

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

Tuesday, September 22, 2026, 6:30 p.m.
50 Monterey Road, Winnipeg
Hybrid Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS: Sandy Nemeth, Chair
Irene Nordheim, Vice-Chair
Peter Bjornson, Trustee
Ryan Palmquist, Trustee
Chipalo Simunyola, Trustee
Cindy Turner, Trustee
Ian Walker, Trustee

REGRETS: Pamela Kolochuk, Trustee
Chris Sigurdson, 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
Chaimae Bouamira, Executive Assistant
Mia Guenther, Assistant Superintendent, Staff Services
Clarke Hagan, Director of Information Technology Services
Deneen Madden, Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Sept. 22 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 6:45 p.m.

1.1 LRSD Land Acknowledgement Read by Trustee Nordheim
LRSD Land Acknowledgement was read by Trustee Nordheim:

The Louis Riel School Division (LRSD) brings together a community of schools on the traditional land of the Anishinaabeg, Ininewak, and Dakota peoples. Our division is located on the National Homeland of the Red River Métis. We recognize that Manitoba is also the traditional land of the Anishininiwak 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.

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. 22, 2026
2026-007

Moved by Trustee Bjornson

Seconded by Trustee Walker

THAT the Sept. 22 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – Sept. 8, 2026

As there were no changes, the Sept. 8 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
- Cheryl Barber
- Ina Prokipchuk
- Jay McGurran
- Scott Wood

4. LRSD NEWS

4.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Simunyola

Trustee Simunyola highlighted the following:

- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- J.H. Bruns Collegiate
- École Mazina-Giizhik

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

Assistant Superintendent Guenther highlighted the following:

- Glenlawn Collegiate
- Dr. D.W. Penner School
- Samuel Burland School
- St. George School

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Riel-Evate Endowment Fund Committee

This item has been deferred to a future Board Meeting.

6. STAFFING

6.1 Recruiting Teaching Staff

Assistant Superintendent Guenther shared a fill and vacancy back-to-school update.

6.2 Acting Vice-Principal

2026-008

Moved by Trustee Walker

Seconded by Trustee Nordheim

THAT the Board appoint Susan Ciastko as acting vice-principal at Windsor School for up to two months, effective immediately.

CARRIED

7. CHAIR INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

The Chair provided highlights from the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Sept. 15, 2026.

8. SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

8.1 International Student Program Update

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki provided an update regarding the International Student Program.

8.2 Annual Report to the Community (ARC) 2025-2026

Superintendent Connell shared the 2025-2026 ARC.

9. POLICY

9.1 Ratification of Amendments

2026-009

Moved by Trustee Walker

Seconded by Trustee Bjornson

THAT the following list of policies be amended:

- Policy BBAB: Signing Authority / Electronic Signing Authority (with edits)
- Policy DIE-3: Review of Contracted Audit Services (with edits)
- Policy DJB: Purchasing Procedures (with edits)
- Policy EEA-1: Student Transportation (with edits)
- Policy CBC: Superintendent of Schools - Roles & Responsibilities (with edits)
 - Policy CBC - Appendix A: Board Foundations & Governance to support LRSD Decision-Making Matrix

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) MEECL Announcement and Proclamation about Peace Days in MB (Sept. 9, 2026)

Education Funding Branch

- (Page 1) J.H. Bruns Collegiate – Science Lab Renewal (Sept. 15, 2026)
- (Page 5) Collège Jeanne-Sauvé – Major Addition and Renovation - Final Project Support (Sept. 3, 2026)

General

- (Page 1) Variance - 3280 St. Mary's Road (Sept. 2, 2026)

10.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent

The following was accepted as correspondence sent by the Board:

- (Page 1) Email to S. Allard (Sept. 10, 2026)
- (Page 4) Email to C. Fries (Sept. 10, 2026)

10.3 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence was received by the Board:

- (Page 1) MSBA E-Bulletin (Sept. 9, 2026)
- (Page 6) MSBA MEMO - RSVP FOR BETTER TOGETHER FORUM #2 (Sept. 17, 2026)

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
- Cheryl Barber
- Ina Prokipchuk
- Jay McGurran
- Scott Wood

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Sept. 22 Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

"Original signed by S. Nemeth"

Chair

"Original signed by J. Rudnicki"

Secretary-Treasurer