



**JOHN RENNIE HIGH SCHOOL  
GOVERNING BOARD  
Minutes of Meeting 2022-2023 #1  
October 26 2022  
Meeting Held in Person**

**Parent Reps:** D. Bensimon, C. Boyarchuk, S. Hassanien, K. Leonard, E. Schultz, C. Veillette, D. Spinner

**Staff Reps:** L. Brabant, A. Cooper, M. Fuga, R. Lobaton, K. Pellegrino, A. Sayfy, S. Sievers, S. Vann

**Administration:** E-M Durand, J. Kurta

**Student Rep:** R. Lizarraga Santamaria

**Community Rep:** Absent

**Commissioner:** Absent

**Public:** No Public in Attendance

**Secretary:** S. Day

**Regrets:** C. Chabot, W. Kogan, M. Larocque, S. Legore, C. Schafer-Kly

**1. Call to Order/Verification of Quorum**

- J. Kurta called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm

**2. Approval of the agenda**

22-23-1: The agenda was approved unanimously, via a motion moved by C. Veillette & seconded by R. Lobaton.

**3. Approval of the Minutes from September 13 2022**

22-23-2: The minutes from September 13 2022 were approved unanimously, via a motion moved by C. Boyarchuk & seconded by D. Bensimon.

**4. Question Period**

- No public was present therefore no questions were asked.

## **5 Business Arising From the Minutes**

### **5.1 School/Center Name & External Property Name Policy**

- Due November 15 2022
- Document is available on the shared drive
- Please review & email any comments directly to D. Bensimon
- D. Bensimon will compile all comments & will send a governing board response

### **5.2 2022-2023 ABAV Plan**

- Please refer to the link below for the 2022-2023 JRHS ABAV Plan  
[JRHS ABAV Plan 2022-2023](#)
- The ABAV Plan is in alignment with the Safe & Caring school policy
- The ABAV Plan will be posted on the school website  
22-23-3: The 2022-2023 ABAV Plan was approved unanimously, via a motion moved by A. Cooper & seconded by D. Bensimon.

## **6 Consultations**

- School/Center Name & External Property Name Policy (see above).

## **7 New Business**

### **7.1 Selection of GB Chair**

- The Governing Board Chairperson term of office is 1 year
- D. Bensimon came forth on the floor to apply for the Governing Board Chairperson position
- Due to the fact that D. Bensimon was the only parent who came forth for this position, by acclamation, D. Bensimon will be the 2022-2023 JRHS Governing Board Chairperson.
  
- Territorial land acknowledgement was recited by D. Bensimon, who chaired the remainder of the meeting from this point.

### **7.2 Appointment of GB Secretary**

- R. Lobaton nominated Sue Day as the Governing Board Secretary
- Due to the fact that Sue Day was the only nomination for this position, by

acclamation, Sue Day will be the Governing Board Secretary.

### **7.3 Selection of GB Parent Member (1 Year Term)**

- There was some discussion to clarify which parent member would fill the one-year term & which parent would fill the two-year term.
- The one-year term was created by the departure of another parent representative who had been elected to a two-year term in September 2021.
- After some discussion, it was agreed that C. Veillette would fill the one-year term & that C. Boyarchuk would fill the two-year term.

### **7.4 Selection of GB Parent Committee Rep**

- S. Hassanien came forth on the floor to apply for the GB Parent Committee Rep position.
- Due to the fact that S. Hassanien was the only parent who came forth for the GB Parent Committee Rep, by acclamation, S. Hassanien will be the GB Parent Committee Rep.
  
- C. Boyarchuk came forth on the floor to apply for the GB Parent Committee Alternate Rep position.
- Due to the fact that C. Boyarchuk was the only parent who came forth for the GB Parent Committee Alternate Rep position, by acclamation, C. Boyarchuk will be the GB Parent Committee Alternate Rep.

### **7.5 Selection of GB Vice Chair**

- K. Leonard came forth on the floor to apply for the GB Vice Chair position.
- Due to the fact that K. Leonard was the only parent who came forth for the GB Vice Chair position, by acclamation, K. Leonard will be the GB Vice Chair.

### **7.6 Nominees for Community Representative**

- Prior to the governing board meeting, M. Venturino came forth to apply for the Community Representative position.  
22-23-4: The nomination of M. Venturino as the Community Representative was approved unanimously via a motion moved by S. Hassanien & seconded

By D. Spinner.

