

September 5, 2018

Good Afternoon,

On September 13th, John Rennie will be hosting its Annual General Meeting followed by Curriculum Night. Please consult the attached document for information concerning the AGA, which will begin at 6 pm. The below link is to a document that, with your child's assistance, you can write the classes and blocks for his or her day 1 schedule that you will follow that evening.

Please note that the Sport-Études Curriculum Night will begin at 6:30 while the rest of the school will begin at 6:45.

Thank you.

Cristina Prata

Principal

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1A6muIFt9fWIB1gFxaIdMndU3QQ-QkdQPOjaIcFBmOJ0/edit?usp=sharing>



**You are cordially invited to attend the  
2018-2019 Annual General Assembly and Curriculum Night**

**Date: Thursday, September 13, 2018**

**Time: 6:00 p.m.**

**Place: Louise Chalmers Auditorium, followed by John Rennie High School classrooms**

## **Part I - Annual General Assembly**

### **What happens at the Annual General Assembly (AGA)?**

- ✓ You will be presented the Governing Board 2017-2018 Annual Report.
- ✓ You will elect parents to sit the Governing Board for two-year terms and a replacement to sit for a one-year term.
- ✓ You will elect parents to serve as substitute Governing Board members, the number of which must not exceed the total number of parent members.
- ✓ You will elect, from amongst the Governing Board parent members, a parent representative and an alternate parent representative to the LBPSB Parents' Committee.
- ✓ You will help decide whether or not to form a Parent Participation Organization for the year.

## **Governing Board**

### **What Is a Governing Board (GB)?**

Every public school in Québec has a 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 and 2 students who are voting members, elected from and by their constituents. Two community representatives and the principal (or designate) have voice, but no vote. Five or more meetings are held every school year, generally on the second Tuesday of each month.

<b>Number of parent seats to be filled this year:</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Term of office:</b>	<b>2 years</b>
<b>Number of parent seats to be replaced this year:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Term of office:</b>	<b>1 year</b>



### **How Do I Join the GB?**

Complete and submit the nomination form to me at the email address listed below or to the school office by Tuesday, September 11, 2018 **OR** attend the AGA and present yourself in person by giving a 2-minute talk about yourself and the reasons for your candidacy (preferred).

GB members will be elected by secret ballot.

### **Parent Participation Organization (PPO)**

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 projects. They may advise the parent members of the GB 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 focuses on fund-raising activities and organizing special events, whereas the PPO focuses on educational issues that foster student success.

**Parents who attend the AGA will decide whether to establish and name (declare) a school-level PPO. If the parents decide to do so, the parent members must be elected and named during the AGA. The number of members is determined by PPO internal rules or by the AGA if the PPO did not previously exist.**

**Term of office: 1 year**

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Please consider running for a position on these important committees!

Attend the AGA to elect the parents that you feel best speak for you on school issues.

Thank you!

Flora-Lee Bendit  
Governing Board Chair, John Rennie High School  
[john\\_rennie\\_gb@lbpearson.ca](mailto:john_rennie_gb@lbpearson.ca)



## **Roles and Responsibilities of Elected Governing Board Parents**

### **Parent representatives to Governing Board (GB)**

Parents are elected to represent their parent body at GB meetings and to make decisions on behalf of all children at their school. Even if parents have specific issues, they are asked to set them aside and vote according to the best interests of all children. Voting is a privilege and abstentions should generally be avoided. A common reason for abstaining from a vote would be if there is a conflict of interest.

### **Parent substitutes to GB**

Parents are elected to represent their parent body at GB meetings in the absence of a parent representative. When acting in the place of a parent representative, the substitute has the full rights and responsibilities afforded therein.

### **Parent representative to the LBPSB Parents' Committee (PC)**

The parent representative to the PC is elected by the entire parent body **at the AGA** from amongst GB parent members. The PC parent representative represents all the parents of his/her school and attends regular monthly meetings at the school board (usually the first Thursday of each month). Parent representatives are automatically members of the PC, and they may be elected to various LBPSB committees (Education, Facilities, Transportation, Intercultural, etc.), represent parents at Council as a commissioner for the Parents' Committee, or serve as delegates of the PC to external organizations, such as the Pearson Educational Foundation (PEF) or the English Parents' Committee Association (EPCA). Parent representatives are expected to report back to the parents of their schools and to communicate with the various school and school-affiliated committees (i.e. Parent Participation Organization and Home & School).

### **Alternate parent representative to the LBPSB PC**

This parent also represents all parents of their school and is a member of the LBPSB PC. Voting is relegated to the alternate at PC meetings **only** in the absence of the parent representative. Alternates may also be elected to represent parents on select LBPSB committees, participate in the subcommittees of the PC or serve as delegates of the PC to external organizations, such as PEF and EPCA.



**JOHN RENNIE HIGH SCHOOL - NOMINATION FORM  
ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018**

**To the attention of students' parents and legal guardians** who are interested in joining the school Governing Board or Parent Participation Organization.

Please complete this form and return it to the Governing Board Chair, Flora-Lee Bendit, at [john\\_rennie\\_gb@lbpearson.ca](mailto:john_rennie_gb@lbpearson.ca) or to the school office on or before **Tuesday, September 11, 2018.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Children attending John Rennie High School:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** 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 being a Governing Board member
- 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. Note that parents who do not present themselves in person typically have a lesser chance of being elected.

I declare my candidacy as:

- a parent representative on Governing Board  
 a parent substitute on Governing Board

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_