

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

Tuesday, February 21, 2023, 6:30 p.m.  
50 Monterey Road, Winnipeg  
Hybrid Meeting

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Sandy Nemeth, Chair  
Chris Sigurdson, Vice-Chair  
Francine Champagne, Trustee  
Darlene Gerrior, Trustee  
Pamela Kolochuk, Trustee  
Irene Nordheim, Trustee  
Ryan Palmquist, Trustee  
Chipalo Simunyola, Trustee  
Cindy Turner, Trustee, virtual

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Christian Michalik, Superintendent & CEO  
Jamie Rudnicki, Secretary-Treasurer & CFO  
Jeff Anderson, Assistant Superintendent Policy, Planning & Research  
Amarbeer Bhandari, Director of Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation, virtual  
Ron Cadez, Director of School and Classroom Support  
Darcy Cormack, Assistant Superintendent Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Services  
Clarke Hagan, Director of Information Technology Services  
Michelle Jean-Paul, Assistant Superintendent Staff Services  
Corey, Kapilik, Divisional Principal, virtual  
Deneen Madden, Executive Assistant  
Lexi Muise, Executive Assistant, virtual  
Marlene Murray, Assistant Superintendent Student Services  
Derrick Sheldon, Assistant Director of Staff Services, virtual  
Jocelyn Peters, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, virtual

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Feb. 21 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**

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 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.

*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 – Feb. 21, 2023**

2022-058

Moved by Trustee Gerrior

Seconded by Trustee Kolochuk

THAT the Feb. 21 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

### **2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – Feb. 7, 2023**

As there were no changes, the Feb. 7 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

## **3. LRSD NEWS**

### **3.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Palmquist**

Trustee Palmquist provided the following highlights:

- Trustees Gerrior, Champagne and I, along with members of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) took a tour of Darwin School, where we saw and heard about the

expanded classrooms, industrial arts, and other excellent programming. We were also updated about renovations planned for the gymnasium.

- A fantastic breakfast hosted by Collège Béliveau on Friday, Feb. 17, 2023, was one of many events taking place across the division to celebrate Festival du Voyageur.
- On Feb. 6, Trustee Nemeth and I along with members of the SLT attended an excellent presentation from HTFC Planning & Design held at École Sage Creek School, outlining the plans for the construction of the new school that will support students enrolled in the French Immersion program who live in Sage Creek and Bonavista.
- Trustee Nordheim and Glenlawn 100 Steering Committee were featured in a Community Review East article published on Feb. 8, 2023.
- On Feb. 24, Dr. D.W. Penner School Parent Advisory Council (PAC) will be hosting another family movie night.
- Feb. 15 was International Angelman Day, which is a day to raise awareness about a rare genetic condition. My heart was warmed seeing the angel-decorated classroom at Glenwood School as they showed support for their angel classmate.
- February marks Black History Month and many LRSD schools are hosting events and teaching moments, learning about the history and accomplishments of black Canadians, including two of our division's three first ever black members of the legislative assembly, MLA Audrey Gordon and MLA Jamie Moses.

### **3.2 News from Senior Leadership (SLT) Team Provided by Assistant Superintendent Murray**

Assistant Superintendent Murray provided the following highlights:

- On Jan. 16 and 17, Windsor Park Collegiate took 85 students ice fishing at the Lockport Ice Fishing Village. The trip was organized by the Grade 10 Geography Teaching Team and supported by the Indigenous Education Team.
- Frontenac School launched the Big Brothers/Big Sisters in School Mentor Program. Frontenac School partnered with Windsor Park Collegiate, where the older students mentor the younger students. The Community Liaison Workers oversee this program in conjunction with Big Brothers/Big Sisters.
- On Feb. 9, Shamrock School held a Welcome to Shamrock evening for families new to the school.
- J.H. Bruns Collegiate held a successful fashion show which serves as a culminating project for the design and textile classes.
- Niakwa Place School is celebrating the arrival of the Kitchen Brigades. This is a subsidized 24-week food literacy program.

**4. PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD**

**4.1 100th Anniversary Celebration of Glenlawn Collegiate**

Wayne Ruff, Tom McCormack and Tanjit Nagra of the Glenlawn 100 Steering Committee, joined by Glenlawn Collegiate administrators Dionne Potapinski and Melanie Romas, shared events planned for May 17 to 20, 2023.

**5. FINANCE AND AUDIT**

**5.1 Second Quarter (Q2) Financial Update**

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki shared the Q2 financial update and answered trustee questions.

**5.2 Share Your Thoughts on the 2023-2024 Budget**

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki shared the spotlight story asking the public for feedback as to what the focus should be as the Board and SLT deliberate to build the 2023-2024 budget. The ThoughtExchange will close on March 3, 2023.

Please save the date for the public presentation and discussion on the draft budget on Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2023, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. This will be a hybrid meeting, with an opportunity to attend virtually or in person.

**6. STAFFING**

**6.1 Personnel Update - Acting Vice-Principal at École Julie-Riel**

2022-059

THAT Karlene Fontaine be appointed Acting Vice-Principal at École Julie-Riel effective March 1, 2023.

CARRIED

**7. CHAIR INFORMATION TO THE BOARD**

**7.1 Region 5 and 6 Board Chairs Meeting - Feb. 8, 2023**

The Chair shared an update regarding the Feb. 8, 2023, Region 5 and 6 Board Chairs meeting.

**8. SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM INFORMATION TO THE BOARD**

**8.1 Accessibility Plan Updates**

Assistant Superintendent Cormack provided an update regarding the division's Accessibility Plan.

