

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

Tuesday, September 8, 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, virtual
Ryan Palmquist, Trustee, virtual
Chris Sigurdson, Trustee
Chipalo Simunyola, Trustee
Cindy Turner, Trustee
Ian Walker, Trustee

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Jackie Connell, 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 Assistant
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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Sept. 8 Regular Meeting of the Louis Riel School Division (LRSD) Board of Trustees was called to order by Sandy Nemeth, Chair, LRSD Board of Trustees at 6:33 p.m.

1.1 LRSD Land Acknowledgement Read by Trustee Walker

Trustee Walker read a personalized land acknowledgement.

I was born, work, and live on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabeg, Ininewak, and Dakota peoples, on the National Homeland of the Red River Métis. I also acknowledge that Manitoba is the traditional territory of the Anishininiwak and Dene peoples.

I recognize and honour Shoal Lake 40 First Nation as the source of my clean drinking water, as well as the Treaty Territories that generate and provide electricity powering my home, the school where I teach, and our school division.

I respect the treaties made on this land and acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past and present. I dedicate myself as a parent, a teacher, and a school trustee to authentic alliances with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and cooperation. I further commit myself to helping the children in my care understand the importance of reconciliation with Indigenous communities.

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 – Sept. 8, 2026

2026-001

Moved by Trustee Bjornson

Seconded by Trustee Walker

THAT the Sept. 8 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Special Board Meeting – June 23, 2026

As there were no changes, the June 23 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:

- Ben McGillvray
- Erin Lauzé
- Ina Prokipchuk
- Jay McGurran
- Scott Wood

4. LRSD NEWS

4.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Nemeth

Trustee Nemeth highlighted the following:

- Welcome to a new school year
- Aspire Summer 2026
- Support for school playgrounds

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

Assistant Superintendent Anderson highlighted Collège Béliveau and Windsor Park Collegiate: Football Partnership.

5. FINANCE AND AUDIT

5.1 Statutory Declaration Secretary-Treasurer 2026-2027

2026-002

Moved by Trustee Walker

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT the Statutory Declaration made by Jamie Rudnicki, Secretary-Treasurer for the 2026-2027 school year, be accepted.

CARRIED

6. STAFFING

6.1 Assistant Superintendent Term Position

2026-003

Moved by Trustee Bjornson

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT Robert Chartrand be appointed as Assistant Superintendent supporting instructional, student and clinical services, for a term position up to three months, effective immediately.

CARRIED

6.2 Extension of Term Position

2026-004

Moved by Trustee Walker

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT the term position for Mia Guenther, Assistant Superintendent, Staff Services, be extended to Dec. 3, 2026.

CARRIED

6.3 Notice of Resignation

7. CHAIR INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

7.1 Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA) 2026 National Trustee Gathering on Education, Innovation & Reconciliation

Trustee Nemeth shared highlights from the National Trustees Gathering on Education, Innovation & Reconciliation held in July.

7.2 Canadian Congress of Black Parliamentarians

Trustee Simunyola shared highlights from the Canadian Congress of Black Parliamentarians held in August.

8. SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

8.1 Capital Projects Update

Director of Facilities Bhandari shared highlights regarding capital projects.

8.2 Leadership Meeting - Sept. 1, 2026

Superintendent Connell shared highlights of the Leadership Team Meeting held on Sept. 1, 2026.

8.3 Summer Learning

Assistant Superintendent Kapilik provided a report on summer learning.

8.4 June 25 High School Graduation Rates

Superintendent Connell shared the Four-Year High School Graduation Rates: LRSD and Manitoba. For more information, please visit the Manitoba K-12 Education Dashboard.

8.5 Safety Improvements in School Zones

Assistant Superintendent Anderson provided an update regarding safety improvements in school zones.

8.6 Physical and Health Education Curriculum Pilot

Superintendent Connell shared information regarding the Physical and Health Education Curriculum Pilot.

8.7 Student Accident Semi-Annual Report

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki shared the semi-annual report regarding student accidents that occurred from Jan. 1, 2026, to June 30, 2026.

9. POLICY

9.1 Ratification of Amendments

2026-005

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Walker

THAT the following list of protocols and appendices be updated:

- Protocol supporting Policy AC - Practices that Support Respect for Human Diversity
- Protocol supporting Policy ADD - School Codes of Conduct
- Policy ACH - Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
 - Appendix B
 - Appendix C

CARRIED

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 School Board Correspondence – Received

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning

- (Page 1) Response from Hon. Min. Schmidt - GCI (July 7, 2026)

Education Funding Branch:

- (Page 1) DCI - One Modular Classroom Request (June 16, 2026)
- (Page 4) ATC Expanded Capital Support Proposal (June 23, 2026)
- (Page 6) JHBC - Final Project Support (June 22, 2026)
- (Page 8) Shamrock - Final Project Support (June 22, 2026)
- (Page 10) St Germain - Final Project Support (June 23, 2026)
- (Page 12) Lavallee - Final Project Support (June 22, 2026)
- (Page 15) WPC - Final Project Support (July 3, 2026)

General

- (Page 1) Email from R. Breton (June 14, 2026)
- (Page 2) Email from I. Prokipchuk (June 23, 2026)
- (Page 8) Email from I. Prokipchuk (June 23, 2026)
- (Page 15) Email from I. Prokipchuk (June 24, 2026)
- (Page 18) Thank you Notes from Scholarships and Bursary recipients

10.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent

The following was accepted as correspondence sent by the Board:

- (Page 1) Email sent to I. Prokipchuk (June 23, 2026)
- (Page 2) Email sent to I. Prokipchuk (June 23, 2026)
- (Page 3) Email sent to I. Prokipchuk (June 24, 2026)
- (Page 4) Statement of Support to The Standing Policy Committee on Public Works (June 25, 2026)
- (Page 5) Email sent to I. Prokipchuk (June 30, 2026)

10.3 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence be received by the Board:

- (Page 1) COMPASS Survey - School Division Letter of Information (June 16, 2026)
- (Page 8) E-Bulletin (June 17, 2026)
- (Page 13) REMINDER Call for Nominations & Resolution (May 2026)
- (Page 16) REMINDER - Memo Trustee Election Candidacy Survey (June 15, 2026)
- (Page 17) REVISED - COMPASS Survey, School Division Letter of Information (June 25, 2026)
- (Page 28) WPS Community Notification (June 28, 2026)

- (Page 32) CSBA ACCS New President and Vice-president 2026-2027 (July 8, 2026)
- (Page 34) Staffing Announcement, Executive Director (August 5, 2026)
- (Page 35) WPS Community Notification (August 25, 2026)
- (Page 38) CTV News Interview: E-Bikes (August 17, 2026)
- (Page 39) Pembina Valley Online (August 12, 2026)
- (Page 40) WPS - Trustees call for e-scooter safety education (August 17, 2026)
- (Page 42) WPS Community Notification (August 27, 2026)
- (Page 46) Reminder - Call for Nominations & Resolution PKG (September 2, 2026)

11. ACTION ITEMS

11.1 100 Mile Dinner

2026-006

Moved by Trustee Walker

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

That the Board purchase two tickets to the Sept 27, 2026, Boys and Girls Club 100 Mile dinner.

CARRIED

12. 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:

- Ben McGillvray
- Erin Lauzé
- Ina Prokipchuk
- Jay McGurran
- Scott Wood

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Sept. 8 Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

"Original signed by S. Nemeth"

Chair

"Original signed by J. Rudnicki"

Secretary-Treasurer