

September 11, 2017

Dear John Rennie Parents,

You are cordially invited to Curriculum Night at John Rennie High School on Tuesday, September 19th, from 6:00 – 8:00pm, followed by the Annual General Assembly in the school auditorium, at 8:30pm. This is an opportunity for you to learn what the academic and classroom expectations are for you and your child this coming year. As well, information on communication, assessment and other topics are shared. It is important to note this evening is not a time to discuss particular concerns for your child. Please be advised that Sports-Etudes S-Block will commence at 5:45pm, and parents will proceed to period 1 at 6:00pm.

At the AGA, parents will have an opportunity to take part in school decisions at the Governing Board level. If you intend on joining Governing Board, please read the attached letter and submit your application to the school office by September 15th. Please be prepared to make a brief statement about your candidacy at the AGA. If you intend on applying but are unable to attend the AGA, please submit your completed application to john_rennie_gb@lbpearson.ca.

Please follow this link <https://goo.gl/LjKrC2> to complete the “Student Schedule” (with your son/daughter’s help) as this will be your program for the evening. A map of the school is available on our website or access directly here <http://johnrennie.lbpsb.qc.ca/Documents/Floor-Plan.pdf>

We look forward to seeing you on September 19th.

Regards,

Cristina Prata
Principal

**All Parents and Legal Guardians
of
John Rennie High School
students
are cordially invited to attend
the Annual General Assembly of Parents**

Date: Sept. 19, 2017
Time: 8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Place: John Rennie Auditorium

What happens at the Annual General Assembly (AGA)?

- ✓ The Governing Board Annual Report is presented.
- ✓ The parents elect parents to the Governing Board for 2-year terms.
- ✓ The parents elect parents to serve as substitute Governing Board members (the number of substitute parents should equal the total number of parent members).
- ✓ The parents elect, from amongst the Governing Board parents, a Parent Representative and an Alternate Parent Representative to the LBPSB Parents' Committee.
- ✓ The parents who are present will determine if the school will have a PPO for the year.

Governing Board

What is a Governing Board?

Every public school in Quebec has a Governing Board (GB). They are responsible for issues involving school life, the annual budget and the development of school policies. They are also the primary consultative bodies for School Board policies.

In addition to parents, our GB consists of **8** staff, **8** parents and **2 Sec. 5** students who are voting members, elected from and by their constituents. Two community representatives and the principal (or designate) have voice, but no vote. Monthly meetings are usually held the second Tuesday of the month.

Number of parents who are in their 2nd year on GB: 4
Number of parent seats to be filled this year: 4
Term of office: 2 years

How Do I Join Governing Board?

Complete & submit the Nomination form to me or to the school office by **Sept. 15th OR** attend the AGA and present yourself in person by giving a 2-minute talk about yourself and the reasons for your candidacy.

Members of the Governing Board will be elected by secret ballot.

Parent Participation Organization

The PPO provides a forum for parents to share ideas. Its role is to promote the collaboration of parents in developing, implementing and evaluating the school's educational project. They may advise the parent members of the Governing Board or can be consulted by them on any matter. The number and schedule of meetings will be determined by the PPO.

A school can have both a PPO and a Home & School Association. The Home & School group generally focusses on fund-raising activities and organizing special events, whereas the PPO focuses on educational issues that foster student success.

Parents who attend the Annual General Assembly will decide whether to establish and name a school-level Parent Participation Organization, as well as elect its members.

Number of parent seats to be filled: to be determined
Term of office: 1 year

Please consider running for a position on these important committees!

Attend the Annual General Assembly meeting to elect the parents that you feel best speak for you on school issues.

Thank you!

Lana Roberts
GB Chair

John Rennie High School
NOMINATION FORM
ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
September 19, 2017

To the Attention of Parents and Legal Guardians of students who are interested in joining the school Governing Board or Parent Participation Organization.

Please complete this form and return to the School Office by September 15th, 2017.

N.B. The election of Parents' Committee Representatives will also take place at the Annual General Assembly of Parents.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Telephone numbers: _____

Children in the school:

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Name: _____

Grade: _____

GOVERNING BOARD

I declare my candidacy as a Parent Representative on Governing Board.

Signature _____

NOTE: GB candidates may be asked to present a 1- or 2-minute biography in person during the meeting. It might include some of the following information:

- Reasons for your interest in GB
- Experience working with schools
- Related experience
- Ideas you would like to see discussed for John Rennie High School
- Your personal vision for John Rennie High School

Alternatively, please attach your biography to this form, and it will be presented on your behalf, but please be aware that parents who do not present themselves in person typically have a lesser chance of being elected.