

**MINUTES OF THE**

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

Tuesday, February 17, 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, virtual  
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  
Chaimae Bouamira, Executive Assistant  
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 Feb. 17 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 in recognition of the recent tragedy in the Tumbler Ridge community.

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

Trustee Palmquist read a personalized land acknowledgement:

I express on behalf of the Board a personal acknowledgement of my connection to the land and our division's connection to the First Peoples of this land. I was born in British Columbia, on the unceded territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples. I live today in Treaty One Territory in the St. Vital neighbourhood, a historic Métis community and part of the National Homeland of the Red River Métis.

I own land in the historic territory of the present-day Roseau River First Nation, near a river renamed in French for Giinizhaaw Zhishkawe CP, the Anishinaabe word meaning "read" in French, of the same meaning.

I serve as a trustee in a division named for Louis Riel, the officially recognized first Premier of Manitoba and the historic and spiritual leader of the Métis Nation. I also work professionally in the field of addictions and homelessness, serving a predominantly Indigenous population under the governance of the Reaching Home Indigenous Funding Partnership from the federal government.

## **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 – Feb. 17, 2026**

2025-059

Moved by Trustee Walker

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT the Feb. 17 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

### **2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – Feb. 3, 2026**

As there were no changes, the Feb. 3 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

## **3. LRSD NEWS**

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

Trustee Walker highlighted the following:

- Propel
- École Henri-Bergeron

- Collège Jeanne-Sauvé Night Market
- St. Vital Museum

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

Assistant Superintendent Kapilik highlighted the following:

- Archwood School
- Dakota Collegiate
- H.S. Paul School
- Marion School
- Nordale School

## **4. FINANCE AND AUDIT**

### **4.1 Budget 2026-2027**

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki provided context to the provincial funding announcement received on Feb. 9, 2026.

### **4.2 Second Quarter (Q2) Financial Update**

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki shared the Q2 financial update.

### **4.3 Promissory Note #LTPS0848**

2025-060

Moved by Trustee Simunyola

Seconded by Trustee Bjornson

THAT the issue of the Promissory Note LTPS0848, as it is deemed necessary and expedient to raise by loan the sum of \$112,000 on the credit of the Louis Riel School Division for the purpose of financing capital projects, be approved.

CARRIED

## **5. STAFFING**

### **5.1 Vice-Principal Appointment**

2025-061

Moved by Trustee Sigurdson

Seconded by Trustee Kolochuk

THAT Véronique Reynolds be appointed as vice-principal at Collège Béliveau, effective Aug. 1, 2026.

CARRIED

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

### **6.1 Controlled Access Measures in Schools Monthly Update**

Amarbeer Bhandari, Director of Facilities, answered questions regarding the plan for implementing controlled access measures in LRSD schools.

### **6.2 Accessibility Plan Updates**

Assistant Superintendent Anderson advised that the revised Accessible Employment Policy for Louis Riel School Division has been submitted and confirmed as meeting the requirements of the Accessible Employment Standard Regulation. Accordingly, records have been updated to reflect the Division's compliance with the Achieving Compliance Plan issued on Aug. 22, 2025.

### **6.3 Leadership Team Meeting - Feb. 12, 2026**

Clarke Hagan, Director of Information Technology Systems, shared an overview of the Leadership Team Meeting held on Feb. 12, 2026.

### **6.4 Enrolment Update**

Superintendent Michalik shared highlights of student enrolment details as of Feb. 16, 2026.

