

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

Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
50 Monterey Road, Winnipeg
Hybrid Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS: Sandy Nemeth, Chair
Irene Nordheim, Vice-Chair
Pamela Kolochuk, Trustee
Ryan Palmquist, Trustee
Chris Sigurdson, Trustee
Chipalo Simunyola, Trustee
Cindy Turner, Trustee
Ian Walker, 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
Mia Guenther, Assistant Superintendent, Staff Services
Clarke Hagan, Director of Information Technology Services
Corey Kapilik, Assistant Superintendent, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility & Anti-Racism
Nicholas Kelly, Director of School and Classroom Support Team, virtual
Lenore Polvorosa, Executive Assistant
Vannessa Ross, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, virtual

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Sept. 2 Regular Board Meeting of the Louis Riel School Division (LRSD) Board of Trustees was called to order by Sandy Nemeth, Chair, LRSD Board of Trustees at 7:01 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

2.1 Approval of Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting – Sept. 2, 2025

2025-006

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Walker

THAT the Sept. 2 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – June 17, 2025

As there were no changes, the June 17 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

3. LRSD NEWS

3.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Palmquist

Trustee Palmquist highlighted the following:

- New pedestrian half-signal installed at Varennes Avenue and St. Anne's Road
- Bike bus with Trustee Walker
- CAA summer report regarding impact of school drop-offs on traffic
- Congratulations to Assistant Superintendent Kapilik on his new role

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

Assistant Superintendent Cadez highlighted the following:

- Niakwa Place School
- Sage Creek School
- J.H. Bruns Collegiate
- École George-McDowell

4. PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

4.1 Board Presentations for 2025-2026

Trustees considered ideas for presentations to the Board for the upcoming school year.

5. FINANCE AND AUDIT

5.1 Statutory Declaration Secretary-Treasurer 2025-2026

2025-007

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Walker

THAT the Statutory Declaration made by Jamie Rudnicki, Secretary-Treasurer for the 2025-2026 school year, be accepted.

CARRIED

6. STAFFING

6.1 Staffing Update

Assistant Superintendent Guenther shared a staffing update for the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

7. CHAIR INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

7.1 National Trustees Gathering on Indigenous Education and Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA) Congress

Trustees Nemeth and Nordheim shared highlights from the National Trustees Gathering on Indigenous Education and CSBA Congress held in July.

7.2 City of Winnipeg Transit Reconfigurations

Assistant Superintendent Anderson shared information regarding the City of Winnipeg Transit reconfiguration.

8. SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

8.1 Byelection

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki reminded us of the byelection on Oct. 25, 2025. Anyone wanting to register as a candidate can visit the City of Winnipeg website.

8.2 Swimming Program Update

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki provided an update regarding the swimming program.

8.3 Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning (MEECL) Changes in the Department

Superintendent Michalik shared an update regarding recent changes in the MEECL department.

8.4 Capital Project Updates

Superintendent Michalik and members of the SLT provided updates to capital projects including:

- Sage Creek School
- New French Immersion school serving Sage Creek and Bonavista
- Island Lakes Community School - modular classrooms
- Shamrock School - building envelope
- Purchase of 3280 St. Mary's Road

8.5 Before Lunch, and After School Time (BLAST) Program Update

Superintendent Michalik provided an update regarding the BLAST program.

8.6 Senior Leadership Start-up Meeting - Aug. 19, 2025

Superintendent Michalik shared highlights of the start-up conversations held on Aug. 19, 2025, with members of the SLT.

8.7 Leadership Meeting - Aug. 26, 2025

Superintendent Michalik shared highlights of the Leadership Team Meeting held on Aug. 26, 2025.

8.8 City of Winnipeg Transit Reconfiguration

Assistant Superintendent Anderson shared information regarding the City of Winnipeg Transit reconfiguration.

8.9 Summer Learning

Assistant Superintendent Kapilik provided a report regarding summer learning.

8.10 June 2024 High School Graduation Rates

Superintendent Michalik provided the June 2024 high school graduation rates posted on the MEECL data dashboard.

8.11 Accessibility Plan Update

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

9. POLICY

9.1 Policy Update - Use of Service Animals

Assistant Superintendent Anderson provided context to the updates made to the administrative protocols supporting the following:

- Policy ACE – Use of Service Animals by the General
- Policy IMG – Service and Non-Service Animals in Schools

9.2 Ratification of Amendment - Policy IHC - Extended Instructional Programs/Activities: Off-School Site Education

2025-008

Moved by Trustee Simunyola

Seconded by Trustee Walker

THAT Policy IHC - Extended Instructional Programs/Activities: Off-School Site Education, be amended.

