

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

Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 6:30 p.m.
50 Monterey Road, Winnipeg
Hybrid Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS: Chris Sigurdson, Chair
Ian Walker, Interim Vice-Chair
Pamela Kolochuk, Trustee
Sandy Nemeth, Trustee
Ryan Palmquist, Trustee
Cindy Turner, Trustee, virtual

REGRETS: Irene Nordheim, 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
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 April 15 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.

Kookum Hilda Kent from the LRSD Indigenous Council of Grandmothers and Grandfathers, shared the meaning of the travelling song performed with Kelsey Lenaghan, Divisional Vice-Principal of Indigenous Education.

There was a moment of silence for Trustee Gerrior and for a student at École Guyot who passed away recently.

1.1 LRSD Land Acknowledgement Read by Trustee Walker

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 – April 15, 2025

2024-083

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Walker

THAT the April 15 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – March 18, 2025

As there were no changes, the March 18 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

3. LRSD NEWS

3.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Sigurdson

Trustee Sigurdson highlighted the following:

- Gender Sexuality Alliance (GSA) movie night at École Varennes
- Collège Jeanne-Sauvé Manitoba Women's High School Hockey League (MWHSHL) Champions for 2024-2025
- J.H. Bruns Collegiate's production of Addams Family

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

Assistant Superintendent Jean-Paul highlighted the following:

- Dr. D.W. Penner School Community Report
- St. George School
- Minnetonka School
- Glenlawn Family of Schools Treaty Education

4. BOARD PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

4.1 Career Internship Program

Carla Allan, Teacher, introduced the following students who made a presentation to the Board regarding the Career Internship Program at Windsor Park Collegiate:

Project Planet

- David Coker, student
- Anthony Alozie, student
- Jaspriya Kaur, student

Youth Against Poverty

- Adam Donaghy, student
- Oreoulwa Ayodeji, student

Health and Hygiene Equity:

- Debby Okuboyejo, student
- Joju Fola-Bolumole, student

5. BOARD EDUCATION

5.1 Just Elections - Proposed Provincial Legislation

The Chair facilitated a follow-up conversation from Tom Simms and Jordan Bighorn's presentation on Just Elections and Proposed Provincial Legislation.

6. STAFFING

6.1 Principal Appointments

2024-084

Moved by Trustee Nemeth

Seconded by Trustee Kolochuk

THAT Michelle Kennedy be appointed as principal at École Varennes, effective Aug. 1, 2025.

CARRIED

6.2 Divisional Vice-Principal Appointment - Therapeutic Learning Space

2024-085

Moved by Trustee Walker

Seconded by Trustee Kolochuk

THAT Christopher Heidebrecht be appointed as divisional vice-principal of the Therapeutic Learning Space, effective Aug. 1, 2025.

CARRIED

6.3 Vice-Principal Transfers

2024-086

Moved by Trustee Walker

Seconded by Trustee Kolochuk

THAT Jolene Capina be transferred to the new French Immersion School serving Sage Creek and Bonavista, as vice-principal, effective Aug. 1, 2025.

CARRIED

6.4 Vice-Principal Appointments

2024-087

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Nemeth

THAT the following be appointed as vice-principal, effective Aug. 1, 2025:

- Brad Johnston to J.H. Bruns Collegiate
- Brittney Casavant to Sage Creek School
- Greg Priddle to Shamrock School
- Kirsten Dozenko to General Vanier School
- Jennifer Boudreau-Allan to Collège Jeanne-Sauvé (Class B School)

CARRIED

2024-088

Moved by Trustee Walker

Seconded by Trustee Kolochuk

THAT having passed Motion 2024-085, Jonathan Burnham, be appointed as vice-principal at Glenwood School, effective Aug. 1, 2025.

CARRIED

2024-089

Moved by Trustee Walker

Seconded by Trustee Kolochuk

THAT having passed Motion 2024-087, Erin Sheldon, be appointed as vice-principal at École Varennes, effective Aug. 1, 2025.

