

MINUTES OF THE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, June 18, 2024, 6:45 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
Chipalo Simunyola, Trustee
Cindy Turner, Trustee
Ian Walker, 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
Michelle Jean-Paul, Assistant Superintendent Staff Services
Corey, Kapilik, Director of School and Classroom Supports
Deneen Madden, Executive Assistant
Lenore Polvorosa, Executive Assistant
Vannessa Ross, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, virtual

1. CALL TO ORDER

The June 18 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 6:39 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. OATH OF OFFICE AND SIGNING OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT AND DECLARATIONS: Newly Elected Trustee, Ian Walker

Ian Walker signed the Oath of Office before the Secretary-Treasurer and received the congratulations of those in attendance. Trustee Walker previously signed the following documents:

- School Board's Annual Code of Conduct/Conflict of Interest
- Board Members' Annual Oath of Confidentiality
- Board Members' Annual Declaration of Residency

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

3.1 Approval of Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting – June 18, 2024

2023-111

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT the June 18 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

3.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – June 4, 2024

As there were no changes, the June 4 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

4. LRSD NEWS

4.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Sigurdson

Trustee Sigurdson highlighted the following:

- Dragon Boat Races
- Dakota Collegiate Cultural Evening
- LRSD Honour Band Song of Hope Concert

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

Assistant Superintendent Jean-Paul highlighted the following:

- Windsor School
- Dr. D.W. Penner School
- St. George School
- Divisional Graduation Powwow

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Riel-Evate Endowment Fund Committee

Trustee Simunyola, Co-Chair of the Riel-Evate Endowment Fund Committee, thanked all members of the committee and noted the following members will not be returning:

- Bev Alexiuk
- Bev Mulholland
- Franky Czinege
- Tamara McCaffrey

6. BOARD EDUCATION

6.1 The Terry Fox Foundation

The Chair shared a letter sent on behalf of The Terry Fox Foundation.

7. FINANCE AND AUDIT

7.1 Borrowing to complete the new school in Sage Creek

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

2023-xxx

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.

7.2 Tenders Over \$100,000

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki shared a report regarding tenders over \$100,000.

8. STAFFING

8.1 Personnel Update - Vice-Principal Appointment

2023-112

Moved by Trustee Gerrior

Seconded by Trustee Kolochuk

THAT Krista Labossiere be appointed as vice-principal at Dakota Collegiate Institute, effective Aug. 1, 2024.

CARRIED

9. CHAIR INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

9.1 Superintendent Evaluation

The Chair shared an update regarding the Superintendent's Evaluation in accordance with Policy CBI - Supervision/Evaluation - Superintendent of Schools.

9.2 Board Self-Evaluation

The Chair shared an update regarding the Board Self-Evaluation in accordance with Policy BAA - Board Self-Evaluation.

9.3 Meeting with MLAs Serving LRSD

The Chair provided a debrief of the meeting held on June 11 with MLAs serving the division.

10. SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

10.1 Capital Projects Update

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

- École Sage Creek Bonavista School
- Collège Jeanne-Sauvé

10.2 Manitoba School Leadership Framework

Superintendent Michalik provided an update and referred to the Manitoba School Leadership Framework website.

10.3 Leadership Team Meeting - June 13, 2024

Superintendent Michalik shared the agenda for the June 13 gathering with the Leadership Team.

Darlene Gerrior, Trustee, left the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Darlene Gerrior, Trustee, joined the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Chris Sigurdson, Trustee, left the meeting at 7:37 p.m.
Chris Sigurdson, Trustee, joined the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

10.4 St. Boniface Hospital Youth BIOlab Activity Report for 2023-2024

Superintendent Michalik shared the letter sent by Stephen Jones, Director, along with the Youth BIOlab Activity Report for the 2023-2024 school year.

10.5 Summer Learning Update

Corey Kapilik, Director of School and Classroom Supports, provided an update regarding summer learning planned for 2024.

10.6 Workplace Safety and Health (WSH) Fourth Quarter (Q4) Report

Assistant Superintendent Jean-Paul provided the Q4 WSH Report.

10.7 Accessibility Plan Updates

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

10.8 Monthly Updates Regarding Communications Metrics

Superintendent Michalik provided the May 2024 report on communications metrics.

11. POLICY

11.1 Policy Review Committee - Third Reading

2023-113

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT Policy KLG - School Relations with Police Services, reviewed by the Policy Review Committee receive third reading, and finally be adopted.

CARRIED

12. CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 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: Funding (June 3, 2024)

Education Funding Branch:

- (Page 2) RE: J.H. Bruns Collegiate – Foundation Structural Upgrade (May 31, 2024)
- (Page 4) RE: Marion School -New Additional and Renovation (May 31, 2024)

- (Page 6) RE: Windsor Park Collegiate – Hygiene Room (June 7, 2024)
- (Page 8) RE: Collège Béliveau – Major Addition and Renovation (June 7, 2024)
- (Page 11) RE: École Sage Creek/Bonavista – Additional Project Support (June 14, 2024)

General:

- (Page 14) Copy of an email sent to MLAs supporting LRSD (June 4, 2024)
- (Page 15) Letter from S. Arnold (June 5, 2024)
- (Page 17) Email from A. Razos (June 6, 2024)
- (Page 19) Copy of a letter sent to Hon. Minister Altomare from LRTA (June 6, 2024)

12.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent

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

- (Page 1) Email to local MLAs (June 4, 2024)
- (Page 2) Email to local MLAs (June 13, 2024)

12.3 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence be received by the Board:

General MSBA Correspondence:

- (Page 1) Extended Reporting Period for Abuse Insurance
- (Page 2) Nov. 20 is National Child Day in Canada and World Children’s Day Internationally

13. ACTION ITEMS

13.1 Changes to the Procedural Bylaws Section C: Election Procedures

2023-114

Moved by Trustee Simunyola

Seconded by Trustee Nordheim

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.

DEFEATED

Trustee Simunyola, Trustee Nordheim, and Trustee Kolochuk voted for the motion.

13.2 Change to Grade Configuration at Dr. D.W. Penner School

2023-115

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Sigurdson

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 School become a Kindergarten to Grade 7 school in September 2024 and a Kindergarten to Grade 8 school in September 2025.

CARRIED

13.3 International Travel for 2024-2025

2023-116

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT the Board approve the International Travel for 2024-2025 Report as provided.

CARRIED

14. 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:

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

15. ADJOURNMENT

The June 18 Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

"Original signed by S. Nemeth"

Chair

"Original signed by J. Rudnicki"

Secretary-Treasurer