



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

Parent Reps: D. Bensimon, C. Boyarchuk, N. Lawand, A. Sanchez, C. Santaguida, C. Veillette

Staff Reps: R. Lobaton, K. Pellegrino, A. Sayfy, S. Sievers, S.Vann

Administration: L. Glave, M. Glendon, J. Kurta, J. Pinto

Student Reps: J. Haim, V. Malaxianakis

Community Rep: None

Commissioner: Absent

Public: None

Secretary: D. Bensimon

Regrets: T. Bingham, M. Fuga, I. Friedman, P. Giakoumatos, A. Saunders, E. Schultz, G. Youness

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

- D. Bensimon called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
- Territorial land acknowledgement was recited by D. Bensimon.
- The meeting was informed that A. Sanchez (alternate parent representative) would act as a regular parent representative at the meeting, since not all 8 regular parent representatives were present.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

- **23-24-34:** The agenda was approved unanimously, via a motion from N. Lawand & seconded by C. Santaguida.

**3. Approval of the Minutes from the last meeting**

- **23-24-35:** The minutes from the meeting held on 22 February 2024 were approved, via a motion from S. Sievers & seconded by N. Lawand. One abstention was noted while voting, having been absent at the said meeting.

**4. Question Period**

- D. Bensimon asked if the glasses enabling people to view the total solar eclipse of 8 April 2024 would be distributed as announced in an email sent to parents on 19 March 2024. J. Kurta informed the meeting that they should

be at the school on 28 March 2024 and distributed the following week.

#### 5. Business Arising from the Minutes

- Standards and Procedures Document: although this item had been tabled from the previous meeting, it was tabled again until the next meeting.
- D. Bensimon informed the meeting that the responses to the consultations regarding the LBPSB Budget 2024-2025, the meeting dates of the Council of Commissioners and of the Executive Committee consultation and the Governing Board 2024-2025 composition were submitted on 23 February 2024. He mentioned that the meeting dates of the Council of Commissioners and of the Executive Committee are normally held on the last Monday and second-to-last Monday of the month, respectively. Exceptions to this rule were noted in the announcement of the meeting dates sent by the school board. The responses sent to the LBPSB Budget 2024-2025 were posted in the [shared drive](#) for the meeting.

#### 6. New Business

- Changes to the Education Act: D. Bensimon presented the following changes to the [Education Act](#), that was updated when Bill 23 was assented to in December 2023:
  - *"54.1. A vacancy on a school's governing board occurs when a member fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the governing board without a reason considered valid by the board. The member's term ends at the close of the next meeting, unless the member attends that meeting."*
  - *"68.1. The members of the governing board may participate in a meeting of the governing board through means that allow the persons participating in or attending the meeting to communicate directly with each other, unless the governing board's internal management rules provide otherwise."*
  - In the discussion of these two items that ensued, the meeting agreed that if a parent was in a position where their term could be ended, the GB would meet in camera to discuss whether the reason they provided was valid. It should be noted that the update to the Education Act also stipulates that *"The reason provided by the member will likely be personal (sickness, sickness of a family member, death, etc.), and as such, the protection of personal information applies. The member may*

*agree that the reason be made public (i.e. discussed at the meeting in the presence of non-GB members or indicated in the minutes), but if they do not agree, the discussion will have to take place in camera and the minutes will have to simply indicate that the GB considered the reason valid."*

- J. Kurta reminded everyone that GB meetings are public so at least one person should be at the school to participate in the meeting, so that members of the public who decide to attend a meeting (even at the last minute) could do so.
- The possibility of holding hybrid meetings was discussed as well, but past experience has shown that it can be difficult for participants to hear others (either online or in person). As such, it was recognized that meeting in person avoids both technical issues and the public not being able to attend.
- Resolution for Sports-Études program 2025-2030: a resolution asking to prolong the Sports-Études program through 2030 was presented to the meeting. Since students participating in this program end up with less hours of instruction than regular students, an exemption from the regular number of hours required has been requested in the past and would continue to be requested in the future. The resolution was approved via a motion by C. Veillette, seconded by R. Lobaton. (23-24-36). Its full text is in the addendum at the end of these minutes.

## 7. Consultations

- No consultations were received.

## 8. Fundraisers

- The following fundraisers were presented to the meeting:
  - **24 April, 8/22 May 2024**: Home and School fundraiser selling Freezies over both lunch periods.
  - **1-18 May 2024**: Raise funds for the [Moosehide campaign](#), an Indigenous-led grassroots movement to engage men and boys in ending violence towards women and children. Donations in Great Hall are to be collected by Sec 5 leadership over both lunch periods.
  - **Sep 2024 - May 2025**: Raise funds to lower cost of activities by holding pizza lunches, organized by Leadership students.
- The above were approved unanimously following a motion by N. Lawand, seconded by C. Santaguida (23-24-37).

