

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

Tuesday, October 21, 2025, 6:30 p.m.
50 Monterey Road, Winnipeg
Hybrid Meeting

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

REGRETS: Cindy Turner, Trustee

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Ron Cadez, Acting Superintendent
Mia Guenther, Acting Secretary-Treasurer
Amarbeer Bhandari, Director of Facilities and Maintenance, virtual
Chaimae Bouamira, Executive Assistant
Corey Kapilik, Assistant Superintendent, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion,
Accessibility & Anti-Racism
Nicholas Kelly, Director of School and Classroom Supports
Nicole Mager, Divisional Principal
Deneen Madden, Executive Assistant
Megan Vankoughnett, Divisional Principal

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Oct. 21 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 6:32 p.m.

There was a moment of silence for the recent passing of an LRSD student.

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 – Oct. 21, 2025

2025-026

Moved by Trustee Simunyola

Seconded by Trustee Kolochuk

THAT the Oct. 21 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – Oct. 7, 2025

As there were no changes, the Oct. 7 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

3. LRSD NEWS

3.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Nemeth

Trustee Nemeth highlighted the following:

- Community partners - Jeramie's No Frills and Sobeys - Dakota
- Manitoba's Excellence in Education Awards
- LRSD Choral Celebration on Oct. 23, 2025

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

Assistant Superintendent Kapilik highlighted the following:

- Archwood School

- Dakota Collegiate
- H.S. Paul School
- Lavallee School
- Marion School
- Victor H.L. Wyatt School

4. BOARD EDUCATION

4.1 2024-2025 Annual Report to the Community (ARC) Discussion

The Chair facilitated a conversation regarding the 2024-2025 ARC.

5. CHAIR INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

5.1 Request Received from Vivian Santos, City Councillor

The Chair shared the letter received from Councillor Santos dated Oct. 9, 2025. The Chair facilitated a conversation regarding reducing school speed zones year-round.

6. SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

6.1 Bill 225 - The Public Schools Amendment Act (Universal Screening for Learning Disabilities)

Acting Superintendent Cadez provided context to the presentation made to the Standing Committee regarding Bill 225 – Universal Screening for Learning Disabilities.

6.2 School and Classroom Support Team (SCST) Action Projects

Nicholas Kelly, Director of School and Classroom Support Team, provided information regarding the SCST action projects.

6.3 Leadership Team Retreat

Nicole Mager, Divisional Principal, shared the agenda and highlights from the Leadership Team Retreat held on Oct. 15 and 16, 2025.

6.4 Therapeutic Crisis Intervention for Schools (TCIS)

Megan Vankoughnett, Divisional Principal, provided context regarding TCIS.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 School Board Correspondence – Received

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning

- (Page 1) Letter from J. Kehler, Assistant Deputy Minister, RE: Smaller Class Sizes Reporting Requirements (Oct. 8, 2025)

Education Funding Branch

- (Page 2) Memo RE: Shamrock School – School Wall Envelope/Replacement RFP (Tender) Award Authority (Oct. 10, 2025)

General:

- (Page 4) Letter and attachment from V. Santos (Oct. 9, 2025)
- (Page 13) Thank you note from J. Dela Cruz
- (Page 14) Copy of letter to D. Penner (Oct. 14, 2025)

7.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent

The following was accepted as correspondence sent by the Board:

- (Page 1) Email to S. Erlendson (Oct. 14, 2025)
- (Page 2) Email to S. Erlendson (Oct. 16, 2025)

7.3 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence be received by the Board:

- (Page 1) e-bulletin (Oct. 8, 2025)
- (Page 4) Memo RE: Bill 222 – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Universal Screening for Learning Disabilities) (Oct. 8, 2025)
- (Page 7) Memo RE: Senior Election Official (SEO) Overview Document (Oct. 10, 2025)
- (Page 8) Fall Professional Development Program Overview, Sessions and Presenters
- (Page 11) Convention Recognition and Award Program
- (Page 15) Winnipeg Blue Bombers discounted seats for Oct. 25, 2025

8. ACTION ITEMS

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:

- Jay McGurran

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Oct. 21 Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

"Original signed by S. Nemeth"

Chair

"Original signed by J. Rudnicki"

Secretary-Treasurer