

MINUTES OF THE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, February 6, 2024, 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
Cindy Turner, Trustee

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
Ron Cadez, Assistant Superintendent Student Services
Darcy Cormack, Assistant Superintendent Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Services
Clarke Hagan, Director of Information Technology Services
Deneen Madden, Executive Assistant
Jocelyn Peters, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
Lenore Polvorosa, Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Feb. 6 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 National 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 – Feb. 6, 2024

2023-051

Moved by Trustee Nordheim

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the Feb. 6 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – Jan. 16, 2024

As there were no changes, the Jan. 16 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

3. LRSD NEWS

3.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Sigurdson

Trustee Sigurdson highlighted the following:

- Dakota Solstice Evening
- I Love to Read Month
- René Deleurme Centre Community Kitchen

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

Assistant Superintendent Cadez highlighted the following:

- J.H. Bruns Collegiate
- Island Lakes Community School
- École Varennes
- École Sage Creek School

- École St. Germain
- École Marie-Anne-Gaboury
- École George-McDowell

4. PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

4.1 Progressive Assessment - Implementation to Improve Student Success and Well-Being

Superintendent Michalik introduced Dionne Potapinski, Principal of Glenlawn Collegiate Institute (GCI), along with Ben Storie, Teacher, and Kelsey Collins-Kramble, Teacher, who made a presentation about the progressive assessment practice at GCI, which has shifted focus from grading to individualized learning.

5. FINANCE AND AUDIT

5.1 Share your Thoughts on the 2024-2025 Budget

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki shared the spotlight story asking the public for feedback as to what the focus should be as the Board and SLT begin to build the 2024-2025 budget. The ThoughtExchange will close on March 12, 2024. The draft budget public presentation and discussion is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2024, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. This will be a hybrid meeting, with an opportunity to attend virtually or in person.

5.2 Funding Announcement including the Nutritional Program Funding Allocation

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki provided an update regarding the funding announcement from the Province of Manitoba, including the allocation for financial support of a province-wide nutritional program.

Ryan Palmquist, Trustee, left the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Ryan Palmquist, Trustee, joined the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

6. STAFFING

6.1 Personnel Update - Secondment

2023-052

Moved by Trustee Gerrior

Seconded by Trustee Sigurdson

THAT Shelly Hopper, Principal, Nelson McIntyre Collegiate, be seconded to work as the Coordinator of the Anti-Racist Education Professional Learning Initiative – a partnership between the Louis Riel School Division, River East-Transcona School Division, Winnipeg School Division and CEDA, effective April 1, 2024, to June 30, 2026.

CARRIED

7. SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

7.1 Leadership Team Meeting - Jan. 17, 2024

Superintendent Michalik shared highlights from the Leadership Team Meeting held on Jan. 17, 2024.

7.2 Beyond the Horizon 2.0

Superintendent Michalik and Assistant Superintendent Cormack shared information about Beyond the Horizon 2.0 Youth Summit.

7.3 Engaging Students in the Budget ThoughtExchange

Superintendent Michalik shared a slide deck encouraging students to engage with the budget ThoughtExchange.

Chris Sigurdson, Vice-Chair, left the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

7.4 Updated Organization Chart

Superintendent Michalik and Assistant Superintendent Anderson shared the updated board office organizational chart and division organizational chart.

7.5 Information Day for Potential New Substitutes and Casual Staff

Derrick Sheldon, Assistant Director of Staff Services, shared an update regarding the information day for potential new substitutes and casual staff held on Feb. 1, 2024.

Chris Sigurdson, Vice-Chair, joined the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 School Board Correspondence – Received

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning (MEECL):

- (Page 1) Letter from R. Shaw, Executive Director, Learning and Outcomes Branch and Kassy Assié, Executive Director, Bureau de l'éducation française, RE: Global Competencies Working Group (Dec. 4, 2023)
- (Page 3) Letter from B. O'Leary, Deputy Minister, Education and Early Childhood Learning, and Michelle Dubik, Deputy Minister, Families, RE: Mandatory Reporting of Child Protection and Child Abuse Protocol (Jan. 10, 2024)
- (Page 5) Letter and proclamation from Hon. Minister Altomare RE: Manitoba Inclusive Education Month (Jan. 23, 2024)
- (Page 7) Letter and proclamation from Hon. Minister Altomare RE: International Development Week (Jan. 23, 2024)
- (Page 9) Letter from S. Hay, Director of Teacher Certification and Standards RE: Amendments (Jan. 25, 2024)

- (Page 11) Letter from B. O’Leary, Deputy Minister, RE: Teachers’ Idea Fund (Jan. 26, 2024)
- (Page 12) Letter and proclamation from Hon. Minister Altomare and Hon. Minister Glen Simard, RE: I Love to Read Month (Jan. 29, 2024)
- (Page 14) Letter from B. O’Leary, Deputy Minister, RE: Universally Accessible School Nutrition Programming (Jan. 30, 2024)
- (Page 15) Letter and proclamation from Hon. Minister Altomare RE: Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week (Feb. 1, 2024)

General:

- (Page 17) Letter and enclosures to Deputy Ministers Forster, Hnatiuk and O’Leary RE: Invitation to a meeting to discuss the future of French-language education in Manitoba (Jan. 24, 2024)

8.2 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence was received by the Board:

General MSBA Correspondence:

- (Page 1) Memo RE: 2024 Student Citizenship Awards Program and Form
- (Page 3) International Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration
- (Page 7) Executive Highlights (Jan. 15, 2024)
- (Page 8) B’nai Brith Diverse Minds Creative Writing Competition
- (Page 13) Memo RE: 2024 Student Citizenship Awards Program and Information (Jan. 23, 2024)
- (Page 21) e-bulletin (Jan. 24, 2024)
- (Page 22) Holocaust and Human Rights Symposium
- (Page 24) Share Your Priorities for Manitoba’s 2024 Budget Survey
- (Page 26) Special Announcement: Chief Superintendent Designate of Frontier School Division
- (Page 27) Frontier School Division Posting for Area 3 Superintendent
- (Page 28) Manitoba Down Syndrome Society Sock Design Contest
- (Page 29) Memo RE: MSBA March Annual Convention – Workshop Options (Jan. 31, 2024)

9. ACTION ITEMS

9.1 National Advocacy Campaign for a Nutrition Program

2023-053

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Nordheim

THAT the Board direct the Chair to send a letter to the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Finance and Deputy Prime Minister, regarding the inclusion of a national school food program in the 2024 federal budget.

CARRIED

9.2 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Distribution of Board Ballots

2023-054

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the memorandum dated Jan. 15, 2024, regarding the distribution and casting of board ballots at the 2024 MSBA Annual Convention be received as information; and,

THAT the Chair respond.

CARRIED

9.3 MSBA Region 5 Nomination

2023-055

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Gerrior

THAT the Board provide a letter of support regarding the nomination of Trustee Irene Nordheim as the MSBA Director for Region 5.

CARRIED

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, verified in-person
- Kelly Moore, verified in-person
- Kimberley Adair-Gagnon, verified in-person
- Margaret Whitlaw, verified virtual
- Trichia Gannon, verified virtual

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Feb. 6 Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

“Original signed by S. Nemeth”

Chair

“Original signed by J. Rudnicki”

Secretary-Treasurer