

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

Tuesday, April 29, 2025, 6:30 p.m.
50 Monterey Road, Winnipeg
Hybrid Meeting

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

REGRETS: 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
Chaimae Bouamira, Executive Assistant
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, virtual
Deneen Madden, Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The April 29 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 Palmquist

I express on behalf of the Board a personal acknowledgement of my connection to the land and our division's connection to the first peoples of this land. I was born in the city of Vancouver, on the unceded territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples. I am a property owner in the rural municipality of Stuartburn which is

traditional Anishinaabe territory near, the present-day, Roseau River First Nation community.

I grew up in St. Vital, an historic Métis community and part of the National Homeland of the Red River Métis. Today, I am a trustee in the Louis Riel School Division, named for the officially recognized first Premier of Manitoba, Louis Riel, who shared with the world his vision of a land where French and English speakers, Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, would live together in respect and harmony and prosperity, a vision that I believe that we continue to pursue to this day.

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 29, 2025

2024-092

Moved by Trustee Simunyola

Seconded by Trustee Palmquist

THAT the April 29 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – April 15, 2025

As there were no changes, the April 15 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

3. LRSD NEWS

3.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Simunyola

Trustee Simunyola highlighted the following:

- École Sage Creek School Spring Concerts
- May 1, 2025 - Divisional Choir Concert
- May 12 and 13, 2025 - Folk Dance in the Park

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

Assistant Superintendent Cadez highlighted the following:

- École St. Germain Environment Club Choir Sings at the Manitoba Legislature Earth Day Event
- Island Lakes Community School Allyship Group
- Collège Jeanne-Sauvé Night Market

4. PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

4.1 Student Advisory Board Presentation

Assistant Superintendent Cormack introduced the following members of the Student Advisory Board:

- Lindsey Barth, Grade 11 student, Collège Jeanne-Sauvé
- Delaney Boileau, Grade 11 student, Collège Jeanne-Sauvé
- Raeesa Hoque, Grade 12 student, Collège Jeanne-Sauvé
- Raluchi Obi, Grade 12 student, Dakota Collegiate
- Yuvi Singh, Grade 9 student, Dakota Collegiate
- Fissy Olanrewaju, Grade 12 student, Glenlawn Collegiate
- Evan Samuel, Grade 12 student, J.H. Bruns Collegiate

5. FINANCE AND AUDIT

5.1 Promissory Note - LTPS0788

2024-093

Moved by Trustee Walker

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT the issue of the promissory note LTPS0788, as it is deemed necessary and expedient to raise by loan the sum of \$10,000,000 on the credit of the Louis Riel School Division for the purpose of financing capital projects, be approved.

CARRIED

6. BOARD EDUCATION

6.1 Literacy in LRSD

Superintendent Michalik and Assistant Superintendent Cadez provided context to literacy practices in LRSD.

7. STAFFING

7.1 Assistant Superintendent - Appointment

2024-094

Moved by Trustee Walker

Seconded by Trustee Nemeth

THAT Corey Kapilik be appointed as the term assistant superintendent for the 2025/2026 school year, effective Aug. 1, 2025.

CARRIED

7.2 Divisional Principal - Appointment

2024-095

Moved by Trustee Nemeth

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT Megan Vankoughnett be appointed the term divisional principal, effective Aug. 1, 2025, or as soon as can be arranged.

CARRIED

7.3 Summer Learning Academy

2024-096

Moved by Trustee Simunyola

Seconded by Trustee Walker

THAT the Board appoint Dionne Potapinski and Justin Bell as principals of the Summer Learning Academy, effective July 2, 2025.

CARRIED

7.4 Notice of Resignation

Superintendent Michalik shared the notice of intention to resign provided by Cyril Indome, Vice-Principal at Dakota Collegiate, effective June 30, 2025.

8. SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

8.1 Leadership Team Meeting April 17, 2025

Superintendent Michalik shared highlights from the April 17, 2025, leadership team meeting, which was a day of learning focused on artificial intelligence.

8.2 Accessibility Plan

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

8.3 Monthly Communications

Superintendent Michalik provided the Instagram analytics report for March 2025.

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 (April 15, 2025)
- (Page 4) Letter from B. O’Leary, Deputy Minister (April 17, 2025)

Education Funding Branch:

- (Page 5) Memo RE: New K-8 French Immersion School Additional Project Support (April 11, 2025)

General:

- (Page 8) Letter from S. Brglez (April 23, 2025)

9.2 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence was received by the Board:

- (Page 1) e-bulletin (April 16, 2025)
- (Page 2) CIBC Childhood Cancer Canada Survivor outline and poster
- (Page 5) 2025 Record of Proceedings

10. ACTION ITEMS

10.1 By-Law 20242025-002 Religious Instruction - École Julie-Riel

This item was deferred as further clarification is required.

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:

- Alana White, virtual
- Derrick Sheldon, virtual
- Jay McGurran
- Sandra Saint-Cyr
- Trichia Gannon, virtual

12. ADJOURNMENT

The April 29 Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

"Original signed by C. Sigurdson"

Chair

"Original signed by J. Rudnicki"

Secretary-Treasurer