

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

Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 6:30 p.m.  
50 Monterey Road, Winnipeg  
Hybrid Meeting

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Chris Sigurdson, Acting Chair  
Darlene Gerrior, Trustee  
Pamela Kolochuk, Trustee  
Irene Nordheim, Trustee  
Ryan Palmquist, Trustee  
Chipalo Simunyola, Trustee  
Cindy Turner, Trustee, virtual

**REGRETS:** Sandy Nemeth, Trustee – not able to connect virtually, so listened to the meeting by telephone

**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, 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 March 5 Regular Board Meeting of the Louis Riel School Division (LRSD) Board of Trustees was called to order by Chris Sigurdson, Acting Chair, LRSD Board of Trustees at 6:38 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 Acting 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 Acting 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 – March 5, 2024**

2023-060

Moved by Trustee Gerrior

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT the March 5 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

### **2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – Feb. 20, 2024**

As there were no changes, the Feb. 20 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:

- Manitoba Opera Workshop at Victor H.L. Wyatt School
- Pink T-shirt Day
- I Love to Read Month

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

Assistant Superintendent Cormack highlighted the following:

- Hé Ho! Pancakes at École Varennes
- Kitchen Brigades at Dakota Collegiate Institute
- Manitoba Opera Workshop at Victor H.L. Wyatt School

- Divisional Powwow Club at René Deleurme Centre

#### **4. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **4.1 Riel-Evate Endowment Fund Committee**

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

#### **5. FINANCE AND AUDIT**

##### **5.1 2024-2025 Draft Budget**

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki advised that the public presentation and discussion regarding the draft budget for 2024-2025 was held on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2023, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki shared a synopsis of the feedback received so far.

The draft budget will be finalized and approved at the March 12, 2024, Special Board Meeting commencing at 5:30 p.m.

##### **5.2 Full-Day Kindergarten**

Superintendent Michalik, Assistant Superintendent Anderson, Divisional Vice-Principal Wilson, and members of the SLT facilitated a conversation about evidence-based support for full-day kindergarten.

#### **6. STAFFING**

##### **6.1 Personnel Update - Notice of Retirement**

Superintendent Michalik shared the notice of intention to retire provided by Marc Poirier, Principal, École Sage Creek School, effective, June 30, 2024.

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

##### **7.1 International Student Travel Plan Updated**

Assistant Superintendent Cormack provided an update regarding international student travel for the 2023-2024 school year.

##### **7.2 Student Accident Semi-Annual Report**

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki shared a report regarding student accidents that occurred from Sept. 1, 2023, to Dec. 31, 2023.

##### **7.3 2024-2025 Modular Classroom Request**

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki shared an update regarding a modular classroom request for Island Lakes Community School and École Howden. We received approval to move to tender for two modular classrooms at Island Lakes Community School. The plan is to be operationalized by September. We await a response regarding the request for modular classrooms at École Howden.

#### **7.4 By-election Update**

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki shared an update regarding the by-election to be held on June 6, 2024.

#### **7.5 Home School Summary**

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki provided a summary of students living in the LRSD catchment area registered for home schooling.

#### **7.6 Canadian Student Alcohol and Drugs Survey (CSADS)**

Assistant Superintendent Anderson shared an update regarding the following schools randomly selected to participate in the 2023-2024 CSADS:

- Island Lakes Community School
- École Van Belleghem
- J.H. Bruns Collegiate
- Victor Mager School

#### **7.7 2022-2023 FIPPA Annual Report and Supplementary Statistics**

Assistant Superintendent Anderson shared the 2022-2023 FIPPA Annual Report and supplementary statistics.

### **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 Hon. Min. Altomare RE: Community School Program (Feb. 22, 2024)
- (Page 2) Letter and supporting document from J. Tomy RE: Manitoba School Leadership Framework (Feb. 27, 2024)
- (Page 34) Letter and proclamation from Hon. Min. Kostyshyn and Hon. Min. Altomare RE: March 2024 a Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month in Manitoba (Feb. 28, 2024)
- (Page 36) Letter from M. Pandey RE: 2023/24 A1 – Re-allocation of Funds (March 1, 2024)

Education Funding Branch:

- (Page 37) Letter RE: Island Lakes Community School – Two Modular Classroom Units, Tender Award Authority and Project Support (Feb. 23, 2024)

General:

- (Page 39) Email from I. Prokipchuk (Feb. 20, 2024)

- (Page 62) Thank you note from staff at J.H. Bruns Collegiate
- (Page 63) Email from K. Schettler (Feb. 29, 2024)
- (Page 64) Email from K. Williamson (Feb 28, 2024)
- (Page 66) Email from K. Jennings (Feb. 29, 2024)

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

The following MSBA correspondence was received by the Board:

- (Page 1) e-bulletin (Feb. 21, 2024)

**9. ACTION ITEMS**

**9.1 TJ's Gift Gala**

2023-061

Moved by Trustee Palmquist

Seconded by Trustee Gerrior

THAT the Board support the TJ's Gift Foundation by purchasing one corporate table for the 2024 TJ's Gift Gala.

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
- Jay McGurran, verified in-person
- Margaret Whitlaw, verified virtual
- Scott Wood, verified virtual
- Trichia Gannon, verified virtual

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The March 5 Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

"Original signed by C. Sigurdson"

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Acting Chair

"Original signed by J. Rudnicki"

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Secretary-Treasurer