

**MINUTES OF THE**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 6:30 p.m.  
50 Monterey Road, Winnipeg  
Hybrid Meeting

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Darlene Gerrior, Acting Chair  
Sandy Nemeth, Trustee, virtual  
Irene Nordheim, Trustee  
Ryan Palmquist, Trustee  
Cindy Turner, Trustee  
Ian Walker, Trustee

**REGRETS:** Pamela Kolochuk, Trustee  
Chipalo Simunyola, 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  
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 Feb. 4 Regular Board Meeting of the Louis Riel School Division (LRSD) Board of Trustees was called to order by Darlene Gerrior, acting Chair, LRSD Board of Trustees at 6:30 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 acting 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 acting 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 – Feb. 4, 2025**

2024-058

Moved by Trustee Walker

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the Feb. 4 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

### **2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – Jan. 21, 2025**

As there were no changes, the Jan. 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:

- Jan. 20 - Glenwood School visit with Assistant Superintendent Jean-Paul
- Jan. 22 - Minnetonka School winter concert
- Jan. 23 - Archwood School winter concert

### **3.2 News from Senior Leadership Team (SLT) Provided by Assistant Superintendent Cormack**

Assistant Superintendent Cormack highlighted the following:

- Dakota Collegiate
- Hastings School
- Louis Riel Arts & Technology Centre
- Lavallee School
- Nelson McIntyre Collegiate

#### **4. DELEGATION TO THE BOARD**

##### **4.1 École Varennes - Parent and Caregiver Committee (PCC) Delegation**

Assistant Superintendent Cadez introduced Charlene Sacher, President of the École Varennes PCC, who spoke on behalf of the parent delegation.

#### **5. SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM INFORMATION TO THE BOARD**

##### **5.1 New LRSD Resource Allocation Framework (RAF)**

Assistant Superintendent Cadez, Mia Guenther, Divisional Principal, Lisa Tymchuk, Clinical Supervisor of Developmental Supports, and Alex Peniuta, Clinical Services Supervisor of Well-Becoming, shared the new Resource Allocation Framework.

##### **5.2 School and Classroom Support Team (SCST) Meeting**

Corey Kapilik, Director of School and Classroom Supports, shared the agenda from the SCST meeting held on Jan. 28, 2025.

##### **5.3 Capital Projects Update**

Superintendent Michalik provided updates to the following capital projects:

- Island Lakes Community School - modular unit relocation project
- The new school serving Sage Creek Bonavista French Immersion program
- École St. Germain - boiler replacement project
- Universal Nutrition Program

##### **5.4 Student Accident Semi-Annual Report**

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki shared a report regarding student accidents that occurred from Sept. 1, 2024, to Dec. 31, 2024.

##### **5.5 Middle and Late Immersion Information Evening**

Assistant Superintendent Anderson shared an update regarding the middle and late immersion French language information evening held on Jan. 28, 2025, and next steps.

## **5.6 International Development Week**

Superintendent Michalik shared highlights from the International Development Week 2025 launch on Feb. 4 and its connection to strategic action 4.5. The event was hosted by the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation (MCIC) and provided an opportunity to connect with MCIC members and others from the international cooperation community.

## **6. FINANCE AND AUDIT**

### **6.1 Budget 2025-2026**

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki shared an update regarding the draft 2025-2026 Budget.

## **7. STAFFING**

### **7.1 Retirement Notices**

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

- Susan Ciastko
- Ross Cathers

### **7.2 School Administrator Transfers**

2024-059

Moved by Trustee Walker

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the following school administrators be transferred, effective Aug. 1, 2025:

- Karen Duffield as principal of Victor Mager School; and,
- Lisa Albrecht as vice-principal of the school serving Sage Creek/Bonavista; and,
- Michelle Kennedy as vice-principal of the school serving Sage Creek/Bonavista.

CARRIED

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **8.1 School Board Correspondence – Received**

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning (MEECL):

- (Page 1) Letter and proclamation from Hon T. Schmidt, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning, RE: Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week Feb. 9 to 15, 2025 (Jan. 23, 2025)
- (Page 3) Letter from Jeffrey Kehler, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, RE: Respect in School Training for Teacher Candidates (Jan. 23, 2025)

- (Page 5) Letter from Hon T. Schmidt, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning, RE: Elders and Knowledge Keepers in Schools Initiative funding (Jan. 31, 2025)

Education Funding Branch:

- (Page 7) Letter RE: Marion School – New Addition and Renovation – Additional Project Support (Jan. 17, 2025)

General:

- (Page 9) Email from A. Razos (Jan. 26, 2025)
- (Page 12) Email from T. Cheway (Jan. 28, 2025)
- (Page 15) Thank you note from L.K.

## **8.2 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received**

The following MSBA correspondence be received by the Board:

- (Page 1) e-bulletin (Jan. 22, 2025)
- (Page 2) Memo RE: 2025 Student Citizenship Awards Program (Jan. 29, 2025)
- (Page 10) Memo RE: #ThisIsLocalChoice 2.0 (Jan. 23, 2025)
- (Page 19) Memo RE: Last call to be considered for One-Time Fund to Support Member Participation and Attendance at CSBA Congress and National Trustee Gathering on Indigenous Education 2025 (Jan. 29, 2025)
- (Page 20) MSBA list of presenters and workshops

## **9. ACTION ITEMS**

### **9.1 Schools of Choice Report 2025-2026**

2024-060

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Palmquist

WHEREAS certain schools are experiencing significant enrolment pressures; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following schools be closed to Schools of Choice requests until further notice in accordance with section 58.4(1)(a) of The Public Schools Act:

- Collège Béliveau
- Dakota Collegiate
- École Guyot
- École Varennes
- Highbury School
- Island Lakes Community School
- J.H. Bruns Collegiate
- Marion School
- Sage Creek School (English Program)
- Windsor Park Collegiate

THAT special consideration may only be given in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools (or designate).

CARRIED

**10. 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
- Christine Carty
- Derrick Sheldon, virtual
- Jay McGurran
- Meika Richmond
- Renee Friesen
- Sandra Saint-Cyr
- Sarah Smith, virtual
- Trichia Gannon, virtual

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The Feb. 4 Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

"Originals signed by D. Gerrior"

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Acting Chair

"Originals signed by J. Rudnicki"

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Secretary-Treasurer