

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

Tuesday, November 18, 2025, 6:30 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
Peter Bjornson, Trustee

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Jeff Anderson, Acting Superintendent
Jamie Rudnicki, Secretary-Treasurer & CFO
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
Nicholas Kelly, Director of School and Classroom Supports, virtual
Deneen Madden, Executive Assistant
Lenore Polvorosa, Executive Assistant
Vannessa Ross, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Nov. 18 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 6:38 p.m.

There was a moment of silence for the recent loss of a community member.

1.1 LRSD Land Acknowledgement Read by Trustee Nordheim

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 – Nov. 18, 2025

2025-031

Moved by Trustee Walker

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the Nov. 18 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – Nov. 4, 2025

As there were no changes, the Nov. 4 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:

- J.H. Bruns Collegiate
- Island Lakes Community School
- Collège Béliveau
- Louis Riel Arts & Technology Centre

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

Assistant Superintendent Anderson highlighted the following:

- Frontenac School
- Windsor Park Collegiate
- École Van Belleghem

4. PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

4.1 LRSD Programming out of Monterey

Megan Vankoughnett, Divisional Principal, and Chris Heidebrecht, Divisional Vice-Principal, shared some of the programming taking place at 50 Monterey. Therapeutic Crisis Intervention for Schools (TCIS) provides a short-term, transitional learning space for students in grade 7-12 whose social, emotional, or behavioral needs require a temporary change in environment.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Riel-Evate Endowment Fund Committee Update

2025-032

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT the Board appoint Trustee Bjornson as Co-Chair of the Riel-Evate Endowment Fund Committee, commencing immediately for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years.

CARRIED

6. FINANCE AND AUDIT

6.1 First Quarter (Q1) Financial Update

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki provided the Q1 Financial Report.

7. CHAIR INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

7.1 Trustees Attending Parent Organization Meetings

The Chair reaffirmed the process for trustees attending parent organization meetings, as outlined in the LRSD Procedural By-laws.

8. SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

8.1 Workplace Safety & Health Report - First Quarter Update

Assistant Superintendent Guenther provided an update regarding the Q1 Workplace Safety & Health Report.

8.2 Leadership Team Meeting - Nov. 13, 2025

Acting Superintendent Anderson shared highlights from the Leadership Team Meeting held on Nov. 13, 2025.

8.3 Enrolment Update

Acting Superintendent Anderson shared an update on enrolment and the K-8 class size tracker.

9. POLICY

9.1 Bill 40 - An Act Respecting “O Canada” and Other Observances and Land and Treaty Acknowledgements in Schools

Acting Superintendent Anderson shared policy implications of Bill 40 - An Act respecting “O Canada” and Other Observances and Land and Treaty Acknowledgements in Schools (Education Administration Act and Public Schools Act Amended) that was adopted on Nov. 6, 2025.

9.2 Information Regarding Updated Administrative Protocol ACF/ACG & JK

Acting Superintendent Anderson provided information regarding updates to administrative protocol supporting Policies ACF/ACG & JK - Resolutions of Concerns.

9.3 Information Regarding New Administrative Protocol ACE and GBA

Acting Superintendent Anderson provided information regarding a new administrative protocol supporting Policies ACE and GBA - Employment Accessibility Practices.

9.4 First Reading - Policy JLE

2025-033

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT Policy JLE - Reporting Requirements Related to Students who have Sustained Serious Injury, 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.

CARRIED

9.5 Ratification of Amendments - Policy ADD and Administrative Protocol

2025-034

Moved by Trustee Bjornson

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the Policy ADD - Safe Schools: School Codes of Conduct and Administrative Protocol 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. Min. Schmidt RE: Elders and Knowledge Keepers Initiative in Schools

General:

- (Page 2) Email from L. Lough (Nov. 10, 2025)
- (Page 3) Email from B. Johnson (Nov. 10, 2025)
- (Page 5) Email from Councillor Chambers (Nov. 13, 2025)

10.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent

The following was accepted as correspondence sent by the Board:

- (Page 1) Email sent to L. Lough and B. Johnson (Nov. 10, 2025)
- (Page 2) Email sent to Councillors Chambers, Mayes, and Allard (Nov. 12, 2025)

10.3 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence be received by the Board:

- (Page 1) Copy of a letter to Hon. Min. Simard from Canadian Parents for French Manitoba (Oct. 31, 2025)
- (Page 17) Executive Highlights (Nov. 3, 2025)
- (Page 18) e-bulletin (Nov. 5, 2025)
- (Page 22) British Columbia School Trustees Association Call for Workshops
- (Page 27) Memo RE: New MSBA Statement of Integrity (Nov. 12, 2025)

11. ACTION ITEMS

11.1 Reaffirmation of Ward Boundaries

2025-035

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Sigurdson

THAT the Board reaffirms the ward boundaries for the Louis Riel School Division as outlined in the ward maps established by Board Motion 2021-084 on Jan. 25, 2022.

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
- Jay McGurran

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Nov. 18 Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

"Original Signed by S. Nemeth"

Chair

"Original signed by J. Rudnicki"

Secretary-Treasurer