



John Rennie High School
Governing Board
Minutes of meeting 2023-
2024#4
24 January 2024, 6:30 P.M.
Meeting in JRHS school library

Parent Reps: D. Bensimon, C. Boyarchuk, C. Veillette, E. Schultz,
Staff Reps: T. Bingham, R. Lobaton, K. Pellegrino, A. Sayfy, S. Sievers, S.Vann,
G.Youness

Administration: J. Kurta, J. Pinto

Student Reps: J. Haim, V. Malaxianakis

Community Rep: None

Commissioner: Absent

Public: None

Secretary: G. Youness

Regrets: I. Friedman, M. Fuga, P. Giakoumatos, M. Glendon, N. Lawand, C.
Santaguida, A. Saunders

1. **Call to Order / Verification of Quorum / Territorial Acknowledgement**
 - D. Bensimon called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.
 - Territorial land acknowledgement was recited by D. Bensimon.
2. **Approval of the Agenda**
 - **23-24-22:** The agenda was approved unanimously, via a motion from C. Veillette & seconded by R. Lobaton.
3. **Approval of the Minutes from the last meeting**
 - **23-24-23:** The minutes from the meeting held on 20 December 2023 were approved, via a motion from T. Bingham & seconded by C. Veillette. Two abstentions were noted while voting, having been absent at the said meeting.
4. **Question Period**
 - No questions were received from the public.
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.

- Principal Selection criteria for the 2024-2025 school year: D. Bensimon informed the meeting that the Principal Selection criteria is an exercise that is done yearly. This document is due 15 March 2024. He presented the letter that was sent last year to the Lester B. Pearson school board. This document was posted in the [shared drive](#) prior to the meeting. There was a discussion among governing board members and some changes will be made accordingly.

6. New Business

- Introduction of new GB participant: Lucy Glave is a new governing board member. She is the vice-principal to cycle 1 students. L. Glave was absent from the meeting, she will be introduced during the next meeting.
- Update to Extracurricular Activities and Field Trip Policy: J. Kurta informed the meeting that there are no more restrictions on international travel, teachers can organize trips in any country, unless there is a government travel advisory. Payments are made directly to travel agencies, these companies have insurance in case a reimbursement is needed due to unforeseeable reasons (i.e. covid). These companies also offer information sessions to explain their policies to parents when a payment is made.

7. Consultations

- LBPSB Budget 2024-2025 consultation: this consultation involves a relatively lengthy document that all may not have read, and since the response to it is due 28 March 2024, it was suggested that a discussion be tabled until the next meeting. The document was posted in the [shared drive](#) prior to the meeting. J. Kurta informed the meeting to pay attention to the funds allocated to the direct support of students with special needs and challenges. She also recommended looking at investing in the infrastructure of the JRHS building to support students directly.

8. Fundraisers

- The following fundraisers were presented to the meeting:
 - 13, 14, 27, 28 April 2024: Fundraiser for Harding sisters to support medical and treatment bills, bagging groceries at Provigo Kirkland.
 - 2023-2024 school year: Tiger Café - BD students will prepare coffee and baked goods to sell to staff members. The money will be reinvested back into the program.
 - 15 February 2024: Cycle One Play - Fundraiser will offset cost of

supplies for the play.

- The above were approved unanimously following a motion by S. Sievers, seconded by C. Boyarchuk (23-24-24).

9. Field trips/activities

- **The following field trips were presented to the meeting:**
 - **22 February 2024:** CFER and BD students will visit the Holocaust Museum. They will travel by bus. There is no cost to students. 1:6 adult/student ratio.
 - **15 March 2024:** CFER and BD students will visit Space for Life. They will travel by bus. There is no cost to students. 1:6 adult/student ratio.
 - **15 March 2024:** Secondary IV will visit the Holocaust Museum. They will travel by bus. There is no cost to the students. 1:15 adult/student ratio.
 - **17 May 2024:** CFER and BD students will visit the Ecomuseum Zoo. They will travel by bus. There is no cost to students. 1:6 adult/student ratio.
 - **23 June 2024:** Secondary IV graduation celebration at the Cavalier Maxim Dinner Cruise. The student will arrive on their own. The cost is 150\$/student. 1:26 adult/student ratio.
- The above were all approved in favour following a motion by S. Vann, seconded by R. Lobaton (23-24-25).

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:** The [report](#) was uploaded to the shared drive for the meeting.
- **LBPSB Parents Committee Representative:** The [report](#) was uploaded to the shared drive for the meeting.
- **Commissioner:** No report was presented, as the commissioner was absent.

11. Correspondence

- D. Bensimon informed the meeting that an update has been posted regarding the Policy on School Daycare and Lunch Program and School and Continuing Education Fees Policy. It was posted in the [shared drive](#) prior to the meeting. D. Bensimon invited GB members to read it.

12. Varia

- Nothing to report.

13. Date and location of Next Meeting

- The next governing board meeting will be held on Thursday, 22 February 2024, 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

14. Adjournment

- **23-24-26:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by C. Veillette at 7:54 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