



**JOHN RENNIE HIGH SCHOOL**  
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Good afternoon John Rennie Parents,

We would like to invite you to our Annual General Assembly on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. This is your opportunity to get more involved in your child(ren)'s education. Once a year parents have the opportunity to put their name forward as a potential candidate for Governing Board. There are 4 positions open this school year. There are many different things that the members of the governing board address each year, from approval of field trips and fundraising activities to approving the school budgets, and consumable fees. Governing Boards are also regularly consulted by the School Board on various topics from Major School Change, to bussing and the overall setting of the Boards' budget priorities. The GB meets only once per month and meetings are generally between 1-2 hours.

This is an especially important year as one of the major changes proposed by the Quebec Government with respect to the Education Act is the possible dissolution of the Council of Commissioners and replacement of the council with what the government refers to as a Service Center. The Board of Directors of the new Service Center will be composed of parents, teachers and members of the community. However, in order to be eligible for a seat on the Board of Directors of the new Service Center you must be a member of a Governing Board. Even if this is not of interest to you, being a part of the Governing Board is still a great way to get involved at the school level.

To sign up for the Zoom meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup>, please click on the link <https://secure.innovision.qc.ca/lbpsb/pub/InscriptionVote.aspx>. You will then be registered to receive your personalized username and password which will be required to enter the meeting. There is a spot on the bottom of the form to indicate your interest in joining the Governing Board. If you are not sure, there will be an opportunity during the meeting for you to voice your interest.

Please find attached a copy of the minutes of the Parent AGA from September 2019. The Annual Report will be posted on our school website next week.

Thank you.

William Kogan  
GB Chair



Cristina Prata  
Principal

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**1. Opening & Welcome**

Shane Ross introduced himself as the Governing Board Chair and welcomed all in attendance to the 2019 JRHS AGM.

**2. Naming of AGM Secretary**

Sandra Gesualdi nominated herself to be the AGM secretary.

*2019-AGM-1 Motion to accept Sandra Gesualdi as AGM secretary was made by Shane Ross. The motion was carried unanimously.*

**3. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was distributed and presented on the screen.

*2019-AGM-2 Motion to approve the agenda was made by Alex Perelmiter. The motion was carried unanimously.*

**4. A word from the Principal**

Principal Prata welcomed and thanked the parents for attending the AGM. She encouraged parents to participate in school life (committees) because schools run best when parents get involved. She introduced the JRHS administrative team:

Cycle 1: Ms. Newton

Sec. 3 & 4: Ms. Joyce

Sec. 5 & Sports Etudes: Mr. Larocque

**5. Role and responsibility of Governing Board (GB), Regional Parents' Committee, Special Needs Advisory Committee (SNAC) and Parent Participation Organization (PPO)**

Shane Ross explained the roles and responsibilities of the above mentioned committees; This information can be found on the school website and also on the LBPSB website.

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**6. Election Procedure**

Four GB parent positions needed to be filled and the remaining four parent positions on the GB have one more year of their two year term to complete.

**7. Nomination of Elections Officials: Election president, secretary and ballot counters**

Shane Ross continued to chair the meeting. Sandra Gesualdi continued to document the minutes. Principal Prata, Ms. Joyce and Andrew Sparks will count the election ballots, if need be.

**8. Governing Board**

**8.1. Introduction of current members (those in 2nd year of their term)**

The remaining parent GB members were named:

Shane Ross, Romina Constantini, Phil Petruzzo, Alex Perelmiter

**8.2. Election of new GB Parent Representatives**

Nominees: Julie-Ann Leblanc, William Kogan, Mike Wilson, Susana Lazaro,  
Diana Lasry, Rebecca Spagnolo, Claudia Bino

All nominees were self-nominated. Each nominee introduced themselves. Considering that the number of nominees exceeded the number of vacant positions on the GB, a private ballot election followed.

**8.3. 2018-2019 Annual Report**

Shane Ross gave an overview of this report and it was also presented on the screen.

**8.4. Naming of new GB Parent Representatives**

The 2019 elected GB members: Julie-Ann Leblanc, William Kogan,  
Mike Wilson and Susana Lazaro

**8.5. Election of GB substitutes**

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The non-elected nominees will be substitutes in the case that a parent cannot attend a meeting: The substitutes are as follows: Diana Lazry, Rebecca Spagnolo, Claudia Bino and Andrew Sparks (former GB member).

**9. Parents' Committee**

**9.1. Parents' Committee Representative Report**

No report was presented at this time.

**9.2. Election of Regional Parent Representative**

Shane Ross nominated himself as Regional Parent Rep.

*2019-AGM-3 Motion to accept Shane Ross as Regional Parent Rep. was made by Andrew Sparks. The motion was carried unanimously.*

**9.3. Election of Alternate Parent Representative**

Mike Wilson nominated himself as Regional Alternate Parent Rep.

*2019-AGM-4 Motion to accept Mike Wilson as Regional Parent Rep. was made by Shane Ross. The motion was carried unanimously.*

**10. JRHS Parent Participation Organization (PPO)**

**10.1. Presentation of Annual Report**

No report was presented as this time.

**10.2. Formation and naming of PPO**

*2019-AGM-5 Motion to have a PPO was made by Flora-Lee Bendit. The motion was carried with 103 in favor, 0 against and 3 abstentions. Carried.*

**10.3. Election of new PPO members**

- Parents interested to be members of the PPO were asked to sign up (their name and contact information).
- Karl Santaguida volunteered to be the PPO Chair.

**11. Destruction of election ballots**

*2019-AGM-6 Motion to destroy the voting ballots was made by Phil Petruzzo. The motion was carried unanimously. The voting ballots were destroyed by Principal Prata.*

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- 12. Date of first Governing Board meeting: September 17, 2019.**  
The meeting was adjourned at 6:57PM