

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

Tuesday, May 20, 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 until physically joining at 6:57 p.m.  
Sandy Nemeth, Trustee  
Irene Nordheim, Trustee  
Ryan Palmquist, Trustee  
Chipalo Simunyola, 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  
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 May 20 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 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 – May 20, 2025**

2024-103

Moved by Trustee Walker

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT the May 20 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

## **2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – May 6, 2025**

As there were no changes, the May 6 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

# **3. LRSD NEWS**

## **3.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Walker**

Trustee Walker highlighted the following:

- École Henri-Bergeron's spring play
- General Vanier School's Project-Based Learning Fair
- École Howden and École St. Germain's bike bus initiatives

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

Assistant Superintendent Anderson highlighted the following:

- École Guyot
- École Henri-Bergeron
- École Van Belleghem
- General Vanier School
- Windsor Park Collegiate and Collège Béliveau

#### **4. FINANCE AND AUDIT**

##### **4.1 Third Quarter (Q3) Financial Update**

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki shared the Q3 Financial Report.

##### **4.2 Borrowing/Banking Bylaw 20242025-004**

2024-104

Moved by Trustee Nemeth

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the Procedural By-Law requirement of Section I.3 regarding the limit to two readings at any one meeting be suspended with leave; and

THAT Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki read first, second, and third time long, Bylaw 20242025-004 providing for the borrowing of moneys upon the credit of the said School Division to meet current expenses; and finally, be adopted.

CARRIED

#### **5. STAFFING**

##### **5.1 Appointment of Term Divisional Principal**

2024-105

Moved by Trustee Walker

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT Nicole Mager be appointed term divisional principal for the 2025/2026 school year, effective Aug. 1, 2025.

CARRIED

##### **5.2 Appointment of Principal**

2024-106

Moved by Trustee Nemeth

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT Lauren Mitchell be appointed as principal at Niakwa Place School, effective Aug. 1, 2025.

CARRIED

### **5.3 Leave Request**

2024-107

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Walker

THAT the Board approve the leave request made by Mia Guenther, Divisional Principal, from June 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026; and,

THAT the Board approve the leave request made by Nicholas Kelly, Divisional Principal, from Aug. 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.

CARRIED

## **6. CHAIR INFORMATION TO THE BOARD**

### **6.1 Manitoba School Board Association (MSBA) Student Citizenship Awards**

The Chair shared the spotlight story regarding the following students recognized for the 2025 Student Citizenship Awards:

- Region 5 - Abigail Ochoa, Collège Béliveau
- Black and Gold Society, Dakota Collegiate

### **6.2 Dakota Collegiate Senior Choir earned a Silver Award**

The Chair shared that under the exceptional direction of Mr. Justin Odwak, the Dakota Collegiate Senior Choir earned a Silver Award in the Choral Music division at MusicFest Canada!

In addition to the choir's remarkable achievement, the Chair acknowledged Niamh Ukrainec, who was recognized with an individual Honour Award for her outstanding contribution to the choir's performance!

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

### **7.1 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) Annual Report**

Assistant Superintendent Anderson shared the FIPPA Annual Report for the period of April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025.

### **7.2 Enrolment Report**

Superintendent Michalik provided an updated enrolment report for this year.

### **7.3 Workplace Safety and Health Fourth Quarter (Q4) Report**

Assistant Superintendent Jean-Paul shared the Workplace Safety and Health Q4 Report.

### **7.4 Air Conditioning in Schools**

Superintendent Michalik provided an update regarding air conditioning in schools.

## **7.5 Accessibility Plan Updates**

Assistant Superintendent Cormack advised there are no updates regarding the division's Accessibility Plan as policy work continues.

## **7.6 Monthly Communications Update - Annual Report to the Community (ARC) 2024/2025**

Superintendent Michalik shared the table of contents of the 2024/2025 ARC.

# **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

### **Education Funding Branch:**

- (Page 1) Letter RE: Island Lakes Community School – Relocation of two Modular Classroom Design Authorization (May 2, 2025)

### **General:**

- (Page 3) Email from S. Saint-Cyr (May 7, 2025)

## **8.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent**

The following was accepted as correspondence sent by the Board:

- (Page 1) Letter to G. Lavack, Member of Parliament (May 5, 2025)
- (Page 2) Letter to T. Duguid, Member of Parliament (May 5, 2025)

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

The following MSBA correspondence was received by the Board:

- (Page 1) e-bulletin (March 5, 2025)
- (Page 2) MSBA 2025 Convention Delegate Kit

# **9. ACTION ITEMS**

## **9.1 By-Law 20242025-002 Religious Instruction - École Julie-Riel**

2024-108

Moved by Trustee Simunyola

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT By-Law 20242025-002 being a by-law to authorize the instruction of religion at École Julie-Riel during the 2024-2025 school year, receive first, second, and third reading and be approved.

CARRIED

**9.2 École Sage Creek School - Name Change**

2024-109

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

WHEREAS the current track English Program K - 4 and French Immersion Program K - 6 school be changed to reflect the school's new status as an English Program K - 8 school, effective Aug. 1, 2025;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the name of École Sage Creek School be changed to Sage Creek School, effective Aug. 1, 2025.

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:

- Derrick Sheldon, virtual
- Sandra Saint-Cyr

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The May 20 Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

"Original signed by C. Sigurdson"

Chair

"Original signed by J. Rudnicki"

Secretary-Treasurer