

MINUTES OF THE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

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

REGRETS: Francine Champagne, Trustee
Christian Michalik, Superintendent

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Michelle Jean-Paul, Acting Superintendent
Jamie Rudnicki, Secretary-Treasurer & CFO
Jeff Anderson, Assistant Superintendent Policy, Planning & Research
Darcy Cormack, Assistant Superintendent Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Services
Clarke Hagan, Director of Information Technology Services
Deneen Madden, Executive Assistant
Lenore Polvorosa, Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Nov. 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 6:30 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 – Nov. 7, 2023

2023-032

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

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

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – Oct. 17, 2023

As there were no changes, the Oct. 17 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

2.3 Approval of Minutes of the Special Board Meeting - Oct. 24, 2023

As there were no changes, the Oct. 24 minutes of the Special Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

3. ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Code of Conduct

2023-033

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Nordheim

THAT Trustee Champagne be suspended for a period of three months, without remuneration, commencing Nov. 17, 2023, for breaching the Code of Conduct regarding items 9 and 10, which items speak to the use of abusive or denigrating language and the

use of such language on social media, and in relation to a Facebook comment made on or around Oct. 14, 2023.

CARRIED

4. LRSD NEWS

4.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Gerrior

Trustee Gerrior highlighted the following:

- The Winter Clothing Drive
- Choral Celebration
- Roots of Empathy Program
- Louis Riel Arts & Technology Centre

4.2 News from Senior Leadership (SLT) Team Provided by Assistant Superintendent Anderson

Assistant Superintendent Anderson highlighted the following:

- École Julie-Riel
- École St. Germain
- École Sage Creek School
- École Henri-Bergeron
- École Provencher

5. BOARD EDUCATION

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

Acting Superintendent Jean-Paul continued to facilitate a conversation regarding the Annual Report to the Community 2022-2023.

5.2 Presentations to the Board for the 2023-2024 School Year

The Chair shared the list of presentations coming to the Board for the 2023-2024 school year.

6. STAFFING

6.1 Personnel Update - Assistant Superintendent

2023-034

Moved by Trustee Gerrior

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT Ron Cadez be appointed as Assistant Superintendent Supporting Instructional, Student, and Clinical Services, and Liaise Assistant Superintendent of Schools, effective immediately.

CARRIED

7. CHAIR INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

7.1 Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA) Statement on Bill 137

The Chair shared the CSBA statement regarding Bill 137.

7.2 Huddle South Central

The Chair shared highlights of the visit to the Huddle South Central that took place on Oct. 26, 2023.

8. SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

8.1 Capital Projects Update

Acting Superintendent Jean-Paul and members of the SLT provided updates to capital projects.

8.2 Access to Menstrual Products in Schools

Assistant Superintendent Cormack and Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki shared an update regarding student access to menstrual products.

8.3 Workplace Safety & Health Report - First Quarter

Acting Superintendent Jean-Paul provided a Workplace Safety & Health report for the first quarter and answered trustee questions.

8.4 Education and Early Childhood Learning Mandate

The Chair shared the mandate letter sent by Wab Kinew, Premier of Manitoba, to Honourable Minister Altomare and facilitated a conversation.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 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 Hon. Minister Altomare RE: November as Financial Literacy Month in Manitoba (Oct. 30, 2023)

Education Funding Branch:

- None

General:

- (Page 3) Email from I. Prokipchuk (Oct. 23, 2023)
- (Page 12) Email from S. Saint-Cyr (Oct 27, 2023)

9.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent

The following correspondence was sent on behalf of the Board:

- (Page 1) Email to Hon. Renée Cable (Oct. 23, 2023)
- (Page 2) Email to S. Saint-Cyr (Oct. 28, 2023)
- (Page 3) Email to LRSD MLAs (Nov. 1, 2023)

9.3 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence was received by the Board:

Labour Relations:

- None

General MSBA Correspondence:

- (Page 1) Executive Highlights (Sept. 11, 2023)
- (Page 2) Executive Highlights (Oct. 16, 2023)
- (Page 3) Memo RE: Requests for Action Slated for Archive (Oct. 16, 2023)
- (Page 5) Memo RE: CSBA Report for Discussion at MSBA Fall Meetings (Oct. 18, 2023)
- (Page 98) CSBA Program Overview for Fall General and Regional Meetings
- (Page 100) Nominate an Educator for 2024 Prime Minister's Award
- (Page 101) Memo RE: Take Our Kids to Work Day (Oct. 24, 2023)
- (Page 102) e-bulletin (Oct. 25, 2023)
- (Page 103) November is Holocaust Education Month
- (Page 109) B'nai Brith Canada poster
- (Page 110) Diverse Minds Writing Competition
- (Page 112) Memo RE: Insurance Coverage for Parent Advisory Councils (Nov. 1, 2023)

10. 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:

- Charlene Sacher, verified virtual
- Jaclyn Porteous, verified virtual
- Jay McGurran, in person
- Rose Pagtakhan, verified virtual
- Scott Wood, in person
- Trichia Gannon, verified virtual

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Nov. 7 Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

"Original signed by S. Nemeth"

Chair

"Original signed by J. Rudnicki"

Secretary-Treasurer