CARRIED

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 School Board Correspondence – Received

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning

- (Page 1) Letter from Hon. T. Schmidt RE: Information Sessions (June 11, 2025)

- (Page 3) Letter from Hon. T. Schmidt RE: Jordan's Principle Funding (June 23, 2025)
- (Page 5) Letter from J. Tomy, Assistant Deputy Minister, RE: Assessments (July 23, 2025)
- (Page 6) Letter from B. O'Leary, Deputy Minister, RE: Manitoba Recognizing Canadian Mennonite University Bachelor of Education Program (Aug. 13, 2025)
- (Page 7) Letter from B. O'Leary, Deputy Minister, RE: Registration of Evacuated Students (Aug. 19, 2025)

Education Funding Branch

- (Page 9) Letter Re: École St. Germain – Boiler Replacement RFP Awarded Authority and Project Support (May 30, 2025)
- (Page 11) Letter RE: École Marie-Anne-Gaboury – Mechanical Systems Replacement RFP Awarded Authority and Project Support (June 20, 2025)
- (Page 13) Letter RE: Island Lakes Community School – Relocation of Two Modular Classroom Units Authorization to proceed with Construction RFP (July 18, 2025)
- (Page 15) Letter RE: Shamrock School – Wall Replacement Authorization to Proceed with Construction RFP (Aug. 7, 2025)
- (Page 17) Letter RE: Island Lakes Community School – Relocation of Two Modular Classroom Units RFP (Aug. 15, 2025)

General:

- (Page 19) Letter from A. Razos (June 18, 2025)
- (Page 20) Email from G. Cusson (June 20, 2025)
- (Page 22) Thank you card from E. Payne
- (Page 23) Thank you card from D. Cormack
- (Page 24) Email from C. Pancoe (June 25, 2025)
- (Page 27) Thank you letters and cards from scholarship recipients

10.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent

The following was accepted as correspondence sent by the Board:

- (Page 1) Letter to A. Razos (June 19, 2025)
- (Page 2) Letter to Hon. Min. T. Schmidt (June 25, 2025)

10.3 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence be received by the Board:

- (Page 1) Executive Highlights (June 2, 2025)
- (Page 2) MSBA Policies and Request for Action
- (Page 16) Memo RE: Emergency Management (June 25, 2025)
- (Page 23) e-bulletin (June 25, 2025)

- (Page 24) Letter RE: Resolution of Structured Literacy (June 23, 2025)
- (Page 26) Letter to Hon. Min. M. Gull-Masty RE: Equitable Funding (June 23, 2025)
- (Page 28) Letter to Hon. Min. M. Gull-Masty RE: Jordans' Principle (June 23, 2025)
- (Page 30) Letter to Hon. Min. T. Schmidt RE: MSBA 2025 Resolutions (June 23, 2025)
- (Page 34) Letter to Hon. Min. U. Asagwara RE: Rural Ambulance Wait Times (June 23, 2025)
- (Page 35) Letter to Hon. Min. M. Wiebe, Hon. Min. N. Fontaine, and Deputy Chief Halley RE: MSBA 2025 Resolutions (June 23, 2025)
- (Page 37) Letter to Hon. Min. U. Asagwara and Hon. Min. N. Fontaine RE: MSBA 2025 Resolutions (June 23, 2025)
- (Page 39) Letter to Hon. Min. T. Schmidt, Hon. Min. G. Simard, Hon. Min. A. Sala, and Hon. Min. R. Kostyshyn RE: MSBA 2025 Resolution (June 23, 2025)
- (Page 41) Memo RE: Fall Regional Meetings Schedule Update (June 25, 2025)
- (Page 42) Memo RE: Emergency Management (June 25, 2025)

11. ACTION ITEMS

11.1 By-law 2025-2026-001 - Religious Instruction - French Immersion School Serving Sage Creek and Bonavisita - First Reading

2025-009

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT By-law 20252026-001 being a by-law to authorize the instruction of religion at the French Immersion School serving Sage Creek and Bonavista, during the period of September 2025 to June 2026, receive first reading.

CARRIED

11.2 New French Immersion School Supporting Sage Creek and Bonavista Redirection - Motion

2025-010

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Walker

WHEREAS École Sage Creek Bonavista was designed to accommodate 900 students, assuming an average class size of 25 students; and

WHEREAS adherence the provincial directive to strive for class sizes of 20 students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 reduces the effective school capacity to approximately 800 students; and

WHEREAS enrolment at ÉSCB is projected to continue growing as new homes are constructed and occupied; and

WHEREAS there is available space at École Van Belleghem;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Superintendent’s report and recommendation to address enrolment pressures at ÉSCB for the 2025-2026 school year be received as information; and

THAT the Superintendent monitor class size and composition at ÉSCB in consultation with the School Principal; and

THAT, when deemed necessary by the Superintendent, enrolment at a given grade level be closed, with new registrants (and any siblings) redirected to École Van Belleghem; and

THAT school bus transportation be provided at no cost to families; and

THAT the Superintendent monitor class size and composition at École Van Belleghem in consultation with the School Principal and provide additional staff as deemed necessary; and

THAT the Superintendent provide regular updates to the Board.

CARRIED

12. 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
- Margaret Whitlaw, virtual

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Sept. 2 Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

"Original signed by S. Nemeth"

Chair

"Original signed by J. Rudnicki"

Secretary-Treasurer