

**MINUTES OF THE**

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

Tuesday, December 2, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

50 Monterey Road, Winnipeg

Hybrid Meeting

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Sandy Nemeth, Chair  
Irene Nordheim, Vice-Chair  
Peter Bjornson, Trustee  
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  
Vannessa Ross, Acting 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  
Corey Kapilik, Assistant Superintendent, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility & Anti-Racism  
Nicholas Kelly, Director of School and Classroom Supports, virtual  
Deneen Madden, Executive Assistant  
Lenore Polvorosa, Executive Assistant

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Dec. 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 6:41 p.m.

**1.1 LRSD Land Acknowledgement Read by Trustee Kolochuk**

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 Anishinawak 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 – Dec. 2, 2025**

2025-036

Moved by Trustee Walker

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

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

CARRIED

### **2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – Nov. 18, 2025**

As there were no changes, the Nov. 18 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

## **3. LRSD NEWS**

### **3.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Bjornson**

Trustee Bjornson highlighted the following:

- Louis Riel Arts & Technology Centre Winter Market
- Winter Events and Concerts

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

Assistant Superintendent Guenther highlighted the following:

- Samuel Burland School
- St. George School
- Glenwood School
- Minnetonka School

## **4. PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD**

### **4.1 Developments in Adult Basic Education in Manitoba**

Jim Silver, University of Winnipeg professor emeritus, and Fran Taylor, Director of the Seven Oaks School Division Adult Learning Centre, discussed recent developments in adult basic education in Manitoba.

## **5. STAFFING**

### **5.1 Director of Staff Services Appointment**

2025-037

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Walker

THAT Derrick Sheldon be appointed as Director of Staff Services, effective immediately.

CARRIED

### **5.2 Notice of Retirement**

The following administrators submitted their early notice of retirement:

- Colette Daley, Principal, École Guyot
- Lyette Carriere, Principal, École Julie-Riel
- Kim Melvin, Vice-Principal, Samuel Burland School

## **6. CHAIR INFORMATION TO THE BOARD**

### **6.1 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Fall Professional Development**

The Chair, Trustee Simunyola, and Trustee Bjornson shared highlights from the MSBA day of learning held on Nov. 24, 2025.

Cindy Turner, Trustee, left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Cindy Turner, Trustee, joined the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

## **6.2 Notice of Motion: Swimming Program 2026 Report**

The Chair provided context to the motion coming to the Board on Dec. 16, 2025, for consideration:

THAT the Board request the Superintendent provide a report outlining the costs associated with continuation of the “Swimming Counts” program in the 2026-2027 LRSD Budget Year. This report should include, but need not be limited to:

- Updated cost estimates for the Swimming Counts program for 2026-2027 with the same schools and grade groupings
- Cost estimates and recommendations for expansion of the program to additional schools
- Any further information that may be appropriate as provided by the City of Winnipeg to facilitate the program long term which would assist the board and division in multi-year planning, with a view to making the program permanent
- A recommendation on a process for adoption of Swimming Counts as a permanent program in the Louis Riel School Division subject to the outcome of the 2025-2026 pilot as reported to the Board when available; and,

THAT the Board further request this report be made available for Board consideration prior to the launch of the 2026-2027 LRSD public budget presentation.

## **7. SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM INFORMATION TO THE BOARD**

### **7.1 Darwin School Incident and Controlled Access to Schools in LRSD**

Superintendent Michalik provided information regarding an incident that occurred at Darwin School and discussed controlled access in LRSD schools.

### **7.2 Capital Projects Update**

Trustees received updates on capital projects and asked clarifying questions.

### **7.3 School and Classroom Support Team (SCST) Monthly Meeting**

Nicholas Kelly, Director of School and Classroom Supports, shared highlights from the SCST monthly meeting held on Nov. 25, 2025.

### **7.4 Clerical Professional Development Day**

Derrick Sheldon, Director of Staff Services, shared highlights from the day of learning organized for all clerical staff on Nov. 28, 2025.

## **8. POLICY**

### **8.1 Information Regarding Updated Administrative Protocol KFB**

Assistant Superintendent Anderson provided context regarding the updates to the administrative protocol supporting Policy KFB - Guidelines for Use of Divisional Facilities: Non-School Hours - Divisional/School Programs & Public Access.

## **8.2 Second Reading**

2025-038

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Bjornson

THAT Policy JLE - Reporting Requirements Related to Students who have Sustained Serious Injury, reviewed by the Policy Review Committee, receive second reading and be further reviewed in committee, and brought back for third reading at a future date.

CARRIED

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **9.1 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: Nello Altomare Award (Nov. 19, 2025)

General:

- (Page 3) Email from D. Penner (Nov. 19, 2025)
- (Page 4) Copy of Email to Deputy Minister Pandey from T. Church (Nov. 21, 2025)
- (Page 5) Email from D. Penner (Nov. 24, 2025)

### **9.2 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received**

The following MSBA correspondence be received by the Board:

- (Page 1) Celebrating Indigenous Disability Awareness Month
- (Page 3) Memo RE: Update to MSBA Executive Manual, Operational Policy A(4) (Nov. 19, 2025)
- (Page 4) e-bulletin (Nov. 19, 2025)
- (Page 10) Fall 2025 Regional Meeting Minutes

## **10. ACTION ITEMS**

### **10.1 The Safer Active School Route in St. Boniface Project**

2025-039

Moved by Trustee Simunyola

Seconded by Trustee Sigurdson

THAT the Board recommends that Trustee Walker be appointed to *The Safer Active School Route in St. Boniface Project* to represent the LRSD Board of Trustees, and to provide a report to the Board after each project meeting.

**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 Lauze
- Jay McGurran
- Tricia Gannon, virtual

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The Dec. 2 Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

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"Original signed by S. Nemeth"

Chair

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"Original signed by J. Rudnicki"

Secretary-Treasurer