

MINUTES OF THE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, December 3, 2024, 6:30 p.m.
50 Monterey Road, Winnipeg
Hybrid Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS: Chris Sigurdson, Chair
Darlene Gerrior, Vice-Chair
Sandy Nemeth, Trustee
Irene Nordheim, Trustee, virtual
Ryan Palmquist, Trustee
Chipalo Simunyola, Trustee
Ian Walker, 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, virtual
Ron Cadez, Assistant Superintendent Student, Clinical, & Instructional Services
Darcy Cormack, Assistant Superintendent Diversity, Equity and Inclusion 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 Dec. 3 Regular Board Meeting of the Louis Riel School Division (LRSD) Board of Trustees was called to order by Chris Sigurdson, Chair, LRSD Board of Trustees at 6:33 p.m.

1.1 LRSD Land Acknowledgement Read by Trustee Gerrior

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.

We recognize and honour Shoal Lake 40 First Nation, the source of Winnipeg's life-sustaining drinking water, as well as the Treaty Territories that generate and provide the electricity that powers daily activity throughout the province and beyond.

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 – Dec. 3, 2024

2024-045

Moved by Trustee Simunyola

Seconded by Trustee Palmquist

THAT the Dec. 3 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

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

As there were no changes, the Nov. 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 Simunyola

Trustee Simunyola highlighted the following:

- Nov. 25 to 28 - Dakota Collegiate's production of *Annie*
- Dec. 6 - Budget ThoughtExchange launches
- Nov. 30 – Louis Riel Arts & Technology hosted a Winter Market & Festival

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

Assistant Superintendent Anderson provided highlights regarding:

- Frontenac School - No Stone Left Alone - Remembrance Day activity
- Frontenac School - National Day of the Child
- École Henri-Bergeron - reading partners initiative between École Henri-Bergeron and École Provencher
- École Howden - raising funds for Movember
- École Provencher - book swap and book sale
- General Vanier School - Socktober
- École Guyot - generosity through giving
- Collège Béliveau and Windsor Park Collegiate's United Way Campaign

4. BOARD EDUCATION

4.1 The school drop-off, article written by Trustee Walker

The Board engaged in dialogue regarding the article by Trustee Walker, published in the Winnipeg Free Press Community Review entitled, *The school drop-off*.

5. FINANCE AND AUDIT

5.1 Share Your Thoughts on the 2025-2026 Budget - ThoughtExchange Dec. 4 Launch

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki shared an update regarding the Dec. 4 launch of the ThoughtExchange: Share Your Thoughts on the 2025-2026 Budget.

From Dec. 9 to Feb. 7, the Communications Team will promote the public budget conversations through the following avenues:

- MailChimp to staff and parents/guardians
- Social Media
- Spotlight Story
- Learning Circle
- Parent Post

6. STAFFING

6.1 Personnel Update - Appointment of Vice-Principal

2024-046

Moved by Trustee Nemeth

Seconded by Trustee Walker

THAT Stefan Herrington be appointed vice-principal at École Provencher, effective Jan. 1, 2025.

CARRIED

7. SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

7.1 Capital Projects Update

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

- New K-8 French Immersion school serving Sage Creek and Bonavista
- LRSD Building Condition Assessment Report

7.2 National Gathering for Indigenous Education

Superintendent Michalik and Corey Kapilik, Director of School and Classroom Support, shared their takeaways from the National Gathering for Indigenous Education held from Nov. 20 to Nov. 22, 2024.

7.3 Workplace Safety and Health Committee Update

Assistant Superintendent Jean-Paul provided an update on behalf of the Workplace Safety and Health Committee and will bring a second quarter report at an upcoming meeting.

7.4 Notice of Motion - École Howden Reconfiguration

Superintendent Michalik provided context to the proposed Board motion that will be brought forward at the Dec. 17 Regular Board Meeting:

WHEREAS Grade 7/8 students residing in Windsor Park were reassigned from Collège Béliveau to École Howden in 2022 to create space to accommodate the surge in enrolment from Sage Creek; and

WHEREAS requests from Louis Riel School Division to the Province for a permanent addition and temporary modular classrooms at École Howden have not been approved; and

WHEREAS ongoing space constraints considerably limit program flexibility at École Howden; and

WHEREAS a new French Immersion school serving French Immersion students in Sage Creek and Bonavista will open in September 2025; and

WHEREAS space will become available at Collège Béliveau when Grade 7 and 8 French Immersion students residing in Sage Creek begin attending the new school rather than Collège Béliveau;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Beginning in September 2025, École Howden be designated to serve Kindergarten to Grade 6 students residing in its current catchment area, with Collège Béliveau designated to serve the corresponding Grade 7 and 8 students.

