

**MINUTES OF THE**

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

Tuesday, December 16, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

50 Monterey Road, Winnipeg

Hybrid Meeting

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Sandy Nemeth, Chair  
Irene Nordheim, Vice-Chair  
Peter Bjornson, Trustee  
Ryan Palmquist, Trustee  
Chris Sigurdson, Trustee  
Ian Walker, Trustee

**REGRETS:** Pamela Kolochuk, Trustee  
Chipalo Simunyola, Trustee  
Cindy Turner, 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 Dec. 16 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.

There was a moment of silence for the recent passing of Grandfather Wanbdi, who was on the LRSD Indigenous Council of Grandmothers and Grandfathers.

## **1.1 LRSD Land Acknowledgement Read by Trustee Nemeth**

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 Anishinawak 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 – Dec. 16, 2025**

2025-039

Moved by Trustee Walker

Seconded by Trustee Bjornson

THAT the Dec. 16 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

### **2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – Dec. 2, 2025**

As there were no changes, the Dec. 2 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:

- École Henri-Bergeron winter concert - *The Red Carpet*
- Nelson McIntyre Collegiate musical theatre production - *Freaky Friday*
- Windsor Park Collegiate and Dakota Collegiate - *Hampertime*
- École St. Germain - *10 Days of Giving*

**3.2 News from Senior Leadership Team (SLT) Provided by Assistant Superintendent Kapilik**  
Assistant Superintendent Kapilik highlighted the following:

- Dakota Collegiate Institute
- Darwin School
- Highbury School
- Nordale School
- Victor Mager School

**4. FINANCE AND AUDIT**

**4.1 Preliminary Budget Deliberations**

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki provided an initial update on the 2026-2027 budget deliberations.

**4.2 Promissory Note LTPS0840**

2025-040

Moved by Trustee Nordheim  
Seconded by Trustee Bjornson

THAT the issue of the Promissory Note LTPS0840, as it is deemed necessary and expedient to raise by loan the sum of \$1,075,000.00 on the credit of the Louis Riel School Division for the purpose of financing capital projects, be approved.

CARRIED

**5. STAFFING**

**5.1 Principalship - Appointment**

2025-041

Moved by Trustee Sigurdson  
Seconded by Trustee Walker

THAT Karlene Fontaine be appointed as principal at École Julie-Riel, effective Aug. 1, 2026.

CARRIED

**6. CHAIR INFORMATION**

**6.1 Notice of Motion: Disclosure of Personal Sanctions**

The Chair provided context to the motion coming on Jan. 13, 2026, to the Board for consideration:

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code of Conduct or the Board's Procedural By-law respecting confidentiality, a Trustee shall not be prohibited from disclosing or discussing the fact that they have been the subject of a complaint, investigation, finding, or sanction under this Code of Conduct, nor the nature of any sanction imposed upon them, provided that such disclosure is limited to information pertaining to themselves.

Nothing in this section permits a Trustee to disclose confidential information relating to other Trustees, complainants, witnesses, in camera deliberations, legal advice, or personal information protected by law.

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

**7.1 Controlled Access Measures in Schools**

Superintendent Michalik shared an update regarding controlled access measures in LRSD schools.

**7.2 2024/2025 Annual Report on Nutrition Programs Provided by K to 12 Public Schools in Manitoba**

Superintendent Michalik shared that Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning has released the recently tabled 2024/2025 Annual Report on Nutrition Programs Provided by K-12 Public Schools in Manitoba, which was presented by Honourable Minister Tracy Schmidt in the Legislature.

**7.3 Leadership Team Meeting - Dec. 11, 2025**

Superintendent Michalik shared highlights of the Leadership Team Meeting held on Dec. 11, 2025.

**8. POLICY**

**8.1 Ratification of Amendment - Policy GCFA/GDFA**

2025-042

Moved by Trustee Walker

Seconded by Trustee Palmquist

THAT Policy GCFA/GDFA - Criminal Record Check & Child Abuse Registry Check: Teaching & Non-Teaching Staff, be amended.

CARRIED

**8.2 Third Reading - Policy JLE**

2025-043

Moved by Trustee Walker

Seconded by Trustee Bjornson

THAT Policy JLE - Reporting Requirements Related to Students Who Have Sustained Serious Injury, reviewed by the Policy Review Committee receive third reading, and finally be adopted.

CARRIED

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

**9.1 School Board Correspondence – Received**

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

- (Page 1) Letter from J. Kehler, Assistant Deputy Minister, RE: Health and Safety Training (Dec. 1, 2025)

- (Page 2) Letter from J. Tomy, Assistant Deputy Minister, RE: Land and Treaties: Relationships and Responsibilities optional Grade 12 course (Dec. 2, 2025)
- (Page 3) Letter and attachment from J. Kehler, Assistant Deputy Minister, RE: Bill 16 and Bill 39 (Dec. 4, 2025)
- (Page 11) Letter from J. Tomy RE: Conclusion of the Provincial Early Year Evaluation – Teacher Assessment Pilot (Dec. 10, 2025)

## 9.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent

The following was accepted as correspondence sent by the Board:

- (Page 1) To Councillor Chambers (Nov. 30, 2025)
- (Page 3) To D. Penner (Dec. 5, 2025)

## 9.3 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence be received by the Board:

- (Page 1) Link to provide feedback regarding the MSBA Fall Regional Meetings
- (Page 2) Manitoba Association of School Superintendents (MASS) Journal
- (Page 5) Aboriginal Education Research Forum
- (Page 7) e-bulletin (Dec. 3, 2025)
- (Page 11) Brief to Manitoba Public Insurance RE: Five-Year Road Safety Strategy (2026-2030)
- (Page 14) Manitoba Moose Soirée
- (Page 15) Memo RE: Communication Protocol (Dec. 10, 2025)
- (Page 16) Memo RE: MSBA March Annual Convention – March 19 & 20, 2026 (Dec. 10, 2025)

## 10. ACTION ITEMS

### 10.1 Swimming Program 2026 Report

Trustee Nordheim abstained.

2025-044

Moved by Trustee Palmquist

Seconded by Trustee Walker

THAT the Louis Riel School Division Board of Trustees requests 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 requests that this report be made available for the Board's consideration prior to the launch of 2026-2027 LRSD public budget presentation.

CARRIED

**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
- Jay McGurran
- Scott Wood
- Tricia Gannon, virtual

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The Dec. 16 Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

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"Original signed by S. Nemeth"

Chair

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"Original signed by J. Rudnicki"

Secretary-Treasurer