



**JOHN RENNIE HIGH SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD
Minutes of Meeting 2021-2022 #6
26 April 2022
Meeting Held on Zoom**

Parent Reps: D. Bensimon, C. Chabot, S. Golding-Mullings, N. Gupta, S. Hassanien, W. Kogan (alternate), K. Santaguida

Staff Reps: M. Fuga, K. Gardner, R. Lobaton, K. Pellegrino, S. Pelletier, A. Sayfy, S. Sievers, K. Vatne

Administration: J. Kurta, M. Larocque

Student Reps: A. Heron, N. Lakatosh

Community Reps: M. Venturino

Commissioner: A. Saunders

Public: none

Secretary: none

Regrets: S. Day, E-M Durand, J.-A. Leblanc, S. Newton, S. Ross

1. Call to Order/Verification of Quorum

- The governing board (GB) chair, D. Bensimon, called the meeting to order at 6:22 p.m. and read the territorial land acknowledgment developed by the school board.

2. Approval of Agenda

- 21-22-34: A discussion of a new sport partner for ringette and field trips for grades 7-10 were requested to be added to the agenda. It was also requested to postpone a discussion of the My School survey and school fees until the May meeting. The agenda including these changes was approved unanimously, via a motion from R. Lobaton and seconded by K. Vatne.

3. Approval of Minutes from 15 March 2022

- 21-22-35: The minutes from the previous meeting were approved unanimously, via a motion by K. Gardner & seconded by S. Pelletier.

4. Question Period

- No public attended the meeting and no other question were asked.

5. Business Arising from The Minutes

- None

6. Consultations

- D. Bensimon informed the meeting that he followed up with the school board on 17 March 2022 regarding consultations for the budget for 2022-2023, governing board composition and dates of the Council of Commissioners and Executive Committee Meetings for 2022-2023. He also informed the meeting that there was a new consultation underway for a Three-Year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables

2022-2025. He presented the school board projections of attendance at the school for the next three years. No comments were made by meeting participants on this topic.

7. New Business

- D. Bensimon informed the meeting that the GB recently received an email containing the fourth publication of the newsletter of "Le Saviez-vous?", a provincial government publication which explains how GBs work. A. Sayfy suggested that it would be beneficial to publish this on the GB website (<http://johnrennie.lbpsb.qc.ca/gb.htm>). D. Bensimon agreed to liaise with those responsible for updating the website so as to publish this.

8. Fundraisers

- **Light a Dream:** Home and School expressed a desire to hold this fundraiser in time for Mother's Day. Proceeds raised would be used for future teachers' wish lists as well as awards.
- **Balanced day bake sale:** Students are looking to host a bake sale on May 5th to raise funds for their environment project this month. All proceeds will be donated to [Team Seas](#) foundation. For every dollar donated, they will remove one pound of waste from the oceans.
- 21-22-36: A motion to approve the above fundraisers was put forward by K. Gardner and seconded by R. Lobaton and approved unanimously.

9. Field trips

- **Rugby tournament:** this trip to Concordia University is planned for 29 April 2022 for grades 9-11 at a cost of \$10/student. Transportation will be by car pool and public transit.
- **Senior Jazz Band:** this trip of the jazz band to St-John Fisher elementary and Terry Fox elementary is planned for 29 April 2022 for students mostly in grades 10 and 11. The event will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Although there is an anticipated cost of \$400 for the trip, there will be no cost to the students participating. Transportation will be by school bus.
- **Life Skills field trip to MacDonald High School:** this trip for a BBQ for students in grades 8-11 is planned for 13 May 2022. The event will run from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There will be 6 students and 3 adults participating. Transportation will be by car pool and there is no cost for this trip.
- **Field trips for grades 7-10:** M. Larocque informed the meeting that grade 11 students will be writing ministry exams on 12 May 2022. Since extra classrooms are needed for these exams, it is proposed to have students in younger grades go on field trips that day. The cost of these trips would be covered by a grant for culture in schools. It was proposed that grades 7 and 8 students travel to the Centre des sciences de Montréal where they could also watch an IMAX movie. Grade 9 and 10 students would do a different field trip, the details of which are still being finalized. It was mentioned that even without the details of the trip, the GB can approve students being allowed to leave the school for the day.
- 21-22-37: A motion to approve the above field trips was put forward by M. Fuga and seconded by K. Santaguida and approved unanimously.

10. Activities

- **Exam calendar:** the proposed exam calendar for May and June 2022 was presented to the meeting. In the ensuing discussion, concern was expressed about the proposed schedule for grade 7 students in particular, who have very little time to prepare for their exams after their last classes and have several exams back-to-back. It was mentioned that it is difficult to make changes to the calendar because of other constraints. When asked how many GB members were in favour or against the proposed calendar, 4 parent representatives were for, 2 were against, while 3 staff members were for it, versus 4 against. One staff member abstained from voting. With both student members against the schedule, there was a slight majority of members against it (8 against, 7 for, 1 abstention). It was requested that the calendar be further discussed at school and brought back to the GB for approval at the next meeting.
- 21-22-38: M. Larocque informed the meeting that a new agreement protocol was developed with Ringuette Québec for the 2022-2023 school year. This will be a new partner for the Sport-Études program. A motion to approve this agreement was put forward by K. Vatne and seconded by R. Lobaton and approved unanimously.

11. Reports:

- **Principal:** the report was presented to the meeting and shared with members via the shared drive.
- **Staff:** the report was shared with members via the shared drive.
- **Students:** The student report mentioned the recently held Black and Gold show as well as the Snowball activity. They mentioned the spring play that is being planned, the model UN that was recently held and leadership activities.
- **Region 3 Representative for the LBPSB Parents Committee:** the representative of the Parents Committee was not in attendance, and no report was submitted prior to the meeting.
- **Commissioner:** Although no formal report was presented, it was mentioned that highlights from the Council of Commissioners meeting were published on the LBPSB website at <https://www.lbpsb.qc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022-04-25-Summary.pdf>.

12. Correspondence

- None.

13. Varia

- It was asked if there were any plans to hold GB meetings in person. No plans in this sense have been made and D. Bensimon suggested that since the next meeting is only 2 weeks away, that Zoom continue to be used for the upcoming meeting. The meeting was informed that the decision to continue with virtual meetings or to hold them in person is a local one.

14. Date of Next Meeting

- The next meeting is planned for Tuesday, 10 May 2022, starting at 6:15 p.m. via Zoom.

15. Adjournment

- 21-22-39: The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m. following a motion by A. Herron, which

was seconded by A. Sayfy and unanimously accepted.

Respectfully submitted by Dov Bensimon, Chair, JRHS Governing Board

Approved _____

J. Kurta, Principal

Approved _____

D. Bensimon, Governing Board Chair