

MINUTES OF THE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 6:30 p.m.
50 Monterey Road, Winnipeg
Hybrid Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS: Chris Sigurdson, Chair
Darlene Gerrior, Vice-Chair
Pamela Kolochuk, Trustee
Sandy Nemeth, Trustee
Irene Nordheim, Trustee
Ryan Palmquist, Trustee
Chipalo Simunyola, Trustee
Cindy Turner, Trustee, virtual
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 and Maintenance, virtual
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
Marnie Wilson, Divisional Vice-Principal of Data Literacy, virtual

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Jan. 21 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 6:34 p.m.

The Chair asked for a moment of silence to acknowledge the recent passing of the Honourable Nello Altomare, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning.

1.1 LRSD Land Acknowledgement Read by Trustee Simunyola

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. 21, 2025

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Moved by Trustee Simunyola

Seconded by Trustee Walker

THAT the Jan. 21 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – Jan. 7, 2025

As there were no changes, the Jan. 7 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

3. LRSD NEWS

3.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Gerrior

Trustee Gerrior highlighted the following:

- MLA conversation with the Board and members of SLT
- Honourable Minister Nello Altomare
- Minnetonka School Concert

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

Assistant Superintendent Anderson highlighted the following:

- I Love to Read Month
- Kindergarten Information Evening
- Choir Performance at the Manitoba Moose Game
- Sensory-Friendly Gym Night at Frontenac School

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

5. STAFFING

5.1 Personnel Update - Retirement Notices

Superintendent Michalik shared the following school administrators have provided their intention to retire, effective June 30, 2025:

- Alana White
- Ingrid Pedersen
- Michelle Bacon

6. SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

6.1 Leadership Team Meeting - Jan. 16, 2025

Superintendent Michalik shared an overview of the Leadership Team Meeting held on Jan. 16, 2025.

6.2 Public Dashboards Update

Clarke Hagan, Director of Information Technology Systems, and Marnie Wilson, Divisional Vice-Principal of Data Literacy, provided an update regarding the following dashboards:

- Daily Attendance Tracker
- Student Absence Dashboard

6.3 Strengthening and Maintaining Currency and Relevancy of Career and Technical Education in LRSD

Superintendent Michalik and Assistant Superintendent Cormack shared that the Board and SLT have reviewed a comprehensive consultant proposal to assess our Industrial Arts, Human Ecology, and Louis Riel Arts & Technology Centre (LRATC) programming. This proposal, aimed at advancing strategic action 3.6, outlines the project scope and approach for evaluating these programs. The consulting firm will also conduct a labour market analysis, feasibility and cost analyses, and collaborative stakeholder engagement. The project will be completed within six months and involve collaboration between various departments.

6.4 Accessibility Plan Updates

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

6.5 Monthly Communications Update - Transition to Bluesky

Superintendent Michalik provided an update regarding the transition from X to Bluesky Social including current analytics.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 School Board Correspondence – Received

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning (MEECL):

- (Page 1) Letter from J. Tomy, Assistant Deputy Minister, RE: Launch of the Manitoba K-12 Education Data Dashboard (Jan. 14, 2025)
- (Page 2) Letter and proclamation from Hon. T. Schmidt, Acting Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning, RE: International Development Week Feb. 2 to 8, 2025 (Jan. 16, 2025)

General:

- (Page 4) Copy of a letter to Educators for Climate Action (Jan. 6, 2025)
- (Page 6) Email from R. Beattie (Jan. 15, 2025)

7.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent

The following be accepted as correspondence sent by the Board:

- (Page 1) Letter to MLAs (Jan. 10, 2025)

7.3 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence be received by the Board:

- (Page 1) e-bulletin (Jan. 8, 2025)
- (Page 2) Memo RE: MSBA March Annual Convention (Jan. 10, 2025)
- (Page 3) Memo RE: 2025 “Closed Door Session” with Minister of Education (Jan. 15, 2025)

8. ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Distribution of Board Ballots

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THAT the MSBA memorandum dated Jan. 14, 2025, regarding the distribution and casting of board ballots at the 2025 MSBA Annual Convention be received as information; and,

THAT Trustee Sigurdson and Trustee Nemeth be nominated to accept the ballots.

9. 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, virtual
- Derrick Sheldon, virtual
- Jay McGurran
- Sandra Saint-Cyr

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Jan. 21 Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

"Original signed by C. Sigurdson"

Chair

"Original signed by J. Rudnicki"

Secretary-Treasurer