

MINUTES OF THE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, May 19, 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, virtual

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Christian Michalik, Superintendent & CEO
Vannessa Ross, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
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 May 19 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 6:39 p.m.

1.1 LRSD Land Acknowledgement - 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 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 – May 19, 2026

2025-099

Moved by Trustee Bjornson

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT the May 19 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – May 5, 2026

As there were no changes, the May 5 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:

- Alana White, virtual
- Ina Prokipchuk
- Jay McGurran
- Lul Hussein

4. LRSD NEWS

4.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Sigurdson

Trustee Sigurdson highlighted the following:

- Glenlawn Collegiate

- Divisional Choir
- Song of Hope

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

Assistant Superintendent Anderson highlighted the following:

- Frontenac School
- École Henri-Bergeron
- École Guyot
- École Mazina-Giizhik
- Windsor Park Collegiate

5. PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

5.1 Before-School, Lunch, and After-School Time (BLAST) Program

Superintendent Michalik introduced Vannessa Ross, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer and Tricia Bailey, Manager of BLAST, who spoke about the BLAST Program.

5.2 PROPEL Presentation

Assistant Superintendent Kapilik introduced Kimberley Adair-Gagnon, Principal, and Thea Conley, Grade 11 student from Nelson McIntyre Collegiate, and Ben Albrecht, Teacher, and Jane Rochon, Grade 12 student from Collège Jeanne-Sauvé, who shared information and lived experience regarding the PROPEL Program.

5.3 Workplace Wellbeing Initiative in LRSD

Assistant Superintendent Guenther introduced Roza Gray and Shauna Streich, Wellness Consultants, who provided context regarding the Workplace Wellbeing Initiative in LRSD.

6. STAFFING

6.1 Acting Principal at Victor H.L. Wyatt School

2025-100

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Kolochuk

THAT Shelly Hopper be appointed acting principal at Victor H.L. Wyatt School, effective May 11, 2026, for the duration of Laurie Ryz's absence.

CARRIED

7. SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

7.1 Heating and Cooling Capital Projects Report

Director of Facilities Bhandari shared the report submitted to the province regarding the division's heating and cooling capital projects.

7.2 Public Consultation Regarding Development of 3280 St. Mary's Road

Director of Facilities Bhandari shared information on the upcoming public consultation for 3280 St. Mary's Road, to be held on May 27, 2026, at the St. Vital Mustangs Football Club.

7.3 Enrolment Report

Superintendent Michalik provided an updated enrolment report for this year.

7.4 Louis Riel Teachers' Association (LRTA) - Secondment

The Louis Riel Teachers' Association (LRTA) membership has elected Jay McGurran, President, and Erin Lauzé, Vice-President of Professional Development, for 2026-2027. Congratulations to Jay and Erin.

8. POLICY

8.1 Policy Committee Update - Ratification of Amendments

2025-101

Moved by Trustee Simunyola

Seconded by Trustee Nordheim

THAT the following policies be amended:

- Policy GBL - Management of Employee Files
- Policy IJNDC - Internet and Information Systems Use: Staff and Students
- Policy ILC/KCBB - Collection and Use of Data
- Policy JRA - Pupil Files/Student Records and Supporting Protocol

CARRIED

8.2 Policy for Second Reading

2025-102

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Palmquist

THAT Policy IKEAA - Academic Honesty, 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

8.3 Notice of Motion - Ratification of Amendment - Policy IJOC - Criminal Record Check and Child Abuse Registry Check

Assistant Superintendent Anderson provided context to the notice of motion, moved by Trustee Bjornson, seconded by Trustee Kolochuk, coming to the Board for consideration at a future date, regarding ratification of amendments to Policy IJOC – Criminal Record Check and Child Abuse Registry Check.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 School Board Correspondence – Received

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

Education Funding Branch

- (Page 1) Letter RE: Shamrock School - Wall Replacement Additional Project Support (May 7, 2026)

9.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent

The following was accepted as correspondence sent by the Board:

- (Page 1) Email to K. Wiebe (May 6, 2026)

9.3 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence be received by the Board:

- (Page 1) Memo RE: Director Region 5 By-Election (May 5, 2026)
- (Page 5) Executive Highlights (April 13, 2026)
- (Page 6) Call for Nominations & Resolutions (May 6, 2026)
- (Page 10) MSBA E-Bulletin (May 6, 2026)
- (Page 15) Seven Oaks School Division: Assistant Superintendent - Staff Services Posting

10. ACTION ITEMS

10.1 Motion to Revise Policy BC - Board Code of Conduct

2025-103

Moved 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.”

This item was deferred for rewording.

10.2 Motion to Revise the Procedural By-Laws

2025-104

Moved 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.

Opposed by:

- Trustee Nordheim
- Trustee Kolochuk
- Trustee Palmquist
- Trustee Simunyola

DEFEATED

10.3 Religious Instruction - École Van Belleghem

2025-105

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT Bylaw 20252026-004 being a bylaw to authorize the instruction of religion at École Van Belleghem during the 2025-2026 school year, receive first, second and third reading and be approved.

CARRIED

10.4 Appointment of Superintendent and CEO

2025-106

Moved by Trustee Simunyola

Seconded by Trustee Sigurdson

THAT the Board appoint Jackie Connell as Superintendent and CEO of the Louis Riel School Division, effective Aug. 4, 2026.

Opposed by Trustee Kolochuk

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:

- Alana White, virtual
- Ina Prokipchuk
- Jay McGurran
- Lexi Muise, virtual

12. ADJOURNMENT

The May 19 Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

"Original signed by S. Nemeth"

Chair

"Original signed by V. Ross"

Secretary-Treasurer