

John Rennie High School Governing Board

Minutes of Meeting # 1 - October 18, 2016 – 7pm John Killingbeck Conference Room

Meeting called to order at 6:57pm.

Welcome and Attendance

Present: Claudia Anzovino, Mackenzie Bell, Theresa Bingham, Anika Della-Cioppa, Margo Edwards, Gary Elson, Elisabeth Farkas, Tracy Fuzessy, Marie-Josée Gibeau, Raquel Lobaton, Cristina Prata, Lana Roberts, Shane Ross, Flora-Lee Bendit, Alexander Perelmiter, Andrew Sparkes, Lonna Velasco

Regrets: Claudia Bino, Irwin Lambersky

4. Election of Chair

R. Lobaton motions to approve Lana Roberts as the new Governing Board Chair. G. Elson seconds. All in favour. **Motion carried.**

5. Other Governing Board Members/Associates

Recording Secretary Nomination - Claudia Bino nominated in absentia. L. Velasco will record tonight's minutes.

Community Representative at GB Meetings - C. Prata will contact our past community rep, Diane Gravel. S. Ross made a motion that should Diane Gravel decline, he will ask Lorraine da Costa. All in favour. **Motion carried.**

Commissioner Participation at GB Meetings - A motion was made to invite Commissioner Noel Burke to our governing board meetings. All in favour. **Motion carried.**

VP Participation at GB Meetings - A motion was made to invite VP participation. All in favour. **Motion carried.**

6. Minutes of Meeting held October 18, 2016

Corrections and Adoptions - G. Elson moves to approve the minutes as presented. F.L. Bendit seconds. All in favour. **Motion carried.**

7. Questions from the Public- Audrey Wilson questioned whether or not a PPO liaison must sit on the governing board. C. Prata replied it is not necessary, but it has usually worked out that way in the past. If C. Bino, governing board parent rep, continues to sit on PPO, then she can continue to be a liaison between the two bodies.

8. Internal Management

Internal Rules of Management - S. Ross will put the Internal Rules of Management into an editable document for us to work on/modify if need be. Therefore, L. Roberts motions to table work on this document until next meeting. R. Lobaton seconds. All in favour. **Motion carried.**

Meeting Schedule - Meeting schedule set as follows: Nov. 8, Dec. 13, Jan. 17, Feb. 15, March 14, April 11, May 9, and June 13. Motion to approve made by M. Edwards. S. Ross seconds. All in favour. **Carried.**

Budget - Just received by C. Prata today, therefore A. Sparkes motions to table budget until next meeting. Seconded by T. Bingham. All in favour. **Carried.**

9. Business Arising from the Minutes - None.

10. Reports

Field Trips - Trips to La Ronde and Guzzo Sources, which were previously approved, were cancelled in the end. Trips to Saint Laurence River Institute, Peace Summit Lachine and Arbraska Rigaud were approved by evote this month. Trips to Quinn Farm and BANQ were previously approved. Two new trips, to the Oscar Peterson Concert Hall and Arbraska Rigaud, were presented. A change of date to the A+ Quebec City trip was also presented. A. Sparkes motioned for a blanket approval for all these field trips, as well as the change of date. T. Bingham seconds. All in favour. **Carried.**

Rentals - None.

Fundraising - E. Farkas motions to approve the 5 lollipop sale fundraisers for the yearbook. T. Fuzessy seconds. All in favour. **Carried.** T. Fuzessy motions to approve the Halloween Bake Sale. A. Perelmiter seconds. All in favour. **Carried.**

Principal's Report - C. Prata would like to hire Ms. Gardner, a francisation specialist, on a service contract from now until April 2017. The total cost would be approx. \$4100. M. Edwards moves, A. Perelmiter seconds. All in favour. **Carried.**

Teachers' Report - None.

Student Services Report - None.

Support Staff Report - None.

Students' Report - Oral report given by M. Bell and A. Della-Cioppa. The students have had a good start to the year, with many extra-curricular clubs and sports teams already running successfully. Dare to Care will soon begin and Leadership will be doing their Halloween Haunt and Spirit Week. The food drive raised over 4000 cans and a coffee drive will begin in 2 weeks. During Open House, they had a successful sale of school clothes and the Grade 7's Day was a big success. They are looking forward to the next CSC meeting, where a few student leaders from several schools get together at the school board.

Commissioner's Report - None.

Community Rep's Report - None.

Parent Rep Report - S. Ross reported that the Parents' Committee had their AGA where they elected their new officials and 2 new parent commissioners. They are working on trying to align their new priorities and maximize parental involvement.

PPO Report - PPO representatives had some questions for GB concerning MADD presentations, Gr.11 activities that seem to be happening at the same time and the convocation venue. The school has indeed been in contact with MADD and sessions with our students should be happening later on in the year. The Sugar Bowl date has not been set yet, so it is not in conflict with the date of another event. As for convocation venue, there is no other reasonable choice available, as John Abbott is the only venue big enough to accommodate the size of our grad group.

Chairperson's Report- None.

Home and School Report- Home and School is in danger of dissolving. There seems to be declining parent membership and not enough interested parents in sitting on the committee. An ERMS will be sent out to encourage parent participation.

11. New Business- None.

12. Correspondence- None.

13. Varia - A. Perelmiter proposes an item to add to next month's agenda – a suggestion to modify the John Rennie crest (replace outdated symbols with new, more relevant ones).

14. Public Questions - None.

15. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn made by E. Farkas. M. Edwards seconds. All in favour.
Carried.

Respectfully submitted by L. Velasco