

MINUTES OF THE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 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
Chipalo Simunyola, Trustee

REGRETS: Pamela Kolochuk, 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
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
Corey, Kapilik, Director of School and Classroom Supports
Deneen Madden, Executive Assistant
Lenore Polvorosa, Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The April 2 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 6:36 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 – April 2, 2024

2023-070

Moved by Trustee Nordheim

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT the April 2 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – March 19, 2024

As there were no changes, the March 19 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

3. LRSD NEWS

3.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Nemeth

Trustee Nemeth highlighted the following:

- Students engaging with Junior Achievement Manitoba
- Students attending the Louis Riel Arts & Technology Centre, who participated in a cupcake competition

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

Assistant Superintendent Cadez highlighted the following:

- École St. Germain
- Shamrock School
- Collège Jeanne-Sauvé
- J.H. Bruns Collegiate

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 Riel-Evate Endowment Fund Committee

Trustee Simunyola, Co-Chair of the Riel-Evate Endowment Fund Committee, shared an update on behalf of the committee.

5. STAFFING

5.1 Personnel Update - School Administrator Leave Request

2023-071

Moved by Trustee Gerrior

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT the Board approve the leave request made by Nicole Maynard, Principal, École George-McDowell, from Jan. 1, 2025, to June 30, 2025, without pay.

CARRIED

5.2 Personnel Update - Appointment of Vice-Principal

2023-072

Moved by Trustee Gerrior

Seconded by Trustee Palmquist

THAT Allison Erickson be appointed as vice-principal at Nelson McIntyre Collegiate, effective immediately.

CARRIED

6. CHAIR INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

6.1 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Annual Convention

The Chair, Trustee Sigurdson, Trustee Simunyola, and Trustee Palmquist, who attended the MSBA Conference shared their takeaways. The Chair also acknowledged Trustee Nordheim who was elected the Director of Region 5, by acclamation.

7. SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

7.1 By-election Update

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki provided an update regarding the by-election.

7.2 Roadmap for Full-Day Kindergarten (FDK)

Superintendent Michalik provided an update regarding the roadmap to FDK.

7.3 Responding to Religious Accommodation Requests in Manitoba Schools

Assistant Superintendent Cormack provided an update regarding correspondence received from Faisal Islam, Director, Education Administration Services Manitoba

Education and Early Childhood Learning, regarding religious accommodation requests in Manitoba schools.

7.4 Accessibility Plan Updates

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

7.5 LRSD International Day of Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Assistant Superintendent Cormack debriefed the school-based event held on March 21, 2024, that brought together high school students and staff to discuss, and brainstorm ways to eliminate racial discrimination.

7.6 Exhibit to Raise Awareness about Sexual Harassment and Assault

Assistant Superintendent Cormack shared details of the exhibit that will be hosted by Glenlawn Collegiate, led by Esther Raj, a member of the Divisional Student Advisory Board, on April 3 and 4. The exhibit will raise awareness about sexual harassment and assault.

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. Baydack, Director, Communicable Disease Control, and Dr. D. Singh, Vaccine Lead, Medical Officer of Health, RE: Be Vigilant for Measles – Rise in Imported Cases in Canada (March 15, 2024)
- (Page 3) Letter and poster from B. O’Leary, Deputy Minister, RE: Solar Eclipse - Monday, April 8, 2024 (March 20, 2024)
- (Page 6) Email from F. Islam, Director, Education Administration Services, RE: Responding to Religious Accommodation Requests in MB Schools (March 25, 2024)
- (Page 9) Letter from M. Cotroneo, Assistant Deputy Minister and J. Tomy, Assistant Deputy Minister, RE: Health Schools Grant (March 26, 2024)

General:

- (Page 10) Email from S. Worden (March 26, 2024)

8.2 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence was received by the Board General MSBA Correspondence:

- (Page 1) e-bulletin (March 20, 2024)
- (Page 2) Memo RE: 2024 Student Citizenship Awards Program (Jan. 23, 2024)

- (Page 10) B'nai Brith Diverse Minds Creative Writing Competition

9. ACTION ITEMS

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

11. ADJOURNMENT

The April 2 Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

"Original signed by S. Nemeth"

Chair

"Original signed by J. Rudnicki"

Secretary-Treasurer