



**JOHN RENNIE HIGH SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD
Minutes of Meeting 2022-2023 #10
14 September 2023¹
Meeting held virtually on Zoom**

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

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

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

Student Reps: Absent

Community Rep: Absent

Commissioner: Absent

Public: Cecilia Ugarte

Secretary: Absent

Regrets: A. Saunders, A. Cooper, G. Grenier-McDermott, M. Venturino, M. Fuga, R. Santamaria, S. Vann, S. Day, W. Kogan.

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

- D. Bensimon called the meeting to order at 6:49 p.m.
- Territorial land acknowledgement was recited by D. Bensimon.

2. Approval of the agenda

22-23-61: The agenda was approved unanimously, via a motion from C. Veillette & seconded by C. Santaguida.

3. Approval of the minutes from the last meeting

22-23-62: The minutes from the meeting held on 21 June 2023 were approved, via a motion from A. Sayfy & seconded by L. Brabant. Two abstentions were noted while voting (C. Veillette and K. Leonard), having been absent at the said meeting.

¹ The meeting was originally planned to be held in person on 13 September 2023, but this was changed to a virtual meeting on 14 September 2023 following a request from the school.

4. Question Period

- No questions were received from the public that was present.
- Ms. Jessica Pinto, the new Vice-Principal for Secondary 3 & 4 was introduced to the meeting.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

- Standards and Procedures Document: although this item had been tabled from the previous meeting, it was requested that it be tabled again until the next meeting.
- Revised annual report for the Governing Board (GB): D. Bensimon informed the meeting that the annual report for the 2022-2023 school year that he had presented to the GB June 2023 was modified to include all documents that the GB had discussed and to include the 14 September 2023 meeting. The revised annual report was posted on the [meeting shared drive](#) and sent to all parents with the announcement of the Annual General Assembly (AGA) of the GB, taking place on 21 September 2023.

6. Consultations

- D. Bensimon informed the meeting that consultations had been launched on the following topics:
 - Policy on School Daycare and Lunch Program and School and Continuing Education Fees Policy
 - By-Law 9 - Complaint Process
 - Commitment to Success Plan
- As all of these consultations involve relatively lengthy documents that all may not have read, and since the responses to these are all due 17 November 2023, it was suggested that a discussion of these be tabled until the next meeting.

7. New Business

- **Reminder of GB parent representatives up for election at AGA**: D. Bensimon reminded the meeting that 4 of the 8 parent members of the GB were seeing their terms end as of September 2023 (C. Veillette, C. Chabot, D. Bensimon, S. Legore). If these parents still have children attending the school, they can present themselves

at the AGA as candidates for re-election. A form to present one's candidacy for the GB was emailed to all parents by the school on 14 September 2023.

8. Fundraisers

- There were none to approve at this meeting, but it was mentioned that the Terry Fox fundraiser would be taking place on 15 September 2023.

9. Field Trips

- 21 October 2023: Sec. V trip to La Ronde
 - Transportation: bus
 - Cost to student: \$50 or \$20 for those with season passes to La Ronde.
 - A 20:1 ratio of students to adults is expected on this trip.
- 10-12 November 2023: Futsal tournament
 - This is a joint tournament for École secondaire Félix-Leclerc and John Rennie High School and will be held at the latter.
 - No cost to students.
- 22 November 2023: Career Fair
 - This is for secondary V, Projet Personnel d'Orientation (PPO) and work-oriented stream students.
 - The fair will be held at Doubletree by Hilton Pointe Claire Montreal Airport West.
 - Kiosks will feature a number of CEGEPs and universities.
 - A maximum of 250 students is expected. 17 adults will accompany them, for an approximate ratio of 15:1.
- 2023-2024 school year: blanket approval for travel to local Pointe-Claire sites (e.g. Terra-Cotta, Pointe-Claire mall, library) for Balance Day, Life Skill, CFER, Phys. Ed and Photography students.

22-23-63: The above-mentioned field trips were approved following a unanimous vote in favour, via a motion from C. Veillette & seconded by R. Lobaton.

10. Reports

- a. **Principal:** The report was uploaded to the [shared drive](#) for the meeting. J. Kurta mentioned that final exams from the Ministère de l'Éducation would now be worth 50% of the final mark in some courses. She mentioned that school fees would soon appear on the Mozaik parent portal and that medical forms could already be filled out or revised. Interim report cards will be issued on 13 October 2023. She described the new procedures that must be followed to file a complaint. Finally, it was mentioned that the school was reassigned to region 2 of the school board.
- b. **Staff:** The meeting was informed that L. Brabant is working with seven new teachers, to help them learn the workings of the school. J. Kurta thanked the teachers for helping students with their locks, which the school now provides.
- c. **Students:** No students attended so no report was presented.
- d. **Representative for the LBPSB Parents' Committee:** there was no news to report on this front, following the summer break.
- e. **Commissioner:** No report was presented, as the commissioner was absent.

11. Correspondence

- a. D. Bensimon informed the meeting that summaries of the Council of Commissioners meetings held on 27 June 2023 and 29 August 2023 had been received and were available on the [shared drive](#).
- b. The meeting was informed that an email promoting a [video](#) on Equity, Diversity, Dignity and Inclusion was received from the school board.

12. Varia

- D. Bensimon thanked all participants of the 2022-2023 GB for their involvement. He mentioned that a new GB would be formed at the AGA on 21 September 2023.

13. Date & Location of Next Meeting

- The next governing board meeting will be the Annual General Assembly on 21 September 2023, starting at 8:15 p.m. in the school auditorium.

14. Adjournment

- **22-23-64:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by R. Lobaton at 7:39 p.m. & was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Dov Bensimon, Chair, John Rennie Governing Board

Approved _____
J. Kurta, Principal

Approved _____
D. Bensimon, Governing Board Chair