



John Rennie High School
Governing Board
Minutes of meeting 2023-
2024#3

20 December 2023, 6:30 P.M.

Virtual meeting via Zoom

Parent Reps: D. Bensimon, C. Boyarchuk, I. Friedman, P. Giakoumatos, N. Lawand, C. Veillette

Staff Reps: T. Bingham, M. Fuga, R. Lobaton, K. Pellegrino, A. Sayfy, S.Vann, G.Youness

Administration: E.M. Durand, M. Glendon, J. Kurta, J. Pinto

Student Reps: J. Haim, V. Malaxianakis

Community Rep: None

Commissioner: Absent

Public: None

Secretary: G. Youness

Regrets: A. Saunders, C. Santaguida, E. Schultz, S. Sievers

1. **Call to Order / Verification of Quorum / Territorial Acknowledgement**
 - D. Bensimon called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
 - Territorial land acknowledgement was recited by D. Bensimon.
2. **Approval of the Agenda**
 - **23-24-16:** The agenda was approved unanimously, via a motion from N. Lawand & seconded by R. Lobaton.
3. **Approval of the Minutes from the last meeting**
 - **23-24-17:** The minutes from the meeting held on 27 November 2023 were approved unanimously, via a motion from N. Lawand & seconded by I. Friedman.
4. **Question Period**
 - No questions were raised from the public.
5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
 - Standards and Procedures Document
 - Standards and Procedures Document: this item was tabled until the next meeting.

6. Consultations

- None.

7. New Business

• **Anti-bullying, Anti-violence Plan**

- The draft of [ABAV plan](#) was uploaded to the shared drive for the meeting. A lot of the items in the ABAV plan are predetermined by the school board. There are some new additions because of Bill 9 which are highlighted in yellow. The section about the analysis of the situation is where the school adds their input following the 2023 OurSchool survey. This plan is evaluated annually at the end of year in May. Some posters were created to promote a safe school environment which will be showcased on the school TVs. There are also many groups and clubs led by staff to ensure a safe and caring school.

The draft ABAV plan was approved unanimously, via a motion from R. Lobaton & seconded by T. Bingham. **(23-24-18)**

• **Draft budget**

- The draft budget was presented and explained during the meeting by J. Kurta.

The budget was approved unanimously, via a motion from N. Lawand & seconded by T. Bingham. **(23-24-19)**

• **Principal Selection criteria for the 2024-2025 school year**

The [Principal selection criteria](#) document was uploaded to the shared drive for the meeting. D. Bensimon informed the meeting that this exercise is done yearly. It is best done in person, therefore this item was tabled until the next meeting in January.

8. Fundraisers

- None.

9. Field trips/activities

- **April 10-19 2025:** Grade 11 students will take a trip to Europe (France and Spain). They will travel by plane, bus, and boat. The cost is 4985\$/student, 1:7 adult/student ratio.
- **December 21 2023:** 29 grade 11 students will visit the Wellesley Retirement home. They will walk to the senior residence. There is no cost to

the students. 1:10 adult/student ratio.

The above were approved with all but one in favour following a motion by K. Pelligrino, seconded by R. Lobaton (23-24-20).

10. Reports

- **Principal:** The [report](#) was uploaded to the shared drive for the meeting.
- **Staff:** The [report](#) was uploaded to the shared drive for the meeting.
- **Students:** No report was submitted. The student representative informed the meeting that there is a sense of pride and connection at JRHS due to the actor's studio play, more students attending sport events and overall great school spirit.
- **LBPSB Parents Committee Representative:** Their last meeting was canceled, and no report was submitted.
- **Commissioner:** The commissioner was absent, and no report was submitted.

11. Correspondence

- D. Bensimon informed the meeting that a summary of the Council of Commissioners Meeting held on 27 November 2023 and 18 December 2023 was available on the [shared drive](#).
- D. Bensimon informed the meeting that an updated consultation about the Enrolment Criteria Policy was uploaded to [shared drive](#).
- The meeting was informed that the December 2023 edition of the Pearson News was available at <https://pearsonnews.ca/>.

12. Varia

- J. Kurta thanked all governing board members. She expressed her gratitude and appreciation towards everyone's devotion and collaboration despite the members' busy schedules, family responsibilities, and other duties. She wished everyone happy holidays and a wonderful time off.

13. Date and location of Next Meeting

- The next governing board meeting will be held on 24 January 2024, 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

14. Adjournment

- **23-24-21:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by N. Lawand at 7:28 p.m. & was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Ghada Youness, Secretary, John Rennie Governing Board

Approved _____
J. Kurta, Principal

Approved _____
D. Bensimon, Governing Board Chair