JOHN RENNIE HIGH SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD
Minutes of Meeting 2022-2023 #7
19 April 2023
Meeting held in person in the school library

Parent Reps: C. Veillette, C. Chabot, C. Boyarchuk, D. Bensimon, E. Schultz, S. Legore.

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

Administration: J. Armstrong, J. Kurta, M. Larocque

Student Reps: G. Grenier-McDermott, R. Santamaria

Community Rep: M. Venturino

Commissioner: Absent

Public: No Public in Attendance

Secretary: Absent

Regrets: A. Saunders, A. Cooper, C. Santaguida, E-M Durand, K. Leonard, R. Lobaton, S. Day, W. Kogan.

1. **Call to Order/Verification of Quorum/Territorial Acknowledgement**
   - D. Bensimon called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.
   - Territorial land acknowledgement was recited by D. Bensimon.

2. **Approval of the agenda**
   22-23-40: The agenda was approved unanimously, via a motion from K. Pellegrino & seconded by C. Chabot.

3. **Approval of the minutes from the last meeting**
   22-23-41: The minutes from 22 March 2023 were approved unanimously via a motion from K. Pellegrino & seconded by S. Sievers.

4. **Question Period**
   - No public was present therefore no questions were asked.

5 Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1 Update from Dress Code Subcommittee

- The most recent meeting of the subcommittee was held virtually on 3 April 2023.
- A survey that was approved by the subcommittee was presented to the meeting. It will be emailed to the three main stakeholders: students, staff and parents.
- A motion to approve emailing this survey to stakeholders was moved by C. Chabot and seconded by E. Schultz and was approved unanimously (**Motion 22-23-42).**

6 Consultations

- D. Bensimon informed the meeting that no new consultations were received since the last meeting. He also indicated that an email was received by the school board on 19 April 2023 confirming that the composition of the Governing Board (GB) for John Rennie High School will remain unchanged for the 2023-2024 school year, as requested by the GB.

7 New Business

- **Modified schedule for the examination period**: the proposed exam schedule for May and June 2023 was presented to the meeting. The exams run from 8 May to 20 June 2023. It was mentioned that this schedule is largely imposed by the Ministry of Education. After some discussion, a motion to modify the student schedule during the examination period was moved by C. Veillette and seconded by C. Boyarchuk and approved unanimously (**Motion 22-23-43).**
- **Calendar for the 2023-24 school year**: the calendar was presented and the meeting was informed that the school chose the placement of 4 local pedagogical days. The school also chose to have only Secondary 1 students start on August 31st, 2023, with all other grades starting the following day. A number of days were set aside in February 2024 for exams. A motion to adopt the proposed calendar for the 2023-2024 school year was moved by C. Veillette and seconded by C. Chabot and approved unanimously (**Motion 22-23-44).**

8 Fundraisers

8.1 Mushroom sale

- This activity will take place from 6 to 28 April 2023.

- Fungi that have been growing will be sold and proceeds will be used to buy seeds for next year's activity.

8.2 Pizza fundraiser
- This activity will take place in April and May 2023.
- Participants will be given a code to use when ordering from Domino's and proceeds will go to the school.

8.3 Comedy Night
- This activity will occur on 26 May 2023 in the school auditorium, from 7-9 p.m.
- The cost of a ticket is 25$.
- Soft drinks and snacks will be on sale during the evening as well.
- It is fundraiser organized by Home and School.

22-23-45: Approval for the above fundraisers was given unanimously, following a motion from C. Veillette and seconded by L. Brabant.

9 Field Trips
9.1 21 April 2023: Trip to learn about electricity production (grades 7,8,9)
- Destination: Centrale de Beauharnois
- Transportation: School bus
- Cost to student: $0
- Ratio: 1:4

9.2 29 May – 1 June 2023: Olympiade at Bishop's University (CFER)
- Destination: Bishop's University.
- Transportation: Carpool
- Cost to student: $0
- Ratio: 1:4

9.3 5-7 November 2023: Leadership trip to Niagara Falls (grades 10 & 11)
- Destination: Niagara Falls
- Transportation: coach bus
- Cost to students: $600

- Ratio: 1:8

9.4 14-16 September 2023: Stratford Trip (grades 9-11)
- Destination: Stratford, Ontario
- Transportation: Coach Bus
- Cost to students: $1040
- Ratio: 1:8

9.5 Senior Jazz Band Performance (grades 9-11)
- Destination: LBPSB Boardroom
- Transportation: Carpool
- Cost to students: 0$
- Ratio: 1:9

22-23-46: All of the above-mentioned field trips were approved unanimously, via a motion from L. Brabant & seconded by A. Sayfy.

10 Reports
10.1 Principal
- The principal report was presented and is available on the [shared drive](#).

10.2 Staff
- The staff report was presented and is available on the [shared drive.](#) An email from a grateful parent whose son participated in a robotics tournament and was profoundly inspired by his experience was also shared with the meeting.

10.3 Students
- The student report was presented and is available on the [shared drive.](#)

10.4 Region 3 Representative for the LBPSB Parents Committee
- C. Boyarchuk informed the meeting no meetings of the PC were held since the last GB meeting, so there was nothing to report.

10.5 Commissioner

- No report was presented, as the commissioner was absent.
- D. Bensimon informed the meeting that a summary of the most recent meeting of the Council of Commissioners was available on the shared drive.

11 Correspondence

- No correspondence was received.

12 Varia

- None.

13 Date & Location of Next Meeting

- The next governing board meeting will be taking place on Wednesday, 17 May 2023 @ 6:45 p.m. in person in the school library.

14 Adjournment

- **22-23–47**: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by C. Veillette at 7:55 p.m. & was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Dov Bensimon, Chair, John Rennie Governing Board

Approved _____

J. Kurta, Principal

Approved _____

D. Bensimon, Governing Board Chair