

MINUTES OF THE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, January 7, 2025, 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
Ryan Palmquist, Trustee
Cindy Turner, Trustee
Ian Walker, Trustee

REGRETS: Pamela Kolochuk, Trustee
Chipalo Simunyola, Trustee

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Jeff Anderson, Acting Superintendent
Jamie Rudnicki, Secretary-Treasurer & CFO
Amarbeer Bhandari, Director of Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation, virtual
Ron Cadez, Assistant Superintendent Student, Clinical, & Instructional Services
Corey Kapilik, Director of School and Classroom Supports
Deneen Madden, Executive Assistant
Lenore Polvorosa, Executive Assistant
Vannessa Ross, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, virtual
Derrick Sheldon, Assistant Director of Staff Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Jan. 7 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 6:31 p.m.

1.1 LRSD Land Acknowledgement Read by Trustee Turner

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 – Jan. 7, 2025

2024-056

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Nordheim

THAT the Jan. 7 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – Dec. 17, 2024

As there were no changes, the Dec. 17 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

3. LRSD NEWS

3.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Walker

Trustee Walker highlighted the following:

- Welcome to a new year
- École Howden holiday store
- Divisional Choir
- Educators for Climate Action

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

Assistant Superintendent Cadez provided highlights regarding:

- Niakwa Place School: Wampum Project
- Family of Schools Concert held at Collège Jeanne-Sauvé

4. FINANCE AND AUDIT

4.1 Budget 2025-2026

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

As part of the budget process, Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki provided a cost estimate of reinstating a swim program for students in Grades 3 and 4.

5. CHAIR INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

5.1 Conversation with MLAs Supporting LRSD

The Chair shared highlights from this evening's meeting with MLAs supporting the division, the Board of Trustees, and members of the SLT.

6. SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

6.1 Capital Projects Update

Acting Superintendent Anderson and members of the SLT provided updates to capital projects regarding:

- École Sage Creek/Bonavista
- Island Lakes Community School

6.2 LRSD's Results Relative to the Provincial Assessment Program

Assistant Superintendent Cadez provided a comprehensive report regarding the following LRSD statistics:

- Grade 3 Assessment in Reading and Numeracy
- Grade 4 Assessment in French Immersion Lecture
- Grade 7 Mathematics
- Grade 8 Reading Comprehension and Expository Writing

- Grade 12 English Language Arts Standards Test
- Grade 12 Français arts langagiers — immersion 40S
- Grade 12 Applied Mathematics Achievement Test
- Grade 12 Essential Mathematics Achievement Test
- Grade 12 Pre-Calculus Mathematics Achievement Test
- Successful Grade 9 Credit Attainment
- High School Graduation Rates

6.3 Attrition and Retention in the French Immersion Program

Acting Superintendent Anderson provided a report regarding attrition and retention in the French Immersion Program.

6.4 Workplace Safety and Health Committee Second Quarter Report

Derrick Sheldon, Assistant Director of Staff Services, provided the second quarter report on behalf of the Workplace Safety and Health Committee.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 School Board Correspondence – Received

The following correspondence was received by the Board: Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning (MEECL):

- (Page 1) Letter from R. Sugden, Provincial Lead, Framework for Continuous Improvement, RE: K to 12 Framework for Continuous Improvement Meeting (Dec. 12, 2024)
- (Page 2) Letter from Hon T. Schmidt, Acting Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning, RE: Community Schools Program (Dec. 19, 2024)
- (Page 4) Letter from J. Tomy, Assistant Deputy Minister, RE: Renewal of Educational Assistants in MB Schools (Dec. 31, 2024)

Education Funding Branch:

- (Page 5) Letter RE: École Howden – Two Modular Classroom Units – Analysis Study (Dec. 6, 2024)
- (Page 6) Letter RE: École Sage Creek/Bonavista – New K-8 French Immersion School Child Care Grant – Additional Project Support (Dec. 13, 2024)
- (Page 7) Letter RE: École Sage Creek/Bonavista – New K-8 French Immersion School – Additional Project Support (Dec. 13, 2024)
- (Page 10) Letter RE: Marion School – Exterior Wall Renewal and Elevator Addition – Additional Project Support (Dec. 20, 2024)

General:

- (Page 13) Email from G. Meade (Dec. 13, 2024)

7.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent

The following be accepted as correspondence sent by the Board:

- (Page 1) Letter to Hon. Minister Renée Cable (Dec. 18, 2024)

7.3 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence be received by the Board:

- (Page 1) Copy of a letter to Hon. Minister T. Schmidt and Hon. Minister L. Naylor from the Joint Educational Partners (Dec. 12, 2024)
- (Page 4) e-bulletin (Dec. 18, 2024)
- (Page 5) Memo RE: One-time Funding Support for Trustees CSBA Congress (Dec. 18, 2024)

8. 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:

- Caleb Gbiri
- Jaclyn Porteous
- Jay McGurran
- Sandra Saint-Cyr

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Jan. 7 Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

"Original signed by C. Sigurdson"

Chair

"Original signed by J. Rudnicki"

Secretary-Treasurer