

**MINUTES OF THE**

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

Tuesday, September 19, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

50 Monterey Road, Winnipeg

Hybrid Meeting

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Sandy Nemeth, Chair  
Chris Sigurdson, Vice-Chair  
Darlene Gerrior, Trustee  
Irene Nordheim, Trustee  
Ryan Palmquist, Trustee  
Chipalo Simunyola, Trustee  
Cindy Turner, Trustee

**REGRETS:** Francine Champagne, Trustee  
Pamela Kolochuk, Trustee

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Christian Michalik, Superintendent & CEO  
Jamie Rudnicki, Secretary-Treasurer & CFO  
Jeff Anderson, Assistant Superintendent Policy, Planning & Research  
Ron Cadez, Director of School and Classroom Supports, 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  
Marlene Murray, Assistant Superintendent Student Services  
Lenore Polvorosa, Executive Assistant

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Sept. 19 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 6:34 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 – Sept. 19, 2023**

2023-014

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT the Sept. 19, 2023, agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

**2.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Board Meeting - Sept. 5, 2023**

As there were no changes, the Sept. 5 minutes of the Annual Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

**2.3 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – Sept. 5, 2023**

As there were no changes, the Sept. 5 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

**3. ACTION ITEMS**

**3.1 Leave of Absence Request**

2023-015

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Sigurdson

WHEREAS Trustee Kolochuk has requested temporary leave from her duties; and

WHEREAS the Board deems the request to be reasonable and necessary;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board authorize Trustee Kolochuk's absence from her trustee duties, effective Sept. 15, 2023, for a period not to exceed 30 days, without further approval of the Board; and

THAT, when able to resume to her duties, she writes to the Chair requesting reinstatement.

CARRIED

#### **4. LRSD NEWS**

##### **4.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Sigurdson**

Trustee Sigurdson welcomed everyone to a new school year and provided highlights regarding:

- The start of high school football season.
- The musical, *Mama Mia*, will be performed by Collège Jeanne-Sauvé this year, and auditions will start soon.

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

Assistant Superintendent Murray provided highlights regarding:

- J.H. Bruns Collegiate Boys Golf Team won the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference Championship.
- Sophie Marshall, a Grade 8 student at Island Lakes Community School, won four medals in swimming for Team Manitoba.
- Frontenac School welcomed the mascot for the Winnipeg Sea Bears.
- General Vanier School Educational Walk during the week of Sept. 25 to 29.

#### **5. BOARD EDUCATION**

##### **5.1 Annual Report to the Community (ARC) for 2022-2023**

Superintendent Michalik shared the Annual Report to the Community for 2022-2023. The flipbook version is now available on our website.

#### **6. FINANCE AND AUDIT**

##### **6.1 Promissory Note #LTPS0661**

2023-016

Moved by Trustee Gerrior

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the issue of the Promissory Note LTPS0661, as it is deemed necessary and expedient to raise by loan the sum of \$857,700 on the credit of the Louis Riel School Division for the purpose of financing capital projects, be approved.

CARRIED

**7. CHAIR INFORMATION TO THE BOARD**

**7.1 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Fall Regional Meetings and Professional Learning Opportunities**

The Chair shared an update regarding the MSBA Fall Regional meetings, and professional learning opportunities.

Ryan Palmquist, Trustee, left the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Ryan Palmquist, Trustee, joined the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**8. SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM INFORMATION TO THE BOARD**

**8.1 Accessibility Plan Updates**

Assistant Superintendent Cormack provided an update regarding the division's Accessibility Plan, and Clarke Hagan, Director of Information Technology Services, shared updates made to the LRSD website making materials available in an accessible format.

**8.2 Lead in Drinking Water Testing and Mitigation Results**

Superintendent Michalik on behalf of Amarbeer Bhandari, Director of Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation, shared a report regarding testing of lead in drinking water, and the mitigation results.

Ryan Palmquist, Trustee, left the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

**8.3 International Travel Update for 2023/2024**

Assistant Superintendent Anderson provided an update regarding international travel planned for students this school year.

Ryan Palmquist, Trustee, joined the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

**8.4 Leadership Team Meeting - Sept. 13, 2023**

Superintendent Michalik provided highlights from the Leadership Team meeting held on Sept. 13, 2023.

**8.5 Oct. 3, 2023, Professional Development Day**

Superintendent Michalik shared an update regarding the day of learning planned for Oct. 3, 2023, and advised that on Oct. 3, there are 20 of our schools serving as polling stations for the elections.

**9. POLICY**

**9.1 Roadmap for Policy Review for 2023/2024**

Assistant Superintendent Anderson provided the roadmap for policy review for this school year.

Cindy Turner, Trustee, left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.  
Ryan Palmquist, Trustee, left the meeting at 7:38 p.m.  
Cindy Turner, Trustee, joined the meeting at 7:38 p.m.  
Ryan Palmquist, Trustee, joined the meeting at 7:40 p.m.  
Ryan Palmquist, Trustee, left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **10.1 School Board Correspondence – Received**

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning (MEECL):

- None

Education Funding Branch:

- None

General:

- (Page 1) Thank you letter from G. Saavedra (July 11, 2023)
- (Page 2) Letter from J. Debenham (Aug. 29, 2023)
- (Page 4) Thank you note from C. Machnicki
- (Page 5) Copy of a letter to M. Wohlgemut (Sept. 5, 2023)
- (Page 6) Copy of a letter to R. Magotiaux (Sept. 5, 2023)
- (Page 7) Copy of an email from concerned parents and grandparents (Sept. 5, 2023)
- (Page 9) Email from D. Harrington (Sept. 5, 2023)
- (Page 10) Email from B. Lercher, (Sept. 7, 2023)
- (Page 11) Email from P. Allard (Sept. 13, 2023)

### **10.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent**

The following correspondence was sent on behalf of the Board:

- (Page 1) Letter to P. Allard (Sept. 13, 2023)
- (Page 3) Email to P. Allard (Sept. 14, 2023)

### **10.3 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received**

The following MSBA correspondence was received by the Board:

Labour Relations:

- None

General MSBA Correspondence:

- (Page 1) Memo RE: Delegations at Board Meetings (Sept. 6, 2023)
- (Page 7) Memo RE: Student Accident Insurance and Provincial Health Coverage Clarification (Sept. 6, 2023)

- (Page 8) Student Accident Insurance
- (Page 10) Reminder from June 7, 2023, RE: MSBA Strategic Plan 2023-2026
- (Page 13) Call for Nominations and Resolutions
- (Page 16) Picnic for Public Ed
- (Page 18) November 2023 Fall General and Regional Meetings (Sept. 11, 2023)
- (Page 20) 2023-2024 Learning Opportunities Calendar
- (Page 26) e-bulletin (Sept. 13, 2023)

**11. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

The following members of the public were in attendance and had the opportunity to ask questions for clarification from items on this evening's agenda:

- Jay McGurran, in person
- Scott Wood, in person
- Jaclyn Porteous, in person
- Derrick Sheldon, verified virtual

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The Sept. 19 Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

“Original signed by S. Nemeth”

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Chair

“Original signed by J. Rudnicki”

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Secretary-Treasurer