### **7.7 Dates & Times of 2022-2023 Governing Board Meetings**

- All future Governing Board meetings will be taking place in person, in the library, beginning at 6:45 on the following dates:
  - November 16
  - December 14
  - January 25
  - February 15
  - March 22
  - April 19
  - May 17
  - June 14

### **7.8 Formation of Dress Code Subcommittee**

- Recommendations will be made at the subcommittee meeting
- Date/time of meeting TBD
- The following people have volunteered to be members of the Dress Code Subcommittee:
  - A. Cooper
  - E. Schultz
  - S. Hassanien
  - D. Spinner
  - R. Lobaton
  - R. Lizarraga Santamaria
  - M. Fuga
  - K. Leonard

### **7.9 Protocole D'Entente with Montreal Synchro & Fédération Natation Artistique Québec**

- New Sport Etudes partner
- Criteria is followed very carefully

- 22-23-5: The motion to have the Montreal Synchro & the Federation Natation Artistique Québec as a part of the Sport Etudes program was approved unanimously, via a motion moved by A. Sayfy & seconded by C. Veillette.

## **8 Fundraisers**

### **8.1 Leadership Fundraiser (Greeting Cards)**

- Big Box Leadership Fundraiser
- Taking place November 21-24 2022

### **8.2 Santa for Seniors - CFER Fundraiser Activity**

- Candy sale that will be taking place on December 7th & December 14th during the Jr & Sr lunch
- Funds raised will be going towards a purchase of Xmas baskets for Seniors

### **8.3 Athletics Canteen**

- Taking place on November 4 & 5 2022 (Friday evening/Saturday)

### **8.4 Actor's Studio Advertising Space**

- November/December, March/April (2 shows)
- \$125 advertising fee for both shows

22-23-6: The Santa for Seniors, Athletics Canteen as well as the Actor's Studio Advertising space were all approved unanimously, via a motion moved by C. Boyarchuk & seconded by D. Spinner

22-23-7: Greeting Cards Leadership Fundraiser was approved, with 1 abstention, via a motion moved by A. Cooper & seconded by S. Sievers

## **9 Field Trips**

### **9.1 Biology Field Trip to Biodome & Planetarium - Grade 11**

- Taking place on October 25 2022 (9:15-2:15)
- Free of charge
- Transportation: public transportation

### **9.2 Trip to McCord Museum - Grade 10**

- Taking place on November 23 2022 (9:30-2:30)
- Cost per student: \$10
- Transportation: school bus

### **9.3 Exhibition Futsal Matches - Grade 7-11**

- Date TBD
- Taking place after school at JRHS & PCHS
- Transportation: carpool/public transportation

### **9.4 Futsal Tournament - Grade 7-11**

- Taking place November 4, 5 & 6 2022 (Friday evening, Saturday & Sunday)
- Taking place at JRHS/Felix Leclerc
- Cost per student: \$25
- Transportation: Is not provided, students to get to venue on their own

### **9.5 Chasse Aux Fantômes - Montreal Ghost Walk- Grade 9**

- Taking place on October 28 2022 (all day event)
- Traveling by school bus to Old Montreal
- Cost per student: \$38

### **9.6 Remembrance Day Music Performance- Grade 9 & 10**

- Taking place on November 9 2022 (9:30-1:30)
- Taking place at Sunshine Academy Elementary School
- Traveling by van
- Free of charge

### **9.7 Elementary School Music Tours - Grade 9-11**

- Taking place on November 24 2022 (9:00-2:00)
- Taking place at St John Fisher, Dorval & Terry Fox Elementary School
- Traveling by school bus
- Cost per student: \$20

### **9.8 Guided Tour of the Vieux Port de Montreal - Grade 10**

- Taking place on November 10 2022 (9:00-3:30)
- Traveling by school bus
- Cost per student: Max \$36

### **9.9 Discovery Days at McGill University - Grade 11**

- Taking place on December 6 2022 (8:00-3:30)
- Traveling by public transportation
- Free of charge

### **9.10 CFER Visit to the Lachenaie Landfill - CFER Students**

- Taking place on November 2 2022 (11:00-3:00)
- Traveling by carpool
- Free of charge

### **9.11 Glee Club at the Corona Theater**

- More information to come

22-23-8: All of the above-mentioned field trips were approved unanimously, via a motion moved by C. Veillette & seconded by C. Boyarchuk

## **10 Reports**

### **10.1 Principal**

#### **Building Updates**

- The CFER workspace is undergoing last minute renos & we have started to move into the resource room

#### **CFER**

- We are still settling on a new name for CFER; the proposed name is CFER Ouest/West. We have an audit mid-November

#### **Parascolaire**

- We are starting after school activities 5 days a week offered to any student for free due to a grant from the MEES

### **Field Trips**

- Many teachers are taking advantage of taking students on outings. Outings to the USA are still not permitted due to insurance coverage

