

MINUTES OF THE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 6:30 p.m.
50 Monterey Road, Winnipeg
Hybrid Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS: Chris Sigurdson, Chair
Pamela Kolochuk, Trustee
Sandy Nemeth, Trustee
Ryan Palmquist, Trustee
Chipalo Simunyola, Trustee
Ian Walker, Trustee

REGRETS: Darlene Gerrior, Vice-Chair
Irene Nordheim, 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 and Maintenance, virtual
Ron Cadez, Assistant Superintendent Student, Clinical, & Instructional Services
Clarke Hagan, Director of Information Technology 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. 18 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 6:32 p.m.

1.1 LRSD Land Acknowledgement read by Trustee Palmquist

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 – Feb. 18, 2025

2024-061

Moved by Trustee Walker

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

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

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – Feb. 4, 2025

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

3. LRSD NEWS

3.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Kolochuk

Trustee Kolochuk highlighted the following:

1. Polar Bear Club at Island Lakes Community School
2. Drama is full swing in LRSD:
 - a. School of Rock – Glenlawn Collegiate in early February

- b. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory – Collège Jeanne-Sauvé in early March
 - c. Adams Family – J.H. Bruns Collegiate at the end of March
 - d. Finding Nemo – Highbury School at the end of April
3. Festival du Voyageur Family visiting schools for Festival week

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

Assistant Superintendent Jean-Paul highlighted the following:

- Glenwood School
- Glenlawn Family of Schools and trustee visits

4. PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

4.1 LRSD's Artificial Intelligence (AI) Strategy

Clarke Hagan, Director of Information Technology Systems, and Melissa Burns, Divisional Learning Team Teacher, highlighted the AI strategy in LRSD.

5. FINANCE AND AUDIT

5.1 Second Quarter (Q2) Financial Update

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki shared the Q2 financial update.

5.2 Budget 2025-2026

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki provided context to the provincial funding announcement received on Monday, Feb. 10, 2025, and reminded the public to register to attend the 2025-2026 draft budget presentation to be held on Feb. 27, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

6. SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

6.1 Enrolment Update - Feb. 18, 2025

Superintendent Michalik shared student enrolment details as of Feb. 18, 2025.

6.2 Honouring the Council of Grandparents - Feb. 6, 2025

Corey Kapilik, Director of School and Classroom Supports, shared highlights of an evening held on Feb. 6, 2025, to honour the Council of Grandparents.

6.3 Leadership Team Meeting - Feb. 13, 2025

Superintendent Michalik shared an overview of the Leadership Team Meeting held on Feb. 13, 2025.

6.4 Monthly Communications Update - Livestreams

Superintendent Michalik provided an update on the analytics regarding board meeting livestreams from Sept. 3, 2024, to Feb. 4, 2025.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 School Board Correspondence – Received

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

General:

- (Page 1) Email from B. Veinot (Feb. 6, 2025)
- (Page 2) Email from T. Borys (Feb. 6, 2025)

7.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent

The following be accepted as correspondence sent by the Board:

- (Page 1) Letter to Hon. Min. T. Schmidt (Feb. 11, 2025)
- (Page 3) Letter to Hon. Min. T. Schmidt (Feb. 12, 2025)

7.3 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence be received by the Board:

- (Page 1) e-bulletin (Feb. 5, 2025)

8. ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Purchase of Land South of the Perimeter Hwy

2024-062

Moved by Trustee Walker

Seconded by Trustee Kolochuk

THAT the Board authorize Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki to proceed with the purchase of land to support a new maintenance and operations, transportation, and land-based educational facility.

CARRIED

8.2 Borrowing Motion

2024-063

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Palmquist

THAT the Louis Riel School Division, to the extent permitted by The Financial Administrative Act or any other act, seek approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council to borrow up to \$10 million for the following:

1. to purchase land and develop facilities to support a new maintenance and operations, transportation, and land-based education site; and,
2. to upgrade 50 Monterey Road to enhance clinical and therapeutic support for students; and,
3. to modernize the Board Office located at 900 St. Mary's Road, including accessibility improvements.

CARRIED

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:

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

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Feb. 18 Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

"Original signed by C. Sigurdson"

Chair

"Original signed by J. Rudnicki"

Secretary-Treasurer