

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

Tuesday, May 5, 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  
Derrick Sheldon, Director of Staff Services, virtual

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The May 5 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 6:32 p.m.

**1.1 LRSD Land Acknowledgement Provided by Trustee Kolochuk**

Christian prendra sa retraite cet été, et je souhaitais lui rendre hommage en disant reconnaissance des terres en français ce soir.

Au cours de mon mandat en tant que commissaire, cela n'a jamais été fait dans cette rencontre.

Merci a Jeff Anderson pour m'aider avec la reconnaissance des terres en français.

### **La reconnaissance des terres de la DSLR**

La Division scolaire Louis-Riel (DSLRL) réunit une communauté d'écoles sur les terres traditionnelles des Anishinaabeg, Ininewak et Dakota. Notre division est située sur la patrie nationale des Métis de la rivière Rouge. Nous reconnaissons que le Manitoba abrite également les terres traditionnelles des Anishininiwak et Dene.

Nous respectons les traités conclus sur ces terres et reconnaissons les préjudices et les erreurs du passé et du présent. Nous nous engageons à créer des alliances authentiques avec les communautés Autochtones dans un esprit de réconciliation et de collaboration.

Nous reconnaissons et honorons la Première nation Shoal Lake 40, source de l'eau potable vitale de Winnipeg, ainsi que les territoires des traités qui génèrent et fournissent l'électricité alimentant les activités quotidiennes dans toute la province et au-delà.

Le développement continu de la reconnaissance des terres de la DSLR est dirigé par notre conseil autochtone des grands-mères et des grands-pères, que nous remercions de sa générosité et de sa 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 – May 5, 2026**

2025-090

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT the May 5 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

#### **2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – April 21, 2026**

As there were no changes, the April 21 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
- Scott Wood

**4. LRSD NEWS**

**4.1 News from the Board of Trustees from Trustee Turner**

Trustee Turner highlighted the following:

- Earth Day at Collège Jeanne-Sauvé and École St. Germain
- Band Celebration Grade 8 and 9 and 10 to 12
- National French Immersion Day
- Ribbon Skirt Workshop at Frontenac School

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

Assistant Superintendent Cadez highlighted the following:

- Collège Jeanne-Sauvé
- École St. Germain
- Island Lakes Community School
- J.H. Bruns Collegiate

**5. PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD**

**5.1 Data Governance Charter and AI**

Marnie Wilson, Data Strategy Officer, shared about her work on the Data Governance Charter and AI in LRSD.

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**6.1 Riel-Evate Endowment Committee Appointment of a Committee Member**

2025-091

Moved by Trustee Bjornson

Seconded by Trustee Sigurdson

THAT Michael Hohner be appointed as a committee member of the Riel-Evate Endowment Fund Committee for a two-year term, effective immediately.

CARRIED

**6.2 Riel-Evate Endowment Committee Year-end Report**

2025-092

Moved by Trustee Sigurdson

Seconded by Trustee Kolochuk

THAT the year-end report be accepted as received; and,

THAT proceeds from the Winnipeg Foundation for 2025 be used to provide a bursary in the amount of \$1,500.00 to a 2026 graduating student at each LRSD high school and at the Louis Riel Arts & Technology Centre.

CARRIED

**7. FINANCE AND AUDIT**

**7.1 Borrowing/Banking By-Law 20252026-003**

2025-093

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Bjornson

THAT the Procedural By-Law requirement of Section K.3 regarding the limit to two readings at any one meeting be suspended with leave; and,

THAT Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki read first, second, and third time long, By-Law 20252026-003 providing for the borrowing of moneys upon the credit of the said School Division to meet current expenses; and finally, be adopted.

