is currently at 33 per cent.

8.8 Intervention Study of HEPA Air Purifier units

Amarbeer Bhandari, Director of Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation, shared that the division is participating in an intervention study with the National Research Council of Canada to assess the efficacy of HEPA air purifier units to improve indoor air quality. After reviewing the building information, two LRSD schools, Minnetonka School and Victor Mager School, have been selected to participate in this intervention study. HEPA air purifier units have been placed in 20 classrooms during the study period.

8.9 Enrolment Update

Superintendent Michalik shared the updated enrolment report and answered trustee questions.

8.10 Leadership Team Meeting - May 10, 2023

Superintendent Michalik shared highlights from the May 10 meeting with the Leadership Team and referred to the slide deck for context.

8.11 Grandmothers and Grandfathers Council Meeting

Superintendent Michalik shared highlights from the Grandmothers and Grandfathers Council meeting held on May 10, 2023.

8.12 Arts in Action May 11 to 14, 2023

Superintendent Michalik shared the spotlight story and photos regarding Arts in Action. Thirty-four schools came together on May 11 to 14, 2023, at St. Vital Centre to display visual artwork. This year's theme is "Human and Environment: An artistic exploration into our interactions with the world."

8.13 Accessibility Plan Updates

This item has been deferred.

8.14 Monthly Updates Regarding Communications Metrics

Superintendent Michalik provided the April 2023 report on communications metrics.

9. POLICY

9.1 Policy Review Committee Update - Second Reading

2022-104

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Kolochuk

THAT the following policies reviewed by the Policy Review Committee receive second reading and be further reviewed in committee and brought back for third reading at a future date:

- Policy KHB - Corporate Partnerships, Donations and Sponsorships
- Policy GBA - Employment Practices: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
 - Administrative Protocol - Employment Practices: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Framework for Implementation & Glossary of Terms

CARRIED

9.2 Policy Review Committee Update - First Reading

2022-105

Moved by Trustee Gerrior

Seconded by Trustee Champagne

THAT Policy JE - Student Presence & Engagement, 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) Email from J. Kehler, Executive Director, RE: Lead in Drinking Water Testing and Mitigation Certificate/Sticker (May 2, 2023)
- (Page 3) Email from D. Rudy, Deputy Minister, RE: K to 12 Education Action Plan Update (May 2, 2023)

Education Funding Branch:

- None

General:

- None

10.2 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 (May 3, 2023)
- (Page 2) Memo RE: Student Travel and Accident Insurance Information (May 3, 2023)

11. ACTION ITEMS

11.1 Enrolment Pressure Report 2023-2024

2022-106

Moved by Trustee Gerrior

Seconded by Trustee Kolochuk

THAT the Board reopen enrolment in Grades 3 and 4 of the English Program at École Sage Creek School for the 2023-2024 school year, and close enrolment when 26 students per class is attained, and;

WHEREAS schools in the southeast quadrant of the school division are experiencing significant enrolment pressures,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following schools be closed to Schools of Choice requests for the 2023-2024 school year:

- École Howden

- École Sage Creek School
- École Van Belleghem
- Island Lakes Community School
- J.H. Bruns Collegiate
- Shamrock School; and

THAT special consideration only be given in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools (or designate).

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:

- Alex Peniuta
- Jennifer Truman, virtual
- Lisa Tymchuk, virtual
- Marcela Cabezas
- Sia Erlendson, virtual

13. ADJOURNMENT

The May 16 Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

“Original signed by S. Nemeth”

Chair

“Original signed by J. Rudnicki”

Secretary-Treasurer