### **Open House**

- Our open house was very well organized by VP's & teachers on the committee. Special thanks to leadership & other students who represented our school & to the Home & School, SE Sports partners, & outside organizations

### **Interim Reports**

- Were released to parents on October 13th

### **Terry Fox**

- Around \$2000 was raised this year. We will be looking to try to augment that amount in future years

### **Orange Shirt Day**

- Many activities and presentations took place on September 30th

## **10.2 Staff**

- **Leadership Department:** We have run several activities so far; Grad Fright Fest, Welcome Back Spirit Week, Open House, Halloween Spirit Week & the Haunt which will take place on Friday. All have been a huge success
- Teachers have been busy testing & inputting marks for not only the progress reports, but for Term 1 as well because the term will be ending shortly. 3 terms means there is a quick turnaround
- Many teachers have also started offering extracurriculars at both lunchtime & after school. Sports Teams are running as well with a huge participation rate
- The French department will be taking various classes on field trips in the next few days & weeks, most fees being covered by sortie culturelle grants & sports etudes grade 11's also got to go on a field trip last week
- We have hit the ground running. Even though it has been VERY busy, it feels good & normal!



## **Student Services Report**

- All grade 10 & 11 classes received a visit from the guidance counselor in late September. Students received information about potential post-secondary options, open house dates, etc
- On Thursday October 6th, 2022 parents of students in grade 10 & 11 were invited to an information session regarding post-secondary planning
- 40 John Rennie students participated in the PSAT on October 12th, 2022. The PSAT is the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test
- Many grade 10 & 11 students are visiting the guidance office for post-secondary planning on a daily basis

### **10.3 Students**

#### **Halloween Haunt**

- Both leadership classes of grade 11 are having fun tasks are divided evenly
- Grade 11 got creative with the limited resources we were given
- The productivity depended on the day & the mood throughout the day
- We are on track to have a more successful Halloween haunt than we had originally thought
- Decorations are on point as we progress
- Grades came together to get things done such as decorations, candy, etc.

#### **Leadership Projects**

- Knitting premature baby hats, many students find it relaxing, enjoyable

#### **Grad Ski Trip**

- Some students were sad that we were not allowed to cross the border; some grads found that not many were intrigued about the grad ski trip

#### **Junior leadership**

- Spirit week activities for Monday
- Working on little projects & how to run activities while watching the seniors
- They meet once a week

- Fright Fest was successful
- Matilda, Ariana & Emily grade 10 students, virtual leadership meeting

### **Open House**

- Many students attended & it was very successful
- Many sporting organizations showed up to promote their connections with JRHS
- Alumni game definitely attracted many parents to the athletic side of JRHS
- Older generations enjoyed coming in & playing basketball there was healthy competition between graduates & generations; only downfall that there was, was that the tour wasn't very organized & the tours got very crowded very quickly

### **Sport Etude**

- Students are happy that they get more involved in field trips & events
- Nothing to change they're very happy with everything
- They think younger grades should be more involved as well

### **Athletics**

- Flag football, no practice time soccer, coaches are okay with a pretty successful season
- Team is welcoming Basketball's first game on November 3rd. It's a double header at home futsal is starting this week. They have a tournament coming up & they feel prepared & ready to go
- We have volunteers ready to do scorekeeping, time keeping & other things that are open to being done by students
- Hockey: grade 11 feels like they can really help out younger grades & give them advice on the physical aspect of hockey
- Juvenile boys hockey season starts November 3rd against BHS at BHS
- Student photographer will be attending games
- Winter Classic against Laval Senior Academy is taking place on January 27
- Wrestling starts in November
- Flag football, soccer, volleyball & girls softball are all coming to an end

- Swimming, badminton, indoor track & field hockey starts in January

#### **Actors Studio**

- Act 1 & Act 2 are done

#### **Students Perspective**

- Happy that many things are coming back especially after COVID
- Guidance: everything is good there are no comments or concerns

#### **10.4 Region 3 Representative for the LBPSB Parents Committee**

- No report was submitted

#### **10.5 Commissioner**

- No report was submitted

#### **11 Correspondence**

- No correspondence was received

#### **12 Varia**

- No varia was mentioned

#### **13 Date & Location of Next Meeting**

- The next governing board meeting will be taking place in the library on November 16 2022 @ 6:45 p.m.

#### **14 Adjournment**

22-23-9 A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:07 pm & was passed unanimously; the next governing board meeting will be taking place in the library on November 16 2022 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Day, Executive Assistant, High School Sector

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

J. Kurta, Principal

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

D. Bensimon, *Governing Board Chair*