CARRIED

**8. STAFFING**

**8.1 School Administrator Transfers**

2025-094

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the following principals be transferred in accordance with the MSBA/MTS Collective Agreement, effective Aug. 1, 2026:

- Dionne Potapinski to the Louis Riel Arts & Technology Centre
- Carly Friesen to Glenlawn Collegiate
- Darren Baker to St. George School
- Kimberley Adair-Gagnon to Glenwood School
- Heather McCorrister to Nelson McIntyre Collegiate

**9. CHAIR INFORMATION**

**9.1 Notice of Motion to Revised Policy BC - Board Code of Conduct**

The Chair provided context to the motion coming to the Board for consideration on May 19, 2026, motioned by Trustee Sigurdson, seconded by Trustee Bjornson:

THAT Policy BC - Board Code of Conduct, F.7 be amended in the section dealing with censure by public sanction by adding the words “of the total number of trustees allotted to the division” to the first sentence, so that it reads: “The resolution to censure by public sanction is a majority vote of the total number of trustees allotted to the division.”

**9.2 Notice of Motion to Revise the Procedural By-Laws**

The Chair provided context to the motion coming to the Board for consideration on May 19, 2026, motioned by Trustee Bjornson, seconded by Trustee Turner:

WHEREAS The Public Schools Act states that “Every school board shall hold its meetings openly” (subsection 30(3)); and,

WHEREAS The Public Schools Act allows for committee meetings to be held in camera (subsection 30(4)); and,

WHEREAS it has been the practice of the LRSD to hold in-camera Committee of the Whole meetings prior to regular public meetings, and at other times;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT section B.8 of the Procedural By-Laws of the Louis Riel School Division be amended as shown below such that, beginning in September 2026:

1. Meetings of the Committee of the Whole shall include both an in-camera portion and an open portion; and,
2. A report summarizing the proceedings that are not held in camera and recording the names of trustees in attendance shall be presented at a subsequent regular or special meeting.

Peter Bjornson, Trustee, left the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

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

### **10.1 Capital Projects Update**

Director of Facilities Bhandari shared highlights regarding capital projects.

### **10.2 Learning with the Land - May 21, 2026**

Superintendent Michalik previewed the upcoming second annual Learning with the Land Event scheduled to take place on May 21, 2026, at The Forks.

### **10.3 Canadian Association for the Practical Study of Law in Education (CAPSLE) 2026 Conference**

Trustee Sigurdson, Assistant Superintendent Anderson, Assistant Superintendent Guenther, and Derrick Sheldon, Director of Staff Services, shared takeaways from the 2026 CAPSLE Conference.

## **11. POLICY**

### **11.1 First Reading - Policy JBD/KLE - External Clinician Observation of Students at Parent/Guardian Request**

2025-096

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Walker

THAT Policy JBD/KLE - External Clinician Observation of Students at Parent/Guardian Request, 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

**11.2 Second Reading - Policy AB - Land & Treaty Acknowledgement**

2025-097

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT Policy AB - Land & Treaty Acknowledgement, 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.

CARRIED

**12. CORRESPONDENCE**

**12.1 School Board Correspondence – Received**

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

**General**

- (Page 1) Copy of a letter and attachments sent to F. Islam, Executive Director Governance and Policy (April 22, 2026)
- (Page 2) Copy of a letter and attachments sent to F. Islam, Executive Director Governance and Policy (April 22, 2026)
- (Page 12) Email from G. Meade (April 27, 2026)

**12.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent**

The following was accepted as correspondence sent by the Board:

- (Page 1) LRSD written submission RE: Bill 38 (May 1, 2026)

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

The following MSBA correspondence be received by the Board:

- (Page 1) 2026 Record of Proceedings
- (Page 25) e-bulletin (April 22, 2026)
- (Page 30) The 2026 Diverse Minds Competition in Manitoba
- (Page 31) Poster: Thinking of Running for School Trustee in 2026?
- (Page 32) Memo RE: Expression of Interest – Mentor Support for the October School Board Election (April 20, 2026)

**13. ACTION ITEMS**

**13.1 Renaming of École Sage Creek Bonavista**

2025-098

Moved by Trustee Simunyola

Seconded by Trustee Walker

THAT the Board approve the renaming of the school currently known as École Sage Creek Bonavista, located at 355 des Hivernants Boulevard, to École Mazina-Giizhik, effective May 6, 2026.

CARRIED

**14. 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
- Scott Wood

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

The May 5 Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

"Original signed by S. Nemeth"

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Chair

"Original signed b J. Rudnicki"

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Secretary-Treasurer