

MINUTES OF THE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, June 4, 2024, 6:30 p.m.
50 Monterey Road, Winnipeg
Hybrid Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS: Sandy Nemeth, Chair
Darlene Gerrior, Trustee
Irene Nordheim, Trustee
Ryan Palmquist, Trustee
Chipalo Simunyola, Trustee
Cindy Turner, Trustee

REGRETS: Chris Sigurdson, Vice- Chair
Pamela Kolochuk, 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, virtual
Deneen Madden, Executive Assistant
Lenore Polvorosa, Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The June 4 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 6:42 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

A moment of silence was observed for two students who recently passed away.

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 – June 4, 2024

2023-100

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Gerrior

THAT the June 4, 2024, agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – May 21, 2024

As there were no changes, the May 21 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:

- Retiring Class of 2024
- Paul Graham, student attending Collège Jeanne-Sauvé brought the entire school together to plant 1,900 trees

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

Assistant Superintendent Cadez highlighted the following:

- Collège Jeanne-Sauvé
- Island Lakes Community School

- École George-McDowell

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 Riel-Evate Endowment Fund Committee

2023-101

Moved by Trustee Simunyola

Seconded by Trustee Nordheim

THAT Linda Vagarda be a member of the Riel-Evate Endowment Fund Committee, commencing July 1, 2024, for a two-year term.

CARRIED

5. BOARD EDUCATION

5.1 Rail Safety Week - June 10, 2024

This item was deferred to a regular meeting in September.

6. FINANCE AND AUDIT

6.1 Shared Service Agreements

2023-102

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT the Louis Riel School Division enter into shared service agreements for the services for the following independent schools for the 2024-2025 school year:

- Beautiful Savior Lutheran School - clinical services and practical arts services
- Christ the King School- clinical services and practical arts services
- Holy Cross School - clinical services and practical arts services
- Springs Christian Academy - clinical services
- St. Boniface Diocesan High School - clinical services and practical arts services
- St. Emile Catholic School – clinical services and practical arts services

CARRIED

6.2 **Notice of Motion: that the Louis Riel School Division incur up to \$10 million of external debt, through borrowing, to ensure completion of the new school in Sage Creek in time for the 2025-2026 school year.**

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki and Superintendent Michalik provided context to the following proposed Board motion scheduled to be on the agenda for the June 18, 2024, Regular Board Meeting:

THAT the Louis Riel School Division, to the extent permitted by The Financial Administration Act or any other Act, seek approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council

to borrow up to \$10 million to ensure completion of the new school in Sage Creek in time for the 2025-2026 school year.

6.3 Five-Year Capital Plan for 2024-2025 to 2028-2029

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki and Superintendent Michalik shared the Five-Year Capital Plan for 2024-2025 to 2028-2029 submitted to the Education Funding Branch.

7. STAFFING

7.1 Personnel Update - Principal Appointment

2023-103

Moved by Trustee Gerrior

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT Heather McCorrister be appointed as principal at Glenwood School, effective Aug. 1, 2024.

CARRIED

7.2 Personnel Update - Vice-Principal Appointments

2023-104

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Palmquist

THAT Brad Nechwediuk be appointed as vice-principal at Glenlawn Collegiate Institute, effective Aug. 1, 2024.

CARRIED

8. CHAIR INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

8.1 Notice of Motion: To Make Changes to the Procedural Bylaws Section C: Election Procedures

Trustee Simunyola provided context to the following proposed Board motion scheduled to be on the agenda for the June 18, 2024, Regular Board Meeting:

THAT the Board amend the Procedural Bylaws Section C, Item 1.b. to remove term limits for the Chair and Vice-Chair positions. The Chair and Vice-Chair will continue to be elected annually; however, they can run as many times as they desire.

9. SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

9.1 English Language Arts ELA Provincial Exams

Superintendent Michalik shared the letter received from Janet Tomy, Assistant Deputy Minister and the communication sent to staff regarding the ELA Provincial Exams.

9.2 Space Utilization Survey

Superintendent Michalik shared an update regarding the Space Utilization Survey being submitted to the Manitoba Protection and Government Services, Capital Project Planning and Delivery Department.

