



**JOHN RENNIE HIGH SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD
Minutes of Meeting 2022-2023 #4
January 25, 2023
Meeting Held on Zoom**

Parent Reps: D. Bensimon, C. Boyarchuk, C. Chabot, S. Legore, K. Leonard, C. Veillette

Staff Reps: L. Brabant, M. Fuga, R. Lobaton, K. Pellegrino, A. Sayfy, S. Sievers, S. Vann

Administration: J. Armstrong, E-M Durand, J. Kurta, M. Larocque

Student Rep: G. Grenier-McDermott, R. Santamaria

Community Rep: M. Venturino

Commissioner: Absent

Public: No Public in Attendance

Secretary: S. Day

Regrets: A. Cooper, S. Hassanien, W. Kogan, A. Saunders, E. Schultz

1. Call to Order/Verification of Quorum/Territorial Acknowledgement

- D. Bensimon called the meeting to order at 6:48 pm
- Territorial land acknowledgement was recited by D. Bensimon

2. Approval of the agenda

22-23-23: The agenda was approved unanimously, via a motion moved by C. Veillette & seconded by R. Lobaton

3. Approval of the Minutes from December 14, 2022

22-23-24: The minutes from December 14, 2022 were approved, including 1 abstention, via a motion moved by R. Lobaton & seconded by A. Sayfy

4. Question Period

- No public was present therefore no questions were asked

5 Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1 Update from Dress Code Subcommittee

- This topic will be a standing item on the governing board agenda
- There has been no meeting since the December governing board meeting

5.2 Balanced Day Class Trip to a LBPSB School (Tabled from December Meeting)

- The above-mentioned class trip has been canceled

5.3 Principal Selection Criteria for 2023-2024 (Due March 3, 2023)

- As the Board works on its administrative staffing plan for the 2023-2024 school year, your input will be considered
- It is expected that the process will be completed by the spring of 2023 to allow us to plan for the next school year
- Last year's letter was reviewed in detail
- Governing board decided to update last year's letter & resubmit

6 Consultations

6.1 LBPSB 2023-2024 Budget Consultation

- Due March 31 2023
- Tabled to the February governing board meeting

[Budget Consultation 2023-2024](#)

[Budget 2023-2024 Consultation Launch](#)

[Budget Consultation](#)

7 New Business

7.2 Replacement of Two Parent Members of the Governing Board

- A total of two governing board members have stepped down
- S. Legore (alternate parent rep) has volunteered to take the position of parent rep for 1 year (replacing Sara Hassanien)
- D. Bensimon will be contacting other governing board alternate parent rep's to see if anyone would be interested in taking on the vacant position for a period of 1 year
- Follow up discussion will be held at the February governing board meeting

7.2 Resolution to Sign a Protocole D'entente With Club Aquatique CAMO Montreal & Waterpolo Quebec

- Resolution needed by governing board to sign a protocole d'entente with Club Aquatique CAMO Montréal - NEQ #: 1144658581 (mandataire) & Water Polo Quebec (federation)

22-23-25: The signing of a protocole d'entente with Club Aquatique CAMA Montréal - NEQ #1144658581 (mandataire) & Waterpolo Quebec (federation) was approved including 1 abstention, via a motion moved by R. Lobaton & seconded by C. Veillette

8 Fundraisers

8.1 Blanket Approval for H&S Monthly Fundraiser Sales During Lunches

- Location: JRHS
- Date: All year (monthly)
- Purpose: Raise funds for Home & School
- Description: Sale TCBY, Popcorn & Lollipops
- All funds that are raised go back to the school

22-23-26: The blanket approval for the H&S monthly fundraiser sales during lunches was approved unanimously, via a motion moved by R. Lobaton & seconded by S. Sievers

9 Field Trips

9.1 Feb 3 2023 - Inspire Interest in STEM Activity (grade 9)

- Destination: École Secondaire St Laurent
- Transportation: Car pool
- Cost to student: \$0
- Ratio: 1:5

9.2 Feb 3 2023 - Health & Wellness Event at DDO Aquatic Center (grade 7-11)

- Destination: DDO Aquatics Center
- Transportation: Public transport
- Cost to student: \$12
- Ratio: 1:5