CARRIED

6.5 Acting Assistant Superintendent Appointment

2024-090

Moved by Trustee Nemeth

Seconded by Trustee Kolochuk

THAT Mia Guenther be appointed the acting assistant superintendent assigned due to a leave, effective June 1, 2025, or as soon as can be arranged.

CARRIED

6.6 Notice of Retirement

Superintendent Michalik shared the notice of intention to retire provided by Darcy Cormack, Assistant Superintendent, effective Sept. 1, 2025.

7. CHAIR INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

7.1 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Annual Convention

Trustees who attended the MSBA 61st Annual Convention shared their takeaways.

7.2 National School Board Association (NSBA) 2025 Annual Conference

The Chair shared his takeaways from the NSBA 2025 Annual Conference that he recently attended.

8. SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

8.1 Capital Projects Update

Superintendent Michalik and Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki provided an update on the following capital projects regarding:

- The new French Immersion school serving Sage Creek and Bonavista
- J.H. Bruns Collegiate
- Shamrock School

8.2 Workplace Safety and Health Third Quarter Report

Assistant Superintendent Jean-Paul provided an update regarding the Workplace Safety and Health third quarter report.

8.3 Manitoba Government Introduces Universal Early Reading Screening Tools

Superintendent Michalik shared information regarding the Manitoba government's announcement to introduce universal early reading screening.

8.4 Assessment and Evaluation and Manitoba Provincial Report Card Policy and Guidelines

Superintendent Michalik shared a letter received from Brian O'Leary, Deputy Minister, dated April 14, 2025, regarding Assessment and Evaluation and Manitoba Provincial Report Card Policy and Guidelines.

Starting in the 2025/26 school year, all LRSD schools will implement provincial report cards that will include percentage grades.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 School Board Correspondence – Received

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning:

- (Page 1) Letter from Hon. Min. Schmidt (March 28, 2025)
- (Page 2) Letter from Hon. Min. Schmidt (March 31, 2025)
- (Page 6) Letter from J. Kehler, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister (April 2, 2025)
- (Page 8) Letter and Terms of Reference from R. Fisher, Consultant, Manitoba School Leadership Framework (April 8, 2025)
- (Page 12) Letter from Hon. Min. Schmidt (April 11, 2025)

General:

- (Page 13) Letter from A. and T. Findlay (March 28, 2025)
- (Page 15) Letter from C. Valel (March 29, 2025)
- (Page 21) Copy of letter sent to Hon. Min. Schmidt from C. Sacher (April 11, 2025)

9.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent

The following was accepted as correspondence sent by the Board:

- (Page 1) Letter to S. Corbett, MLA (March 25, 2025)
- (Page 2) Email to D. Crowe (March 25, 2025)
- (Page 3) Email to O. Backstrom (March 25, 2025)
- (Page 4) Letter to J. Bighorn and T. Simms (March 26, 2025)

9.3 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence was received by the Board:

- (Page 1) e-bulletin (March 19, 2025)
- (Page 2) Memo RE: 2025 Student Citizenship Awards Program

- (Page10) KPMG presentation RE: Risky Business – Navigating AI Risks and Governance (March 20, 2025)
- (Page 41) Slide deck RE: Role of Trustees
- (Page 87) Slide deck RE: Attracting and recruiting new School Trustees (March 20, 2025)
- (Page 109) e-bulletin (April 2, 2025)

10. ACTION ITEMS

10.1 Riel-Evate Endowment Fund Bursaries

2024-091

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Palmquist

THAT proceeds from the Winnipeg Foundation for 2024 be used to provide a bursary in the amount of \$1,500.00 to a 2025 graduating student at each LRSD high school and at the Louis Riel Arts & Technology Centre.

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:

- Celia Valel, virtual
- Clare Dutka, virtual
- Derrick Sheldon, virtual
- Helen Tavares
- Jay McGurran
- Sandra Saint-Cyr

12. ADJOURNMENT

The April 15 Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

"Original signed by C. Sigurdson"

Chair

"Original signed by J. Rudnicki"

Secretary-Treasurer