

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

Tuesday, June 17, 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
Irene Nordheim, Trustee
Ryan Palmquist, Trustee
Chipalo Simunyola, Trustee, virtual

REGRETS: Cindy Turner, Trustee

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Christian Michalik, Superintendent & CEO
Jamie Rudnicki, Secretary-Treasurer & CFO
Ron Cadez, Assistant Superintendent Student, Clinical, & Instructional Services
Darcy Cormack, Assistant Superintendent Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Services
Nicholas Kelly, Divisional Principal
Mia Guenther, Assistant Superintendent
Clarke Hagan, Director of Information Technology Services
Corey Kapilik, Director of School and Classroom Supports
Deneen Madden, Executive Assistant
Lenore Polvorosa, Executive Assistant
Marnie Wilson, Divisional Vice-Principal

1. CALL TO ORDER

The June 17 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 6:33 p.m.

1.1 LRSD Land Acknowledgement Read by Trustee Kolochuk

Trustee Kolochuk read a personalized land acknowledgement.

The Louis Riel School Division (LRSD) brings together a vibrant community of learners, educators, and families, united on the traditional and sacred lands of the Anishinaabek,

Ininewak, and Dakota peoples. Our division is deeply rooted in the National Homeland of the Red River Métis, a history we cherish and strive to honour daily. We also acknowledge that Manitoba is the ancestral land of the Anishininwak and Dene Nations, and we are grateful to share in the stewardship of this land.

We honour the treaties made on these lands and commit to ongoing reflection and education about the past and present injustices faced by Indigenous communities. We acknowledge that reconciliation is an active process that requires listening, understanding, and genuine collaboration. In this spirit, we strive to build authentic relationships with Indigenous communities, embracing our shared responsibility to foster respect, dignity, and equity in all that we do.

We also recognize the essential contributions of Shoal Lake 40 First Nation, which sustains us with the life-giving water that flows to Winnipeg, and the Treaty Territories that provide the energy powering our everyday lives. Through our programs, curricula, and community initiatives, we dedicate ourselves to nurturing a deeper understanding of Indigenous perspectives and histories, working towards a more inclusive and respectful future for all.

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 – June 17, 2025

2024-117

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Nordheim

THAT the June 17 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – June 3, 2025

As there were no changes, the June 3 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:

- End-of-year events
- Graduation
- New French-Immersion school serving Sage Creek Bonavista
- Windsor Park Collegiate - New Junior Varsity Football Team

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

Assistant Superintendent Guenther highlighted the following:

- Samuel Burland School: Early Math Assessments and DIBELS
- Minnetonka School: Community BBQ
- Glenlawn Collegiate: 2025 Grad Powwow and Jules Lavallee Scholarship
- Glenwood School: Community Gardens, Parent Advisory Council BBQ, and Time Capsule
- St. George School: Upgrades, Start Blanket Project, Year-end Celebration

4. PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

4.1 Full-Day Every-Day Kindergarten Annual Report

Director Corey Kapilik, Divisional Principal Nicholas Kelly, and Divisional Vice-Principal Marnie Wilson provided an annual report on the Full-Day Every-Day Kindergarten initiative along with the following kindergarten teachers:

- Tashina Broughton, Teacher, Frontenac School
- Nicole Colli, Teacher, École Guyot
- Leah Houssin, Teacher, St. George School
- Giancarla Rempel, Teacher, Nordale School

Chris Sigurdson, Chair, left the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Chris Sigurdson, Chair, joined the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Ryan Palmquist, Trustee, left the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

4.2 Gender Sexuality Alliance (GSA) Presentation

Assistant Superintendent Cormack introduced the following people making the GSA presentation:

- Benson Shapiro, Student Services Teacher, Dakota Collegiate
- Levi Rawluk, Grade 11 student, Dakota Collegiate
- Gracie Holowachuk, Grade 12 student, Dakota Collegiate

Ryan Palmquist, Trustee, joined the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

5. STAFFING

5.1 Appointment - Vice-Principal

2024-118

Moved by Trustee Walker

Seconded by Trustee Kolochuk

THAT Chris Wolynec be appointed as term vice-principal at Victor H.L. Wyatt School, effective Aug. 1, 2025, for the 2025-2026 school year.

