

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

Tuesday, November 4, 2025, 6:30 p.m.
50 Monterey Road, Winnipeg
Hybrid Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS: Sandy Nemeth, Chair
Irene Nordheim, Vice-Chair, virtual
Peter Bjornson, Trustee
Ryan Palmquist, Trustee
Chris Sigurdson, Trustee
Chipalo Simunyola, Trustee
Cindy Turner, Trustee, virtual
Ian Walker, Trustee

REGRETS: Pamela Kolochuk, 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
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
Deneen Madden, Executive Assistant
Lenore Polvorosa, Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Nov. 4 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 6:30 p.m.

1.1 LRSD Land Acknowledgement Read by Trustee Walker

I was born, work, and live on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabeg, Ininewak, and Dakota peoples, on the National Homeland of the Red River Métis. I also acknowledge that Manitoba is the traditional territory of the Anishininwak and Dene peoples.

I recognize and honour Shoal Lake 40 First Nation as the source of my clean drinking water, as well as the Treaty Territories that generate and provide electricity powering my home, the school where I teach, and our school division.

I respect the treaties made on this land and acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past and present. I dedicate myself as a parent, a teacher, and a school trustee to authentic alliances with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and cooperation. I further commit myself to helping the children in my care understand the importance of reconciliation with Indigenous communities.

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. OATH OF OFFICE AND SIGNING OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT AND DECLARATIONS: Newly-Elected Trustee Bjornson

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki explained that in accordance with our procedural by-laws, Peter Bjornson previously signed the following documents:

- School Board's Annual Code of Conduct/Conflict of Interest
- Board Members' Annual Oath of Confidentiality
- Board Members' Annual Declaration of Residency

Trustee Bjornson read and attested to the Code of Conduct/Code of Interest publicly and made known any possible conflicts of interest.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

3.1 Approval of Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting – Nov. 4, 2025 2025-029

Moved by Trustee Walker

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT the Nov. 4 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

3.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – Oct. 21, 2025

As there were no changes, the Oct. 21 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

3.3 Approval of Minutes of the Special Board Meeting - Oct. 28, 2025

As there were no changes, the Oct. 28 minutes of the Special Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

4. LRSD NEWS

4.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Nordheim

Trustee Nordheim highlighted the following:

- Windsor School celebrated Diwali
- Glenwood School hosted an event for new teachers
- Glenlawn Collegiate fundraiser - Volley for the Cure

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

Assistant Superintendent Cadez highlighted the following:

- Island Lakes Community School
- Niakwa Place School
- École Julie-Riel
- Sage Creek School

5. BOARD EDUCATION

5.1 Board Retreat - Oct. 28, 2025

The Chair shared information from the Trustee Retreat held on Oct. 28, 2025.

6. CHAIR INFORMATION

6.1 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Region 5/6 Meetings

The Chair provided an overview of key items discussed during the MSBA Region 5/6 meeting held on Nov. 1.

6.2 Manitoba Band Association (MBA) 2025 Administrator of the Year Award

The Chair acknowledged Jordan Falconer, Principal, H.S. Paul School, who MBA recently named Administrator of the Year for 2025.

6.3 Partnering with the St. Vital Museum

The St. Vital Museum invited trustees to a tour highlighting local history and artifacts.

6.4 Conversation with City Councillors

The Chair shared key points from the conversation held this evening with the City of Winnipeg Councillors supporting LRSD.

7. SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

7.1 Capital Projects Update

Trustees received updates regarding capital projects and asked clarifying questions.

7.2 2024/2025 K-12 Framework for Continuous Improvement

Superintendent Michalik shared an update about the 2024/2025 K-12 Framework for Continuous Improvement Report that was submitted to the Manitoba government on Oct. 31, 2025.

7.3 The 5th Annual Data Analytics for The Public Sector Summit (DAPS)

Superintendent Michalik and members of SLT, who attended the DAPS Summit, shared key highlights.

7.4 Work with Google

Clarke Hagan, Director of Information Technology Systems, and Marnie Wilson, Data Strategy Officer, provided an overview of the division's collaboration with Google.

7.5 Schools of Choice Report 2025-2026

Assistant Superintendent Anderson provided a report regarding Schools of Choice applications for the 2025-2026 school year.

7.6 Accessibility Plan Updates

Assistant Superintendent Anderson provided a policy update regarding the division's Accessibility Plan.

7.7 Manitoba Human Rights Commission (MHRC) Report - Supporting the Right to Read in Manitoba

Assistant Superintendent Cadez presented the MHRC report *Supporting the Right to Read in Manitoba*, released Oct. 30, 2025.

8. POLICY

8.1 Policy GBEBB - First Reading

2025-030

Moved by Trustee Bjornson

Seconded by Trustee Walker

THAT the following policy and administrative protocol, reviewed by the Policy Review Committee receive first reading and be further reviewed in committee, and brought back for second, and third reading at a future date:

- Policy GBEBB - Staff Interactions with Students
- Administrative Protocol

CARRIED

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 School Board Correspondence – Received

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

- (Page 1) Letter from Hon. Min. Schmidt RE: Excellence in Education Awards (Oct. 6, 2025)
- (Page 3) Invitation from St. Vital Museum (Oct. 31, 2025)

9.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent

The following was accepted as correspondence sent by the Board:

- (Page 1) Email to P. Bjornson (Oct. 26, 2025)
- (Page 2) Letter to Councillor Santos (Oct. 28, 2025)
- (Page 3) Letter to the Selection Committee of The Winnipeg Foundation Community Grant Program (Oct. 29, 2025)

9.3 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence be received by the Board:

- (Page 1) Faculty of Education Research Lecture Series
- (Page 2) e-bulletin (Oct. 22, 2025)
- (Page 6) Executive Highlights
- (Page 7) PEX - Hopeful reflections on the concerns regarding education privatization and marketization

10. ACTION ITEMS

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:

- Derrick Sheldon, virtual
- Erin (Becky) Lauzé
- Ina Prokipchuk
- Jay McGurran

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Nov. 4 Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

"Original signed by S. Nemeth"

Chair

"Original signed by J. Rudnicki"

Secretary-Treasurer