

MINUTES OF THE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, April 21, 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
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
Derrick Sheldon, Director of Staff Services, virtual

1. CALL TO ORDER

The April 21 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 to acknowledge recent loss of life of an LRSD staff member and also to acknowledge the Prairie Rose School Division community following the recent tragic loss of a student from Carmen.

1.1 LRSD Land Acknowledgement Read by Trustee Nemeth

My family’s history is as immigrants and pioneers from Ukraine and Hungary, who settled on Treaty 6 Territory in Saskatchewan. Tonight, we gather on Treaty One Territory in Manitoba, traditional lands of the Anishinaabek and Ininewak, Dakota, and Dene peoples and the homeland of the Red River Métis.

We also honour the source of Winnipeg’s drinking water, Shoal Lake 40 First Nation, and the Treaty Territories that generate and provide our electricity. Understanding that the efforts of past and present injustices continue to cause harm, it’s important to actively oppose the intolerance and inequity perpetuated against Indigenous peoples and communities.

The path to reconciliation requires ongoing commitment and action. It is a journey of listening, learning and building respectful relationships, where we strive to create a more just and equitable future together, and that all takes place in Louis Riel School Division.

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 – April 21, 2026

2025-084

Moved by Trustee Bjornson

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT the April 21 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – April 7, 2026

As there were no changes, the April 7 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

3. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD REGARDING DECISION ITEMS

The following members of the public were in attendance and had the opportunity to ask questions for clarification regarding action items on this evening's agenda:

- Ina Prokipchuk
- Jay McGurran
- Trichia Gannon, virtual

4. LRSD NEWS

4.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Bjornson

Trustee Bjornson highlighted the following:

- Illuminate Hope Gala
- School Visits
- Highbury School Feast and Drumming Performance
- Collège Jeanne-Sauvé School Community Council Meeting
- Ward 3 School Visits
- Reminders

4.2 News from Senior Leadership Team (SLT) Provided by Assistant Superintendent Kapilik

Assistant Superintendent Kapilik highlighted the following:

- Archwood School
- Dakota Collegiate
- Hastings School
- Highbury School
- Nelson McIntyre Collegiate
- Victor Mager School

5. PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

5.1 École Henri-Bergeron Student Presentation

Assistant Superintendent Anderson introduced Libby Weier and Helen Kuerschner, students attending École Henri-Bergeron, who presented a petition to the Board for consideration.

5.2 Student Advisory Board

Assistant Superintendent Kapilik introduced Rose Bird, Teacher - Indigenous Student Services, and Rose Pagtakhan, Teacher - Itinerant Instructional Support, and the following members from the Student Advisory Board:

- Afsoh Salami, Nelson McIntyre Collegiate, Grade 10
- Alvina Nabiha, Dakota Collegiate, Grade 10
- Brandon Neuls, Glenlawn Collegiate, Grade 11
- Delaney Boileau, Collège Jeanne-Sauvé, Grade 12
- Eri Ajao, Nelson McIntyre Collegiate, Grade 10
- Halie Barragan Quinatoa, Nelson McIntyre Collegiate, Grade 10
- Madyn Purdy, Collège Jeanne-Sauvé, Grade 10
- Payten Athanaze, Glenlawn Collegiate, Grade 11
- Princess Akenzua, Nelson McIntyre Collegiate, Grade 10
- Rabiya Akeem-Alabi, Nelson McIntyre Collegiate, Grade 10
- Rumman Gull, Arts & Technology Centre/Dakota Collegiate, Grade 12
- Yaadinder (Yuvi) Singh, Dakota Collegiate, Grade 10

6. CHAIR INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

6.1 List of Government and Private Member Bills Currently Under Consideration

The Chair opened the floor for a trustee discussion on the government and private member's bills currently under consideration in the legislature.

6.2 CUPE Ratifications

The Chair provided context regarding the ratifications for CUPE Local 3473 - Educational Assistants and CUPE Local 4642 - Clerical/Technical and Custodial/Maintenance/Bus Drivers.

7. SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

7.1 Leadership Team Meeting - April 16, 2026

Superintendent Michalik shared highlights of the Leadership Team Meeting held on April 16, 2026.

Cindy Turner, Trustee left the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

7.2 AI Guidelines and Microsoft Copilot Agents

Clarke Hagan, Director of Information Technology Services, shared information regarding data governance, AI guidelines, and Microsoft Copilot agents.

7.3 Workplace Safety and Health Third Quarter (Q3) Report

Assistant Superintendent Guenther provided an update regarding the Q3 Workplace Safety & Health Committee Report.

8. POLICY

8.1 Policy IKEAA - Academic Honesty - First Reading

2025-087

Moved by Trustee Bjornson

Seconded by Trustee Walker

THAT Policy IKEAA - Academic Honesty, reviewed by the Policy Review Committee, receive first reading and be further reviewed in committee, and brought back for second and third reading at a future date.

CARRIED

8.2 Revisions to Policy EEA.1 - Student Services Transportation Protocol

Assistant Superintendent Anderson provided context to the updated administrative protocol supporting Policy EEA.1 – Student Services Transportation Protocol. Edits were made to reflect current processes in PowerSchool.

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 and Program from Hon. Min. Schmidt RE: Student Visits to World War Battlefields (April 7, 2026)

Education Funding Branch

- (Page 6) Letter RE: Niakwa Place School – Roofing Replacement Design Authorization and Project Support (March 26, 2026)
- (Page 10) Letter RE: École Sage Creek Bonavista: Additional Project Support (March 30, 2026)
- (Page 13) Letter RE: Island Lakes Community School – Request for Additional Modular Classroom Units Final Project Support (April 7, 2026)
- (Page 15) Letter RE: Marion School – Exterior Wall Renewal and Elevator Addition Additional Project Support (April 7, 2026)
- (Page 17) Letter RE: École Sage Creek Bonavista – New K-8 French Immersion School Additional Project Support (April 7, 2026)
- (Page 20) Letter RE: Glenwood School – Elevator, Hygiene Room and Roof Replacement Project Deferred (April 10, 2026)

9.2 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence be received by the Board:

- (Page 1) Executive Highlights (March 18, 2026)
- (Page 2) Memo RE: Update-to-date Versions of Education-Related Provincial Statutes (April 8, 2026)
- (Page 4) e-bulletin (April 8, 2026)
- (Page 8) Special Announcement Frontier School Division – Assistant Superintendent Designate (April 15, 2026)

10. ACTION ITEMS

10.1 Balanced School Day - Darwin School

2025-088

Moved by Trustee Walker

Seconded by Trustee Kolochuk

THAT the Board approve Darwin School’s request to adopt a Balanced School Day model, commencing in the 2026/2027 school year.

CARRIED

10.2 Balanced School Day - Highbury School

2025-089

Moved by Trustee Bjornson

Seconded by Trustee Walker

THAT the Board approve Highbury School's request to adopt a Balanced School Day model, commencing in the 2026/2027 school year.

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:

- Ina Prokipchuk
- Jay McGurran
- Trichia Gannon, virtual

12. ADJOURNMENT

The April 21 Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

"Original signed by S. Nemeth"

Chair

"Original signed by J. Rudnicki"

Secretary-Treasurer