CARRIED

5.2 Appointment - Divisional Vice-Principal

2024-119

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Walker

THAT Kelsey Lenaghan be appointed as term divisional vice-principal of Indigenous Education, effective Aug. 1, 2025, for the 2025-2026 school year.

CARRIED

5.3 Notice of Resignation

Superintendent Michalik shared an update regarding the notice of resignation received from Nicole Maynard, Principal, effective June 30, 2025.

6. CHAIR INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

6.1 By-election - Oct. 25, 2025

The Chair shared information regarding the Oct. 25, 2025, by-election and confirmed that Motion 2023-047 approved at the Dec. 19, 2023, Regular Board Meeting, appointing Sherwood Armbruster as the Senior Election Official, will remain in good standing for the Oct. 25, 2025, by-election.

6.2 Superintendent Evaluation

The Chair shared an update regarding the Superintendent's Evaluation in accordance with Policy CBI - Supervision/Evaluation - Superintendent of Schools.

6.3 Board Self-Evaluation

The Chair shared an update regarding the Board Self-Evaluation in accordance with Policy BAA - Board Self-Evaluation.

7. SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

7.1 Capital Projects Update - Summer Plan

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki provided updates to capital projects that are scheduled to proceed through the summer months.

7.2 Universal Nutritional Program Report

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki provided the Annual Financial Report and Assistant Superintendent Cormack provided the Annual Operational Report for the Universal Nutritional Program for 2024-2025.

Irene Nordheim, Trustee, left the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

7.3 St. Boniface Hospital Youth BIOlab - It's all about me (IAAM) Activity Report for 2024-2025

Superintendent Michalik shared the St. Boniface Hospital Youth BIOlab IAAM Activity Report for the 2024-2025 school year.

7.4 Leadership Team Meeting - June 12, 2025

Superintendent Michalik shared highlights of the Leadership Team Meeting held on June 12, 2025.

Irene Nordheim, Trustee, joined the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

7.5 Before-Lunch-and-After School (BLAST) Program

Superintendent Michalik shared the communication sent to the community regarding the BLAST program.

Ryan Palmquist, Trustee, left the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Ryan Palmquist, Trustee, joined the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

7.6 Communications Update - Web Analytics

Superintendent Michalik provided the web analytics report for March 5 to June 13, 2025.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 School Board Correspondence – Received

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning

- (Page 1) Letter and attachment from J. Kehler RE: Resident Pupil Definition in the PSA (May 27, 2025)
- (Page 3) Letter from C. Kachulak RE: Financial Support for LRATC (June 5, 2025)

- (Page 5) Letter from A. Potter RE: Nominations for 2025/2026 Grade 12 Test Development Committees (June 2025)
- (Page 11) Letter from Hon. T. Schmidt RE: Information Sessions: Safe and Caring Schools (June 11, 2025)

General:

- (Page 13) Letter from Dr. I. Yackel (June 2025)
- (Page 15) Email from A. Razos (June 10, 2025)

8.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent

The following was accepted as correspondence sent by the Board:

- (Page 1) Letter to A. Razos (June 9, 2025)
- (Page 2) Letter to A. Razos (June 13, 2025)

8.3 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence be received by the Board:

General MSBA Correspondence:

- (Page 1) Letter from B. Timmerman RE: Graduation Photos (May 12, 2025)
- (Page 3) Memo #1 RE: Wildfire Update
- (Page 4) Memo #2 RE: Wildfire Update
- (Page 9) e-bulletin (June 11, 2025)

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
- Linda Patterson, virtual
- Margaret Whitlaw, virtual
- Sandra Saint-Cyr
- Trichia Gannon, virtual

10. ADJOURNMENT

The June 17 Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

"Original signed by C. Sigurdson"

Chair

"Original signed by J. Rudnicki"

Secretary-Treasurer