

MINUTES OF THE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 6:30 p.m.
50 Monterey Road, Winnipeg
Hybrid Meeting

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

REGRETS: Pamela Kolochuk, Trustee
Irene Nordheim, Trustee

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Christian Michalik, Superintendent & CEO
Jamie Rudnicki, Secretary-Treasurer & CFO
Jeff Anderson, Assistant Superintendent Policy, Planning & Research
Ron Cadez, Assistant Superintendent Student, Clinical, & Instructional 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
Lenore Polvorosa, Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Feb. 20 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 6:32 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. 20, 2024

2023-056

Moved by Trustee Gerrior

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the Feb. 20 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – Feb. 6, 2024

As there were no changes, the Feb. 6 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

3. LRSD NEWS

3.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Simunyola

Trustee Simunyola highlighted the following:

- Collège Béliveau Pancake Breakfast
- Draft Budget Presentation scheduled for Feb. 27, 2024
- Black History Month

3.2 News from Senior Leadership Team (SLT) Provided by Assistant Superintendent Jean-Paul

Assistant Superintendent Jean-Paul highlighted events taking place at the following schools:

- Windsor School
- Samuel Burland School

4. FINANCE AND AUDIT

4.1 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.

4.2 Second Quarter (Q2) Financial Update

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki shared the Q2 financial update.

5. STAFFING

5.1 Personnel Update - Appointing the Director of School and Classroom Support

2023-057

Moved by Trustee Sigurdson

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT Corey Kapilik be appointed Director of School and Classroom Support, effective immediately.

CARRIED

5.2 Personnel Update - Notice of Retirement

Superintendent Michalik shared the following list of administrators who provided their notice of intention to retire, effective, June 30, 2024:

- Alain Michalik, Principal, Collège Jeanne-Sauvé
- Carole Rondeau, Vice-Principal, École Guyot
- Darlene Flett, Vice-Principal, École Van Belleghem

6. CHAIR AND TRUSTEE INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

6.1 Indigenous Blueprint

Trustee Gerrior attended Indigenous Blueprint Winnipeg, an event held on Feb. 8 and 9, 2024, and shared her learnings.

7. SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

7.1 Capital Projects Update

Superintendent Michalik, Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki, and Assistant Superintendent Cormack provided updates to the following capital projects:

- École Sage Creek Bonavista
- Marion School

7.2 Manitoba Workplace Safety and Health Second Quarter (Q2) Report

Assistant Superintendent Jean-Paul provided an update regarding the Workplace Safety and Health Q2 report.

7.3 Leadership Team Meeting - Feb. 14, 2024

Superintendent Michalik shared highlights from the Leadership Team Meeting held on Feb. 14, 2024.

7.4 Enrolment Report

Superintendent Michalik provided an updated enrolment report for this year.

7.5 Accessibility Plan Updates

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

7.6 Monthly Updates Regarding Communications Metrics

Superintendent Michalik provided the January 2024 reports on communications metrics.

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 B. O’Leary, Deputy Minister, RE: Immunization Clinics in Manitoba Schools (Feb. 14, 2024)

General:

- (Page 2) Email from A. McKague (Feb. 8, 2024)
- (Page 3) Letter from C. Pascoe (Feb. 16, 2024)

8.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent

The following correspondence was sent on behalf of the Board:

- (Page 1) Letter sent to Honourable Minister Chrystia Freeland RE: Federal Budget 2024 (Feb. 16, 2024)

8.3 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence was received by the Board:

General MSBA Correspondence:

- (Page 1) e-bulletin (Feb. 7, 2024)
- (Page 2) Executive Highlights (Feb. 5, 2024)
- (Page 3) School Trustees – Climate Caucus Handbook

9. ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Schools of Choice - Enrolment Pressures

2023-059

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Sigurdson

WHEREAS certain schools are experiencing significant enrolment pressures; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following schools be closed to Schools of Choice requests until further notice in accordance with section 58.4(1)(a) of The Public Schools Act:

- École Howden
- École Sage Creek School
- École Van Belleghem
- Island Lakes Community School
- J.H. Bruns Collegiate
- Niakwa Place School
- Shamrock School
- St. George School
- Windsor Park Collegiate; and

THAT special consideration may only be given in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools (or designate).

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 virtual
- Scott Wood, verified virtual
- Trichia Gannon, verified virtual

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Feb. 20 Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

"Original signed by S. Nemeth"

Chair

"Original signed by J. Rudnicki"

Secretary-Treasurer