

**MINUTES OF THE**

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

Tuesday, December 19, 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, virtual and in-person  
Cindy Turner, Trustee, virtual

**REGRETS:** Chipalo Simunyola, 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 Dec. 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 6:33 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 – Dec. 19, 2023**

2023-044

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Nordheim

THAT the Dec. 19 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

### **2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – Dec. 5, 2023**

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

## **3. LRSD NEWS**

### **3.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Palmquist**

Trustee Palmquist highlighted the following:

- Glenlawn Collegiate Women's Hockey Team
- École Varennes Bric-A-Brac Day
- Darwin School Family Night

### **3.2 News from Senior Leadership Team (SLT) Provided by Assistant Superintendent Cormack**

Assistant Superintendent Cormack highlighted winter events held at the following schools:

- Dakota Collegiate
- H.S. Paul School

- Hastings School
- Lavallee School
- Nordale School
- Victor Mager School

#### **4. PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD**

##### **4.1 Louis Riel Arts & Technology Centre (LRATC) in 2023**

Assistant Superintendent Cormack introduced Darren Baker, the newly appointed principal at the LRATC, who made a presentation to the Board highlighting programs offered this year.

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

##### **5.1 Our Land Acknowledgement**

Assistant Superintendent Cormack introduced Bobbie-Jo Leclair, Divisional Vice-Principal of Indigenous Education, and Joël Tétrault, Indigenous Education Teacher, who shared the history and significance of land acknowledgements.

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

##### **6.1 Share Your Thoughts on the 2024-2025 Budget**

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki shared the spotlight story and invited the public to join the conversation by offering input on what should be the main focus, as the Board and SLT deliberate to build the 2024-2025 budget.

#### **7. SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM INFORMATION TO THE BOARD**

##### **7.1 International Student Program (ISP) Update**

Assistant Superintendent Cormack introduced Debra Parker, Director of ISP, who shared an update regarding the program.

##### **7.2 The Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA)**

Superintendent Michalik facilitated a conversation regarding the 2022 PISA results recently released, revealing how 15-year-old Canadian students perform in mathematics, reading, and science.

##### **7.3 School of Choice Update**

Superintendent Michalik shared a Power BI report regarding student enrolment as it relates to students attending school outside of the catchment area where they reside.

##### **7.4 Leadership Team Meeting - Dec. 13, 2023**

Superintendent Michalik shared highlights from the Leadership Team Meeting held on Dec. 13, 2023.

**7.5 United Way/Riel-Evate Campaign**

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki shared the results from this year's United Way/Riel-Evate Campaign totaled \$80,716.44 of which amount, \$20,779.00 has been allocated to the Riel-Evate Endowment Fund.

**7.6 Accessibility Plan Updates**

Assistant Superintendent Cormack provided an update regarding the division's Accessibility Plan.

**7.7 Monthly Updates Regarding Communications Metrics**

Superintendent Michalik provided the November 2023 reports on communications metrics.

**8. POLICY**

**8.1 Policy Review Committee Update - Second and Third Reading**

2023-046

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Sigurdson

THAT in accordance with Policy BG - School Board Policy Process, and with the unanimous consent of the Trustees in attendance, all three readings may occur at one meeting; and,

That Policy GCCAG/GDCG - Leave for Citizenship Ceremony, reviewed by the Policy Review Committee, receive second and third reading, and finally be adopted.

CARRIED

**8.2 Edits to Policy Template**

Assistant Superintendent Anderson provided an update regarding edits to the policy template.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

**9.1 School Board Correspondence – Received**

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

- (Page 1) Email from D. Cross (Nov. 2, 2023)

**9.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent**

The following correspondence was sent on behalf of the Board:

- (Page 1) Letter to S. Saint-Cyr (Dec. 6, 2023)
- (Page 3) Letter to City of Winnipeg (Dec. 6, 2023)

**9.3 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received**

The following MSBA correspondence was received by the Board:

General MSBA Correspondence:

- (Page 1) Memo RE: Call for Workshop Presenters and Student Participation (Dec. 6, 2023)
- (Page 2) e-bulletin (Dec. 6, 2023)
- (Page 3) Memo RE: Raffle Donations for 2024 Annual Convention (Dec. 6, 2023)
- (Page 4) Executive Highlights (Nov. 22, 2023)
- (Page 5) Extended Reporting Period for Abuse Insurance Incidents
- (Page 6) Memo RE: Bill C-322 National Framework for a School Food Program Act (Dec. 13, 2023)

**10. ACTION ITEMS**

**10.1 Senior Election Official for the City of Winnipeg Election**

2023-047

Moved by Trustee Gerrior

Seconded by Trustee Kolochuk

THAT Sherwood Armbruster, City of Winnipeg Election Official, be appointed as the Senior Election Official for the 2024 school board by-election for the Louis Riel School Division.

CARRIED

**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:

- Jaclyn Porteous, verified virtual
- Jay McGurran, verified in-person
- Margaret Whitlaw, verified virtual

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The Dec. 19 Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

“Original signed by S. Nemeth”

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Chair

“Original signed by J. Rudnicki”

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Secretary-Treasurer