

**MINUTES OF THE**

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

Tuesday, March 3, 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  
Chaimae Bouamira, Executive Director  
Ron Cadez, Assistant Superintendent Student, Clinical, & Instructional Services  
Clarke Hagan, Director of Information Technology Services  
Corey Kapilik, Assistant Superintendent, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility & Anti-Racism  
Nicholas Kelly, Director of School and Classroom Supports  
Lenore Polvorosa, Executive Assistant  
Derrick Sheldon, Director of Staff Services, virtual

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The March 3 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 6:44 p.m.

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

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 – March 3, 2026**

2025-068

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Walker

THAT the March 3 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

### **2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – Feb. 17, 2026**

As there were no changes, the Feb. 17 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

## **3. LRSD NEWS**

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

Trustee Nordheim highlighted the following:

- I Love to Read Month
- Nelson McIntyre Collegiate MACE event
- Basketball Season's End and Thanks

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

Assistant Superintendent Cadez highlighted the following:

- Shamrock School: K-2 Literacy
- Festival du Voyageur:
  - Island Lakes Community School
  - École St. Germain
  - École Varennes
- Sage Creek School: Black History Month
- J.H. Bruns Family of Schools: Therapeutic Swim

## **4. FINANCE AND AUDIT**

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

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki, together with the Senior Leadership Team, provided a synopsis of the survey feedback and assisted Trustees as they continued their deliberations on the 2026-2027 Budget.

As a reminder, a hybrid Special Board Meeting will be held on March 10, 2026, commencing at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of approving the 2026-2027 Budget.

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

### **5.1 Superintendent Search**

The Chair delivered an update concerning the superintendent search process.

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

### **6.1 Capital Projects Update**

Trustees received updates on capital projects and asked clarifying questions.

### **6.2 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 Feb. 24, 2026.

### **6.3 Divisional Dates for 2026-2027**

Assistant Superintendent Anderson shared divisional dates for the 2026-2027 school year, including the following:

- 6-Day Calendar
- Divisional Planning Calendar 2026-2027
- Draft Leadership Team Meetings Calendar 2026-2027

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **7.1 School Board Correspondence – Received**

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

**Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning**

- (Page 1) Letter from J. Rioux, Capital Planner, RE: Boiler Information (Feb. 26, 2026)

**General**

- (Page 2) Email from T. Locken (Feb. 6, 2026)

**7.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent**

The following was accepted as correspondence sent by the Board:

- (Page 1) Email to T. Locken (Feb. 15, 2026)
- (Page 2) Letter to Hon. Min. R. Cable (Feb. 27, 2026)

**7.3 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received**

The following MSBA correspondence was received by the Board:

- (Page 1) MSBA March Annual Convention – Workshop Registration
- (Page 2) e-bulletin (Feb. 25, 2026)

**8. ACTION ITEMS**

**8.1 Board Meeting Schedule for 2026-2027**

2025-069

Moved by Trustee Bjornson

Seconded by Trustee Walker

THAT the Board approve the list of Board Meeting dates for the 2026-2027 school year as provided.

CARRIED

**9. 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

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The March 3 Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

"Original signed by S. Nemeth"

Chair

"Original signed by J. Rudnicki"

Secretary-Treasurer