

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

Tuesday, June 16, 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, virtual
Cindy Turner, Trustee
Ian Walker, Trustee

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Christian Michalik, Superintendent & CEO
Jamie Rudnicki, Secretary-Treasurer & CFO
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
Nicholas Kelly, Director of School and Classroom Supports
Deneen Madden, Executive Assistant
Lenore Polvorosa, Executive Assistant
Derrick Sheldon, Director of Staff Services, virtual

1. CALL TO ORDER

The June 16 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 6:34 p.m.

1.1 LRSD Land Acknowledgement Read by Trustee Sigurdson

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 – June 16, 2026

2025-114

Moved by Trustee Walker

Seconded by Trustee Bjornson

THAT the June 16 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – June 2, 2026

As there were no changes, the June 2 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
- Kimberley Adair-Gagnon
- Lisa Tymchuk

4. LRSD NEWS

4.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Palmquist

Trustee Palmquist highlighted the following:

- Pride Flag Raising at Dakota Collegiate
- Community consultation regarding 3280 St. Mary's Road

- Graduation Powwow
- Solar System Bike Ride
- Gratitude to all staff supporting the impact of last week's storm

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

Assistant Superintendent Kapilik highlighted the following:

- Archwood School
- Dakota Collegiate
- Darwin School
- H.S. Paul School
- Hastings School
- Highbury School

5. PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

5.1 Roots and Seeds of Empathy Programs

Megan Vankoughnett, Divisional Principal, introduced the following presenters who provided the Board with highlights of the Roots and Seeds of Empathy programs:

- Kerri Bush, Teacher
- Tricia Bailey, Teacher
- Elana Rach, Teacher
- Breanna Edie, Mom, along with her baby

5.2 Divisional Gender Sexuality Alliance (GSA)

Assistant Superintendent Kapilik introduced Adam Engel, Teacher, from Nelson McIntyre Collegiate, and Tavian Ricard, Grade 12 student, who shared an update with the Board regarding the divisional GSA group.

6. FINANCE AND AUDIT

6.1 Tenders Over \$100,000

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki shared a report regarding tenders over \$100,000.

7. STAFFING

7.1 Retirement Notice - School Administrator

Superintendent Michalik shared the notice of retirement received from Carole Bonin, Vice-Principal, École Julie-Riel, effective June 30, 2026.

7.2 Vice-Principal Appointment

2025-115

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Walker

THAT Bobbie-Jo Leclair be appointed as vice-principal at École Howden, effective Aug. 1, 2026.

CARRIED

7.3 Acting Vice-Principal

2025-116

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT Tanya Stokotelny be appointed as acting vice-principal, at J.H. Bruns Collegiate, effective Aug. 1, 2026.

CARRIED

7.4 Extension of Term Position - School Administrator

2025-117

Moved by Trustee Walker

Seconded by Trustee Kolochuk

THAT the term position for Chris Wolynech, Vice-Principal, Victor H.L. Wyatt School, be extended to Oct. 30, 2026.

CARRIED

7.5 Principal Appointment - Summer Learning Academy

2025-118

Moved by Trustee Walker

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT Justin Bell be appointed as principal of the Summer Learning Academy, from July 2 to July 24, 2026.

CARRIED

7.6 Extension of Term Positions – Members of the Senior Leadership Team

2025-119

Moved by Trustee Bjornson

Seconded by Trustee Sigurdson

THAT the following term positions be extended to Oct. 30, 2026:

- Mia Guenther, Assistant Superintendent, Staff Services
- Corey Kapilik, Assistant Superintendent, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility and Anti-Racism
- Nicholas Kelly, Director of School and Classroom Supports
- Megan Vankoughnett, Divisional Principal
- Nicole Mager, Division Principal

CARRIED

8. CHAIR INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

8.1 Winnipeg's Pride Parade

The Chair shared highlights from Winnipeg's Pride Parade held on June 7, 2026.

9. SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

9.1 Full-Day Every-Day Kindergarten Annual Report

Nicholas Kelly, Director of School and Classroom Supports, provided an annual report on the Full-Day, Every-Day Kindergarten initiative.

9.2 Leadership Team Meeting - June 11, 2026

Superintendent Michalik shared highlights from the Leadership Team Meeting held on June 11, 2026.

9.3 J.H. Bruns Collegiate Meeting June 12, 2026, with School Administration, SLT, Architects and the School Space Planning Branch

Superintendent Michalik provided an update regarding the schematic planning for the addition and renovation at J.H. Bruns Collegiate.

Cindy Turner, Trustee, left the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

9.4 Northpine Foundation Agreement

Superintendent Michalik provided details regarding the Northpine Foundation Agreement.

9.5 Workplace Safety and Health Fourth Quarter (Q4) Report

Theresa Niedermayer, Workplace Safety & Health Officer, shared an update regarding the Workplace Safety and Health Q4 Report.

10. POLICY

10.1 Ratification of Amendment - Policy BC

2025-120

Moved by Trustee Walker

Seconded by Trustee Sigurdson

THAT Policy BC - Board Code of Conduct, be amended in Section II to read:

"A.7. Review meeting agendas and other relevant information prior to board and committee meetings, arrive at such meetings informed and prepared to contribute to the open and honest discussion about matters before the Board or committee, and employ only Board-issued devices during such meetings;"

CARRIED

11. CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 School Board Correspondence – Received

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

General

- (Page 1) Email from R. Berkers (May 12, 2026)
- (Page 3) Letter from K. and M. Kolybabi (May 22, 2026)
- (Page 11) Email from P. Fuller (June 1, 2026)

- (Page 12) Email from C. Oldfield (June 1, 2026)
- (Page 13) Email from C. Coyne (June 1, 2026)

11.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent

The following was accepted as correspondence sent by the Board:

- (Page 1) Email to R. Berkers (May 27, 2026)
- (Page 2) Letter to Hon. Minister T. Schmidt (May 29, 2026)
- (Page 17) Email to P. Fuller (June 1, 2026)
- (Page 18) Email to C. Oldfield (June 1, 2026)

11.3 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence be received by the Board:

- (Page 1) Executive Highlights (June 1, 2026)
- (Page 2) e-bulletin (June 3, 2026)
- (Page 7) Copy of a letter to Hon. Minister L. Naylor RE: MSBA 2026 Resolutions (June 9, 2026)

12. ACTION ITEMS

12.1 Religious Instruction - École Mazina-Giizhik

Chipalo Simunyola, Trustee, left the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

2025-121

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Sigurdson

THAT Bylaw 20252026-005 being a bylaw to authorize the instruction of religion at École Mazina-Giizhik during the 2026-2027 school year, receive first, second, and third reading and be approved.

CARRIED

Chipalo Simunyola, Trustee, joined the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

13. 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
- Lisa Tymchuk

14. ADJOURNMENT

The June 16 Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

"Original signed by S. Nemeth"

Chair

"Original signed by J. Rudnicki"

Secretary-Treasurer