

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

Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 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
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
Vannessa Ross, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, virtual
Derrick Sheldon, Director of Staff Services, virtual

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Jan. 13 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 6:35 p.m.

1.1 LRSD Land Acknowledgement Read by Trustee Bjornson

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 – Jan. 13, 2026

2025-045

Moved by Trustee Simunyola

Seconded by Trustee Kolochuk

THAT the Jan. 13 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – Dec. 16, 2025

As there were no changes, the Dec. 16 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

3. LRSD NEWS

3.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Sigurdson

Trustee Sigurdson highlighted the following:

- Dakota Collegiate musical, *Legally Blonde*
- Dakota Collegiate Solstice Evening
- Nelson McIntyre Collegiate - New Garden Announcement
- École Provencher Winter Concert

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

Assistant Superintendent Cadez highlighted the following:

- École George-McDowell
- Collège Jeanne-Sauvé
- Niakwa Place School

4. FINANCE AND AUDIT

4.1 2026-2027 Budget Public Consultation - Jan. 21, 2026

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki provided information regarding the 2026-2027 Budget Consultation to be held on Jan. 21, 2026, commencing at 6:30 p.m. at 900 St. Mary's Road. An invitation to the public will be shared shortly.

5. STAFFING

5.1 Vice-Principal - Appointment

2025-046

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk
Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT Shauna Keyes be appointed as vice-principal at Samuel Burland School, effective Aug. 1, 2026.

CARRIED

6. CHAIR INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

6.1 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) 62nd Annual Convention

The Chair shared information regarding the MSBA 62nd Annual Convention taking place on March 19 and 20, 2026.

6.2 Notice of Motion to Amend Procedural By-Law - Public Question Period and Agenda Transparency

The Chair provided context to the motion being moved by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Bjornson, coming to the Board on Jan. 27, 2026, for consideration:

WHEREAS the current placement of Public Question Period at the end of Board meetings limits stakeholders' ability to ask questions or express concerns prior to the Board's consideration of decision items; and,

WHEREAS meaningful public participation requires that agenda items be presented with sufficient context and detail so the public can prepare informed questions; and,

WHEREAS the Board is committed to transparency, accountability, and accessible governance practices; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section I of the Procedural By-Law (Public Question Period) and Section F (Agenda) be amended to include the following provisions:

1. Timing of Public Question Period

1.1 Primary Question Period

Public Question Period shall occur prior to the Board's consideration of decision items and shall follow Presentations and Delegations on the agenda.

1.2 Secondary Question Period

A second Public Question Period shall occur at the end of the meeting to allow stakeholders to ask questions arising from the discussion of agenda items.

2. Purpose and Scope

Questions posed during Public Question Period shall be limited to:

- items appearing on that meeting's agenda; and,
- seeking clarification or information relevant to those items.

Public Question Period shall not be used for debate, commentary, or matters not appearing on the agenda.

3. Agenda Transparency Requirements

3.1 Detail and Clarity of Agenda Items

All agenda items released to the public prior to Board meetings shall include sufficient relevant detail to allow stakeholders to understand the nature and purpose of each item.

3.2 Purpose of Detail Requirement

This detail shall be provided to ensure the public can attend meetings informed and prepared to ask questions during public question period.

3.3 Applicability

This requirement applies to all sections of the published agenda, including decision items, informational items, reports, and any accompanying summaries or descriptions.

4. Implementation

This amendment shall take effect at the next regular meeting of the Board and shall be reflected in all published agendas, procedures, and supporting documentation thereafter.

6.3 Notice of Motion to Amend Procedural By-Law - Board Code of Conduct BC

The Chair provided context to the motion being moved by Trustee Bjornson, seconded by Trustee Walker, coming to the Board for consideration on Jan. 27, 2026:

WHEREAS the expectation is that Trustees are to prioritize and accept responsibility to attend all regular and special meetings of the Board, and the legislation currently provides for punitive measures for consecutive absences; and,

WHEREAS Trustees participation and attendance is critical to make informed decisions on behalf of the electorate, and they are compensated for their service; and,

WHEREAS the Board is committed to transparency, accountability, and accessible governance practices; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section II of the Procedural By-Law Board Code of Conduct (Guidelines, Subsection A Expectations, Item 6) be amended as follows:

6. Prioritize and accept responsibility to attend all regular and special meetings of the Board and those committees on which they serve, and if unable to do so, advise the designated individuals of their pending absence. Should a trustee miss more than three regular and/or special meetings over a calendar year, unless for trustee-related responsibilities, or medical or family emergencies, the Trustee's stipend will be reduced by \$500 for each unexcused absence.

7. SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

7.1 Capital Projects Update

Trustees received updates on capital projects and asked clarifying questions.

7.2 Annual School Building Review Dashboard

Superintendent Michalik shared the Annual School Building Review Dashboard and the 2034 Plan.

7.3 Swimming Counts Program Report

2025-047

Moved by Trustee Palmquist

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT the Board receive the Swimming Counts Program Report as information.

CARRIED

8. POLICY

8.1 Ratification of Amendment

2025-048

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Bjornson

THAT the following list of policies be amended:

- Policy ACE - Commitment to Accessibility and supporting protocol
- Policy JK - Supporting Student Behaviours

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 J. Connell, Assistant Deputy Minister, RE: K-12 Anti-Islamophobia Action Plan (Jan. 6, 2026)

Education Funding Branch

- (Page 2) Letter RE: École Sage Creek/Bonavista – New K-8 French Immersion School Additional Project Support (Nov. 28, 2025)
- (Page 5) Letter RE: J.H. Bruns Collegiate – Foundation Structural Upgrade Final Project Support (Dec. 19, 2025)

General

- (Page 7) Email from I. Prokipchuk (Dec. 22, 2025)
- (Page 16) Email from M. Rudolph (Jan. 5, 2026)

9.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent

The following was accepted as correspondence sent by the Board:

- (Page 1) To Mayor Scott Gillingham (Dec. 17, 2025)
- (Page 3) To Hon. Min. Tracy Schmidt (Dec. 19, 2025)

9.3 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence be received by the Board:

- (Page 1) Hon. Min. U. Asagwara's response to Resolution FFM-01-25 (Dec. 1, 2025)
- (Page 3) e-bulletin (Dec. 17, 2025)
- (Page 7) Memo RE: March Annual Convention – Program, Registration and Guest room booking (Jan. 5, 2026)

10. ACTION ITEMS

10.1 Disclosure of Personal Sanctions

2025-049

Moved by Trustee Palmquist

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

That Motion 2025-049 be amended to add the underlined text:

THAT notwithstanding any other provision of the 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 and provided the disclosure and/or discussion does not breach the Code of Conduct or the Board's Procedural By-law.

For greater certainty, a Trustee shall not disclose confidential information relating to other Trustees, complainants, witnesses, in camera deliberations, legal advice, or personal information protected by law.

CARRIED

2025-050

Moved by Trustee Palmquist
Seconded by Trustee Walker

That the Board approve the amended motion as it now reads:

THAT notwithstanding any other provision of the 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 and provided the disclosure and/or discussion does not breach the Code of Conduct or the Board's Procedural By-law.

For greater certainty, a Trustee shall not disclose confidential information relating to other Trustees, complainants, witnesses, in camera deliberations, legal advice, or personal information protected by law.

Trustee Kolochuk abstained.

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:

- Donald Readman
- Glenn Nanka
- Scott Wood

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Jan. 13 Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

"Original signed by S. Nemeth"

Chair

"Original signed by J. Rudnicki"

Secretary-Treasurer