**8.2 Leadership Team Meeting - Feb. 15, 2023**

Superintendent Michalik shared highlights from the Leadership Team meeting held on Feb. 15, 2023. Conversation was focused on budget 2023/2024.

**8.3 Enrolment Report**

Superintendent Michalik provided an updated enrolment report for this year.

Chris Sigurdson, Vice-Chair left the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

**8.4 Manitoba Remote Learning Support Centre (MRLSC) Update**

Assistant Superintendent Anderson shared an update regarding student enrolment at the MRLSC.

**8.5 Monthly Updates Regarding Communications Metrics**

Superintendent Michalik provided the January 2023 report on communications metrics.

Chris Sigurdson, Vice-Chair joined the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

**9. POLICY**

**9.1 Policy Review Committee - First Reading**

2022-060

Moved by Trustee Champagne

Seconded by Trustee Kolochuk

THAT Policy EEAB – Seat Restraints, reviewed by the Superintendent's Policy Committee, receive first reading and be returned to committee for further review and brought back for second reading at a future date.

CARRIED

**9.2 Policy Review Committee - Second Reading**

2022-061

Moved by Trustee Nordheim

Seconded by Trustee Gerrior

THAT Policy JBC – Appropriate Educational Programming: Provision of In-School Support to Students by External Practitioners, reviewed by the Superintendent's Policy Committee, receive second reading and be returned to committee for further review and brought back for third reading at a future date.

CARRIED

### **9.3 Policy Review Committee Update - Ratification of Amendment**

2022-062

Moved by Trustee Champagne

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT the following list of policies be amended:

- Policy EEAE – Student Transportation: Safety Procedures to Prepare for Field Trips
  - Protocol – Guideline for Transporting Musical Instruments on School Buses
- Policy EEAEA - Student Transportation: Weather-Related Cancellation of School Buses

CARRIED

### **9.4 Policy Review Committee Update - Policies Being Reaffirmed**

2022-063

Moved by Trustee Kolochuk

Seconded by Trustee Gerrior

THAT the following list of policies be reaffirmed:

- Policy CH – Policy Implementation
- Policy EBCE – Emergency School Closing

CARRIED

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **10.1 School Board Correspondence – Received**

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning (MEECL):

- (Page 1) Letter from Minister Ewasko RE: Provincial Assessments (Feb. 6, 2023)
- (Page 3) Letter from Dana Rudy RE: Manitoba Remote Learning Support Centre Update (Feb. 9, 2023)
- (Page 5) Request for Education Stakeholder Engagement in Physical Education and Health Education (Feb. 9, 2023)
- (Page 8) Request for Education Stakeholders Engagement in Science (Feb. 9, 2023)
- (Page 10) Manitoba Framework for Learning - French Immersion (Feb. 14, 2023)
- (Page 12) Manitoba Framework for Learning - Liaison - EN (Feb. 14, 2023)
- (Page 14) Letter from Minister Ewasko RE: Intensive Newcomer Support Project Grant (Feb. 16, 2023)

Education Funding Branch:

- (Page 19) Letter RE: Windsor Park Collegiate – Universal Changing Room (Feb. 3, 2023)

- (Page 21) Letter RE: École Sage Creek/Bonavista – New K-8 French Immersion School (Feb. 9, 2023)

General:

- (Page 23) Email from I. Prokipchuk (Feb. 16, 2023)
- (Page 26) Emails from S. Erlendson and B. Brisebois (Feb. 16, 2023)
- (Page 29) Letter from LRTA RE: Enrolment Increases (Feb. 17, 2023)

## **10.2 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received**

The following MSBA correspondence was received by the Board:

Labour Relations:

- None

General MSBA Correspondence:

- (Page 1) Press Release - Southwest Horizon SD Superintendent (Feb. 2, 2023)
- (Page 2) 2023 MSBA Convention Program – Update (Feb. 6, 2023)
- (Page 6) B'nai Brith - Diverse Minds Creative Writing Competition
- (Page 8) CRA Outreach Presentation Benefits for Parents and Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP)
- (Page 9) MSBA e-bulletin (Feb. 8, 2023)
- (Page 10) Executive Highlights (Feb. 13, 2023)
- (Page 11) Canada Post Community Foundation Grant
- (Page 12) The Recovery Period – An Analysis of Recent Improvements in Mental Health in Canada
- (Page 16) 2023 MSBA Convention Program – Revised (Feb. 14, 2023)
- (Page 18) ASBA Anti-Racism Session with Dr. Jerome Cranston
- (Page 19) Research Study into Local Voices in Canadian School Boards
- (Page 20) CMEC's Social Media Campaign for Fair Dealings Week

## **11. ACTION ITEMS**

## **12. PUBLIC FORUM**

The following members of the public were in attendance and had the opportunity to ask questions for information or clarification from items on this evening's agenda:

- Brad Fallis, virtual
- Carol Bitchok, virtual
- Jay McGurran
- Kathleen Atkin, virtual
- Lisa Tymchuk, virtual
- Maggie Macintosh, virtual
- Marcela Cabezas

- Margaret Whitlaw, virtual
- Michelle Bacon, virtual
- Rene Perrin, virtual
- Sara Decker-Razos, virtual
- Scott Wood
- Sia Erlendson, virtual

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The Feb. 21 Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

“Original signed by S. Nemeth”

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Chair

“Original signed by J. Rudnicki”

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Secretary-Treasurer