



John Rennie High School
Governing Board
Minutes of meeting 2023-2024
#5
22 February 2024, 6:30 P.M.
Meeting in JRHS school library

Parent Reps: D. Bensimon, C. Boyarchuk, P. Giakoumatos, N. Lawand
Staff Reps: T. Bingham, M. Fuga, K. Pellegrino, A. Sayfy, S. Sievers, S.Vann,
G.Youness
Administration: L. Glave, M. Glendon, J. Kurta, J. Pinto
Student Reps: J. Haim, V. Malaxianakis
Community Rep: None
Commissioner: Absent
Public: None
Secretary: G. Youness
Regrets: I. Friedman, R. Lobaton, C. Santaguida, A. Saunders, E. Schultz, C.
Veillette

1. **Call to Order / Verification of Quorum / Territorial Acknowledgement**
 - D. Bensimon called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
 - Territorial land acknowledgement was recited by D. Bensimon.
2. **Approval of the Agenda**
 - **23-24-27:** The agenda was approved unanimously, via a motion from N. Lawand & seconded by P. Giakoumatos.
3. **Approval of the Minutes from the last meeting**
 - **23-24-28:** The minutes from the meeting held on 24 January 2024 were approved, via a motion from T. Bingham & seconded by A. Sayfy. One abstention was noted while voting, having been absent at the said meeting.
4. **Question Period**
 - No questions were received from the public.
5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
 - Introduction of new GB participant: the new governing board member was introduced L. Glave. She is the vice-principal of cycle 1.
 - Standards and Procedures Document: although this item had been tabled

from the previous meeting, it was requested that it be tabled again until the next meeting.

- Principal Selection criteria for the 2024-2025 school year: D. Bensimon informed the meeting that the principal selection criteria letter was sent to Lester B. Pearson school board. This document was posted in the [shared drive](#) prior to the meeting.
- LBPSB Budget 2024-2025 consultation: This document is due on 28 March 2024. D. Bensimon noted the items discussed regarding the budget and objectives and will send it accordingly.

6. New Business

- WILBA: This organization has requested the use of 2 classrooms on 23 and 24 March 2024.
 - The above was approved via a motion by N. Lawand, seconded by 'M. Fuga. (23-24-29)
- Options courses: M. Fuga will run grade 9 and 10 level assemblies to present and explain the new options courses for the following school year.
- Here are the new courses offered next year:
 - grade 11 yearbook/photography course
 - grade 11 science fiction
- The new options courses were approved via a motion by P. Giakoumatos, seconded by A. Sayfy. (23-24-30)

7. Consultations

- Dates of the council of commissioners meeting: There were no comments regarding the council of commissioners meeting dates. This document was posted in the [shared drive](#) prior to the meeting.
- Governing Board Composition 2024-2025: GB members recommend no changes to the composition and to remain status quo.

8. Fundraisers

- The following fundraisers were presented to the meeting:
 - **Home & School: Black and Gold 21-23 March 2024**, sell goodies drink and food (bought or baked)
 - **Home & School: Les Recycleurs**, clothing drive or clothing bedding and small toys, bringing clothes in pillowcases, jeans, or old jeans
- The above were approved unanimously following a motion by T. Bingham, seconded by N. Lawand (23-24-31).

9. Field trips/activities

- **The following field trips were presented to the meeting:**
 - **23 February 2024:** Two secondary 5 students will travel with their parents to the Leadership assistance in an elementary school. There is no cost to students.
 - **12 March 2024:** Secondary 2, 4 and 5 students will go to Wilder Penfield & Maple Grove for a Performance experience. They will travel by bus. There is no cost to students. 1:10 adult/student ratio.
 - **13 March 2024:** Secondary 2 and 3 students will go to St. John Fisher and St. Charles for a Performance experience. They will travel by bus. There is no cost to students. 1:10 adult/student ratio.
 - **14 March 2024:** Secondary 3 students will take part in Battle of the books event at Beaconsfield High School. They will travel by carpool. There is no cost to the students.
 - **26 March 2024:** Sec 2 students will take a trip to Beauharnois to learn how a power generation station functions. They will travel by bus. There is no cost to students. 1:9 adult/student ratio.
 - **28 March 2024:** Junior Leadership at the Maywood. There is no cost to students.
 - **4 & 24 April 2024:** Sec. 4 will take a trip to the Musée canadien de l'histoire to examine and interpret historical phenomena. The cost is 20\$/student. 1:10 adult/student ratio.
 - There was a correction to the NY Trip April 17-20.
 - There was a correction to the Europe Trip regarding the conditions of the insurance.
- The above were all approved in favour following a motion by K. Pellegrino, seconded by S. Vann **(23-24-32)**.

10. Reports

- **Principal:** The [report](#) was uploaded to the shared drive for the meeting.
- **Staff:** The [report](#) was uploaded to the shared drive for the meeting.
- **Students:** The [report](#) was uploaded to the shared drive for the meeting.
- **LBPSB Parents Committee Representative:** The [report](#) was uploaded to the shared drive for the meeting.
- **Commissioner:** No report was presented, as the commissioner was absent.

11. Correspondence

- D. Bensimon informed the meeting that the Parents' Committee Meeting Summary from 18 January 2024 was posted to the BAND website and a copy was placed in the [shared drive](#).
- D. Bensimon informed the meeting that the Council of Commissioners meeting summary held on 30 January 2024 was posted in the [shared drive](#) .
- D. Bensimon recommended to read the latest issue of the Pearson News at <https://pearsonnews.ca>

12. Varia

- Nothing to report.

13. Date and location of Next Meeting

- The next governing board meeting will be held on Wednesday, 27 March 2024, 6:30 p.m. in the school library

14. Adjournment

- **23-24-33:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by M. Fuga at 7:47 p.m. & was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Ghada Youness, Secretary, John Rennie Governing Board

Approved _____
J. Kurta, Principal

Approved _____
D. Bensimon, Governing Board Chair