## **7. POLICY**

### **7.1 Policy GBEBB - Second Reading**

2025-062

Moved by Trustee Bjornson

Seconded by Trustee Kolochuk

THAT the following policy and administrative protocol, 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:

- Policy GBEBB - Staff Interactions with Students
- Administrative Protocol

CARRIED

### **7.2 Update to Protocol Supporting Policy ACF/ACG & JK**

Assistant Superintendent Anderson provided context to the update regarding protocol supporting Policy ACF/ACG & JK - Resolution of Concerns. Reference has been added regarding the Office of the Commissioner of Teacher Professional Conduct, as requested by Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **8.1 School Board Correspondence – Received**

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

#### **Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning**

- (Page 1) Letter and attachment from M. Dubik, Deputy Minister, Compliance Notice Accessible Transport Standard Regulation (Jan. 23, 2026)
- (Page 14) Letter from Hon. Min. T. Schmidt RE: 2026/27 Funding (Feb. 9, 2026)

#### **General**

- (Page 16) Letter from M. Bova (Jan. 27, 2026)
- (Page 19) Email from S. Erlendson (Feb. 2, 2026)
- (Page 22) Email from L. Lagman (Feb. 8, 2026)
- (Page 24) Email from G. Meade (Feb. 8, 2026)
- (Page 27) Email from I. Prokipchuk (Feb. 9, 2026)

### **8.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent**

The following was accepted as correspondence sent by the Board:

- (Page 1) Email to M. Bova (Jan. 31, 2026)
- (Page 2) Email to C. Belanger (Jan. 31, 2026)
- (Page 3) Email to L. Lagman (Feb. 8, 2026)
- (Page 4) Email to I. Prokipchuk (Feb. 11, 2026)

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

The following MSBA correspondence be received by the Board:

- (Page 1) Reconciliation Partnership Award – Canadian School Boards Association
- (Page 4) Email from A. Kehler (Feb. 6, 2026)
- (Page 5) e-bulletin (Feb. 11, 2026)

## **9. ACTION ITEMS**

### **9.1 Enrolment Redirection**

2025-063

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Walker

WHEREAS Board motions 2024-081, and 2025-010 addressed enrolment pressures at Sage Creek School (SCS) and École Sage Creek Bonavista (ÉSCB) by authorizing the Superintendent to close enrolment at specific grades and redirect new registrants (and any siblings) to Shamrock School for English program and École Van Belleghem for French Immersion program; and

WHEREAS enrolment pressures are expected to continue at SCS and ÉSCB during 2026-2027 and beyond,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Superintendent's report and recommendation to address enrolment pressures at SCS and ÉSCB for the 2026-2027 school year be received as information; and

THAT Motions 2024-081 and 2025-010 be extended to apply throughout 2026-2027 and until further notice.

CARRIED

## **9.2 Schools of Choice Report 2026-2027**

2025-064

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Palmquist

WHEREAS certain schools are experiencing significant enrolment pressures;

BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the following schools be closed to Schools of Choice requests until further notice in accordance with section 58.4(1)(a) of The Public Schools Act:

- Collège Béliveau
- Dakota Collegiate
- Dr. D.W. Penner School
- École Guyot
- École Henri-Bergeron
- École Sage Creek Bonavista
- Island Lakes Community School
- J.H. Bruns Collegiate
- Marion School
- Sage Creek School

THAT special consideration may only be given in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools (or designate).

CARRIED

## **9.3 By-Law 20252026-002 - Ward Boundaries**

2025-065

Moved by Trustee Simunyola

Seconded by Trustee Kolochuk

THAT By-Law 20252026-002 regarding adjustments to ward boundaries in the Louis Riel School Division receive first, second, and third reading and be finally adopted.

CARRIED

**9.4 Senior Election Official for the City of Winnipeg Election**

2025-066

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Walker

THAT Sherwood Armbruster, City of Winnipeg Election Official, be appointed as the Senior Election official for the Louis Riel School Division board election.

CARRIED

**9.5 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Distribution of Board Ballots**

2025-067

Moved by Trustee Simunyola

Seconded by Trustee Walker

THAT the MSBA memorandum dated Jan. 30, 2026, regarding the distribution and casting of board ballots at the 2026 MSBA Annual Convention be received as information; and,

THAT Trustee Nemeth and Trustee Nordheim be nominated to accept the ballots.

CARRIED

**10. 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:

- Erin Lauzé
- Ina Prokipchuk
- Jay McGurran
- Scott Wood

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The Feb. 17 Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

"Original signed by S. Nemeth"

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Chair

"Original signed by J. Rudnicki"

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Secretary-Treasurer