9.3 La Liberté Magazine launches!

Superintendent Michalik shared an update regarding the recently launched, La Liberté Magazine.

9.4 2023-2024 FIPPA Annual Report and Supplementary Statistics

Assistant Superintendent Anderson shared the 2023-2024 FIPPA Annual Report.

9.5 Accessibility Plan Updates

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

9.6 Pride Parade June 2, 2024

Assistant Superintendent Cormack shared an update from the Pride Parade held on June 2, 2024.

9.7 Notice of Motion: Change to Grade Configuration at Dr. D. W. Penner School

Superintendent Michalk provided context to the following proposed Board motion scheduled to be on the agenda for the June 18, 2024, Regular Board Meeting:

WHEREAS members of the Dr. D. W. Penner School community have expressed interest in having their children complete their elementary school studies at the same school rather than transition to Minnetonka School or Darwin School for Grade 7 and 8; and

WHEREAS a divisional review has shown this request to be viable;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Dr. D. W. Penner become a Kindergarten to Grade 7 school in September 2024, and a Kindergarten to Grade 8 school in September 2025.

10. POLICY

10.1 Policy Review Committee Update -Ratification of Amendment

2023-105

Moved by Trustee Simunyola

Seconded by Trustee Nordheim

THAT Policy EBCA - Emergency Preparedness Plan, reviewed by the Policy Review Committee, be amended.

CARRIED

10.2 Policy Review Committee Update - Ratification of Amendment of Administrative Protocol

2023-106

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Nordheim

THAT Administrative Protocol supporting Policy AC - Respect for Human Diversity reviewed by the Policy Review Committee, be adopted.

CARRIED

10.3 Policy Review Committee Update - Second Reading

2023-107

Moved by Trustee Gerrior

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT Policy KLG - School relations with Police Services, reviewed by the Policy Review Committee receive second reading and be further reviewed in committee, and brought back for a third reading at a future date.

CARRIED

11. CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 School Board Correspondence – Received

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning (MEECL):

- (Page 1) Letter from Hon. Minister Altomare RE: Approved Funding for Supported Teen Education Program (May 17, 2024)
- (Page 2) Letter from J. Tomy, Assistant Deputy Minister, RE: Grade 12 Provincial Test in English Language Arts (May 27, 2024)

General:

- (Page 3) Copy of a letter to B. O’Leary, Deputy Minister (May 22, 2024)
- (Page 4) Copy of an email sent to J. Legary (May 28, 2024)
- (Page 6) Copy of an email from J. Legary (May 29, 2024)
- (Page 8) Copy of an email from A. Challis (May 31, 2024)
- (Page 9) Copy of an email from J. Legary (May 31, 2024)

11.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent

The following will be accepted as correspondence sent by the Board:

- (Page 1) Letter and supporting documents to Hon. Minister Altomare, and local MLAs (May 25, 2024)
- (Page 16) Email to all trustee candidates (May 29, 2024)

11.3 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence be received by the Board:

- (Page 1) CSBA President’s Bulletin (May 2024)
- (Page 10) e-bulletin (May 29, 2024)

12. ACTION ITEMS

12.1 Request for a Balanced School Day at École Julie Riel

2023-108

Moved by Trustee Simunyola

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the Board support the request for a Balanced School Day at École Julie-Riel, effective September 2024.

CARRIED

12.2 International Travel for 2024-2025

This item has been deferred.

12.3 Board Meeting Schedule for 2024-2025

2023-109

Moved by Trustee Simunyola

Seconded by Trustee Gerrior

THAT the Board approve the list of Board Meeting dates for the 2024-2025 school year as provided.

CARRIED

12.4 Bylaw 20232024-004 Religious Instruction - Shamrock School

2023-110

Moved by Trustee Simunyola

Seconded by Trustee Gerrior

THAT Bylaw 20232024-004 being a bylaw to authorize the instruction of religion at Shamrock School during the 2024-2025 school year receive first, second, and third reading.

CARRIED

13. 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
- Margaret Whitlaw, verified virtual
- Scott Wood, verified virtual

14. ADJOURNMENT

The June 4, 2024, Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

"Original signed by S. Nemeth"

Chair

"Original signed by J. Rudnicki"

Secretary-Treasurer