8. POLICY

8.1 Policy Review Committee Update - Ratification of Amendment

2024-047

Moved by Trustee Palmquist

Seconded by Trustee Walker

THAT the following policy and protocol be amended:

- Policy KFB - Community Use of Divisional Buildings and Facilities
- KFB Administrative Protocol - Guidelines for Use of Divisional Buildings and Facilities

CARRIED

8.2 Policy Review Committee Update - Third Reading

2024-048

Moved by Trustee Walker

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT Policy DN-4 - Disposition of Property: Vehicles, reviewed by the Policy Review Committee, receive third reading and finally be adopted.

CARRIED

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 School Board Correspondence – Received

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning (MEECL):

- (Page 1) Letter and attachment from J. Connell, RE: Supporting Student Presence and Engagement (Nov. 15, 2024)

Education Funding Branch:

- (Page 4) Letter RE: École Marie-Anne-Gaboury – Mechanical Systems Replacement Reconcile of Costs Incurred – Deferred Project (Nov. 15, 2024)
- (Page 6) Letter Re: École St. Germain – Boiler Replacement Initial Design Project Support (Nov. 22, 2024)

General:

- (Page 8) Copy of superintendent's email and attachment to I. Bindi (Nov. 18, 2024)
- (Page 10) Email from I. Bindi (Nov. 19, 2024)
- (Page 12) Email from I. Prokipchuk (Nov. 26, 2024)
- (Page 23) Email from G. Meade (Nov. 26, 2024)
- (Page 24) Email from G. Meade (Nov. 29, 2024)

9.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent

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

- (Page 1) Email to MLAs supporting LRSD (Nov. 21, 2024)
- (Page 2) Email to G. Meade (Nov. 29, 2024)
- (Page 3) Email to G. Meade (Nov. 29, 2024)

9.3 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence be received by the Board:

- (Page 1) Supply Chains Act Bulletin (Fall 2024)
- (Page 4) Memo RE: Call for Student Participation (Nov. 13, 2024)
- (Page 5) MSBA Convention Award Program
- (Page 9) e-bulletin (Nov. 20, 2024)
- (Page 10) Memo RE: Manitoba Government Response (Nov. 20, 2024)
- (Page 11) 2025 The Fire Within - Registration Information
- (Page 15) Regional Meeting Minutes – Fall 2024
- (Page 19) World Down Syndrome Day Sock Contest

10. ACTION ITEMS

10.1 Revisions to Procedural By-laws

2024-049

Moved by Trustee Nemeth

Seconded by Trustee Palmquist

THAT the Procedural By-Laws of the LRSD Board of Trustees be amended as received.

CARRIED

10.2 Revision to Motion 2021-037 - Change to Building Assignment of Windsor Park Collegiate and Collège Béliveau

2024-050

Moved by Trustee Nemeth

Seconded by Trustee Palmquist

WHEREAS Motion 2021-137 regarding Change to Building Assignment of Windsor Park Collegiate and Collège Béliveau was adopted June 7, 2022; and

WHEREAS Motion 2023-031 amended the effective date of the change of building assignment to September 2, 2025; and

WHEREAS requests for provincial funding to support required building improvements have not yet been approved;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT said Motion 2021-137 be further amended by striking 'effective Sept. 2, 2025' in the second to last paragraph and replacing it with 'when required building improvements have been completed'.

CARRIED

11. 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:

- Derrick Sheldon, virtual
- Ina Prokipchuk
- Jay McGurran
- Neil Reavely, virtual
- Sandra Saint-Cyr

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Dec. 3 Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

"Original signed by C. Sigurdson"

Chair

"Original signed by J. Rudnicki"

Secretary-Treasurer