

MINUTES OF THE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, November 21, 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

REGRETS: Francine Champagne, Trustee
Pamela Kolochuk, 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
Amarbeer Bhandari, Director of Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation, virtual
Ron Cadez, Assistant Superintendent Student Services
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 Nov. 21 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. 21, 2023

2023-035

Moved by Trustee Gerrior

Seconded by Trustee Nordheim

THAT the Nov. 21 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – Nov. 7, 2023

As there were no changes, the Nov. 7 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

3. ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Application to the Court of King's Bench

2023-036

Moved by Trustee Sigurdson

Seconded by Trustee Nordheim

THAT in accordance with subsection 39.7(1) of The Public Schools Act, the Board directs Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki to apply by originating notice to a judge of the Court of King's Bench for a declaration that Trustee Francine Champagne has violated a provision of this Act.

CARRIED

3.2 By-Law 20232024-002 Religious Instruction - Shamrock School

2023-037

Moved by Trustee Gerrior

Seconded by Trustee Nordheim

THAT Bylaw 20232024-002 being a bylaw to authorize the instruction of religion at Shamrock School during the 2023-2024 school year, receive first, second, and third reading and be approved.

CARRIED

4. LRSD NEWS

4.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Nemeth

Trustee Nemeth highlighted the following:

- LRSD in Harmony with United Way, Choral Celebration held on Nov. 8, 2023
- Socktober at Shamrock School and Dakota Collegiate

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

Assistant Superintendent Murray highlighted the following:

- J.H. Bruns Collegiate
- Island Lakes Community School
- Frontenac School

5. PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

5.1 School Libraries in 2023

Assistant Superintendent Cadez introduced the following group of people who made a presentation regarding school libraries in 2023:

- **Kathy Atkin** (Divisional Teacher-Librarian, School & Classroom Support Team)
- **Brad Fallis** (Teacher-Librarian, Darwin School & Victor H. L. Wyatt School)
- **Annalee Lawrence** (Grade 3/4 Classroom Teacher, Darwin School)
- **Nicola Parent** (Bibliotechnicienne, École Henri-Bergeron)
- **Elio Sawchuk** (Grade 11 Student, Windsor Park Collegiate)

6. BOARD EDUCATION

6.1 Debriefing the Inaugural Conversation with MLAs

The Chair facilitated a conversation regarding the recent meeting with local MLAs.

7. FINANCE AND AUDIT

7.1 2024-2025 Budget Roadmap

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki provided the 2024-2025 budget roadmap.

7.2 First Quarter (Q1) Financial Update

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki provided the Q1 report.

8. CHAIR INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

8.1 Throne Speech

The Chair shared highlights from the Throne Speech held on Nov. 21, 2023.

8.2 Saskatchewan's School Boards Associations (SSBA) Fall General Assembly

The Chair shared highlights from the SSBA Fall General Assembly.

9. SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

9.1 École Guyot Update

Assistant Superintendent Anderson provided updates regarding the recent fire at École Guyot.

9.2 Leadership Team Meeting - Nov. 8, 2023

Assistant Superintendents Cormack and Jean-Paul shared highlights of the Leadership Team meeting held on Nov. 8, 2023.

9.3 Update on the Provincial Student Information System (SIS)

Superintendent Michalik referred to the letter received from Brian O'Leary, Deputy Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning, advising that the request for proposals to develop a provincial student information system has been cancelled, and Clarke Hagan, Director of Information Technology Systems, shared the division's plan moving forward.

9.4 2023 Staff Ethnocultural Survey

Assistant Superintendent Cormack shared outcomes from the 2023 staff ethnocultural survey.

9.5 Mamàhtawisiwin Symposium

Superintendent Michalik and Assistant Superintendents Cormack and Anderson shared highlights from the inaugural Mamàhtawisiwin Symposium held on Nov. 14 and 15, 2023.

9.6 Enrolment Update

Superintendent Michalik shared a current enrolment update.

9.7 Accessibility Plan Updates

Assistant Superintendent Cormack provided an update regarding the division's Accessibility Plan and the new regulation passed under The Accessibility for Manitobans Act.

9.8 Monthly Updates Regarding Communications Metrics

Superintendent Michalik provided October 2023 reports on communications metrics.

9.9 LRSD Events held at Places of Worship

Superintendent Michalik shared an update regarding LRSD's policy and practices regarding events held at places of worship.

10. POLICY

10.1 Policy Review Committee Update - Ratification of Amendment

2023-038

Moved by Trustee Gerrior

Seconded by Trustee Sigurdson

THAT the following list of policies be amended:

- Policy GBGBA - Safe Work Environment - Violence Prevention
- Policy GCCAB-GDCB - Teaching and Non-Teaching Leaves and Absences: Graduation Ceremonies
- Policy IHC - Extended Instructional Programs/Activities: Off-School Site Education
 - IHC Administrative Protocol - Supervision Ratio
 - IHC Administrative Protocol - Adherence to Legislation and Policy
- Policy IKE - Grade Placement of Students: Kindergarten to Grade 8
- Policy JF - Student Admission to School: Kindergarten to Grade 12
- Policy JLCE 2 - First Aid and Emergency Medical Care - Anaphylaxis
- Policy JRB/JRC - Class Lists: Protection of Information

CARRIED

10.2 Policy Review Committee Update - First Reading

2023-039

Moved by Trustee Nordheim

Seconded by Trustee Sigurdson

THAT the Policy GCCAB/GDCG - Teaching and Non-Teaching Leaves and Absences: Citizenship Ceremonies, 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

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) Email and attachment from R. Shaw, Executive Director RE: Nominations for English Language Arts Curriculum Renewal Feedback Team (Nov. 3, 2023)

Education Funding Branch:

- None

General:

- (Page 5) Letter from F. Rolick (Oct. 26, 2023)

11.2 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence was received by the Board:

Labour Relations:

- None

General MSBA Correspondence:

- (Page 1) CSBA President's Bulletin (Fall 2023)
- (Page 10) MSBA Human Resource Services Flyer
- (Page 11) e-bulletin (Nov. 8, 2023)
- (Page 12) MHSAA Student Levy Fee Increase for 2024-2025 School Year Proposal

12. 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
- Derrick Sheldon, verified virtual
- Jaclyn Porteous, verified virtual
- Jay McGurran, verified virtual
- Margaret Whitlaw, verified virtual
- Rose Pagtakhan, verified virtual
- Zhong Kai Lu, verified in-person

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Nov. 21 Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

"Original signed by S. Nemeth"

Chair

"Original signed by J. Rudnicki"

Secretary-Treasurer