9.3 Feb 9, 2023 - Music Tour at Sunshine Academy (grade 9)

- Destination: Sunshine Academy

- Transportation: School bus
- Cost to students: \$20
- Ratio: 1:10

9.4 Feb 9, 2023 - Valentine's School Dance (gr 7, 8 & 9)

- Taking place in the school gym
- Cost to students: \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door

9.5 Feb 23-24 2023 Provincial Juvenile Girls Basketball Tournament (gr 9-11)

- Destination: Centennial Academy
- Transportation: Bus
- Cost to students: \$0
- Ratio: 1:7

9.6 March 24 2023 - Girls' night at JRHS (gr 7&8)

- Destination: JRHS
- Cost to students: \$15
- Ratio: 1:10

9.7 March 29-30 2023 - Model UN at PCHS

- Destination: PCHS
- Transportation: Own
- Cost to students: \$0
- Ratio: 1:5

9.8 April 19 2023 - French Theatre at Maison des Arts de Laval (gr 7&8)

- Destination: La Maison des Arts - Laval
- Transportation: School bus
- Cost to students: \$40.43
- Ratio: 1:15

22-23-27: All of the above-mentioned field trips were approved unanimously, via a motion moved by C. Veillette & seconded by C. Chabot

10 Reports

10.1 Principal

- An overview of activities at the school was presented.

10.2 Staff

- No formal report was submitted
- There wasn't a student hall this year for grade 7 & 8 students; students came to school, wrote their exam, & then were allowed to go home
- This new format ran very well

10.3 Students

Before Winter Break

- Glee performance to celebrate the holidays before the break. The performances were by grade, not offered to all, mostly targeted towards juniors. They were successful all in all, a great way to spend the last few periods of school

After Winter Break

- School got off to a rocky start with plumbing issues that caused flooding, loss of water services & heating, ultimately resulting in the cancellation of the first day of school. However, repairs were prompt & we were back for the next day
- This made for a slow transition back to the school routine, with only 4 days to review for midyears. Many students & probably teachers alike were crunched for time
- The video assembly & announcements related to midterms were clear & informative, & we think did help remind students of how to navigate & prepare for exam week

Midyears

- The week of midterms itself went well, the food provided was greatly appreciated, although the whole 'take one' thing only worked so well. The exams were well organized, invigilators were informed & no complaints about the buses. Everything went well
- Some feel that having midyears one week after the break is not ideal. The reality is, most information is far from fresh in students' heads after the 2-week break,

& even given a week dedicated to review, they are not yet fully immersed back into the learning environment. I know many students & teachers struggled to adequately cover the material needed for the tests, & this was reflected in student's grades. As such we may want to consider alternative timing for the midyear exams, such as before winter break. This was done last year due to government COVID-19 measures, & some actually think it worked out quite well if not better than the current setup

Snowball

- The Snowball semi formal grad event was very successful. There were no obvious problems or incidents. Most attendees were very happy with the event & had a good time in the end
- The food was good, with a nice variety
- The DJ was good, they played the right songs at the right time, mostly
- The dancing entertained most people for the rest of the evening. It was fun, a little hectic at times but never really out of control, at least for a dance
- Very happy with grad hoodies - much appreciated
- On a side note, D. Bensimon attended the school play Alice in Wonderland, he was blown away with the talent that was displayed.

10.4 Region 3 Representative for the LBPSB Parents Committee

- No formal report was submitted; parent rep has stepped down
- More information to come at the February GB meeting

10.5 Commissioner

- No report was submitted

11 Correspondence

- No correspondence was received

12 Varia

- No varia were mentioned

13 Date & Location of Next Meeting

- The next governing board meeting will be taking place in the library on February 15 2023 @ 6:45 in person in the school library

14 Adjournment

22-23-28: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:52 pm & was passed unanimously; the next governing board meeting will be taking place in the library on February 15 2023 at 6:45

Respectfully submitted by Sue Day, Executive Assistant, High School Sector

Approved _____
J. Kurta, Principal

Approved _____
D. Bensimon, Governing Board Chair