## 9. Field trips/activities

- **The following field trips were presented to the meeting:**
  - **10 April 2024:** Mini Career Fair at Place Cartier. 10 secondary 5 students will carpool to attend this event. There is no cost to students. 1:5 adult/student ratio.
  - **11 April 2024:** 24 students from secondary 5 will go downtown to apply concepts of photography. They will travel by bus and metro. There is no cost to students. 1:12 adult/student ratio.
  - **15 April 2024:** 8 senior students will carpool to Pierrefonds Comprehensive High School to partake in a Robotics competition. There is no cost to students. 1:4 adult/student ratio.
  - **16 April 2024:** 54 students from secondary 5 will travel by bus and car to the [Ninja Factory](#). There is a cost of \$45/student. 1:14 adult/student ratio.
  - **17 April 2024:** 90 students from secondary 3,4 and 5 will take part in a session to Inspire and provide training for teen leaders at the school board headquarters in Dorval. They will travel by school and public bus. There is no cost to the students. 1:10 adult/student ratio.
  - **17 April 2024:** 8 students from secondary 3, 4 and 5 will travel by carpool to Beurling Academy in Verdun for a [GSA](#) visit. There is no cost to students. 1:4 adult/student ratio.
  - **30 April 2024:** 50 students from secondary 1 will travel by bus to Gatineau and Ottawa for an outing related to history and science education. There is a cost of \$30/student. 1:10 adult/student ratio.
  - **April - May 2024:** 16 Balanced Day students will carpool to Le Wellesley for an intergenerational project. There is no cost to students. 5:16 adult/student ratio.
  - **20-22 September 2024:** 100 students from secondary 5 will travel by coach bus to Canada's Wonderland as part of a Grad bonding experience. The cost is \$625/student. 1:10 adult/student ratio.
  - **3-5 November 2024:** 16 students from secondary 4 and 5 will travel by coach bus to Niagara Falls for a Leadership conference around Team and community building. The cost is \$650/student. 1:8 adult/student ratio.
- The above were approved with all but one in favour following a motion by N. Lawand, seconded by K. Pellegrino **(23-24-38)**.

## 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:** No report was submitted, as no meetings took place since the last GB meeting.
- **Commissioner:** No report was presented, as the commissioner was absent.

## 11. Correspondence

- D. Bensimon informed the meeting that the summaries of the Council of Commissioners meetings held on [27 February 2024](#) & [26 March 2024](#) were posted to the shared drive.
- The meeting was also informed that the updated copy of Adoption of By-Law 9 - Complaint Process was posted to the shared folder (in both [French](#) and [English](#)), following the recent consultation on this topic.
- D. Bensimon indicated that the latest issue of the Pearson News was available 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 Thursday, 25 April 2024, 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

## 14. Adjournment

- **23-24-39:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by S. Sievers at 7:37 p.m. & was passed unanimously.

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

Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
J. Kurta, Principal

Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
D. Bensimon, Governing Board Chair





COPIE d'une résolution adoptée par le Conseil d'Établissement de l'École secondaire John-Rennie lors d'une rencontre régulière (en présentiel) tenue à Pointe-Claire, Québec, le 27 mars 2024.

Résolution numéro 23-24-36

**Demande de reconnaissance d'un projet pédagogique particulier en Sport-études 2025-2030**

ATTENDU QUE le Ministre de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) a octroyé à l'école secondaire John Rennie l'autorisation d'offrir le programme Sport-études jusqu'au 30 juin 2025; et

ATTENDU QUE le conseil d'établissement de l'école secondaire John Rennie convient de demander la reconnaissance d'un projet particulier en Sport-études pour le cycle 2025-2030; et

ATTENDU QUE le MEES doit recevoir la demande avant le 30 avril 2024; et

ATTENDU QUE le calendrier scolaire annuel des élèves-athlètes inscrit dans le programme Sport-études comporte 600 heures sur une possibilité de 900 consacrées aux services d'enseignement des matières obligatoires et incluant les matières à option; et

ATTENDU QU'UNE dérogation doit être accordée par le Commission Scolaire Lester B. Pearson en vertu du 3e alinéa de l'article 222 de la LIP si moins de 720 heures sont consacrées à l'enseignement des matières obligatoires pour les élèves du premier cycle du secondaire; et 648 heures sont consacrées à l'enseignement des matières obligatoires et à option pour les élèves du 2e cycle du secondaire.

EN CONSÉQUENCE IL EST PROPOSÉ PAR C. Veillette, appuyé par R. Lobaton ET RÉSOLU À L'UNANIMITÉ:

QUE soit donnée l'autorisation de demander au Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur la reconnaissance d'un projet particulier en Sport-études à l'école secondaire John Rennie à compter du 1er juillet 2025; et

QUE soit donnée l'autorisation de demander à la Commission Scolaire Lester B. Pearson la résolution obligatoire appuyant la demande de renouvellement de reconnaissance pour un projet particulier en Sport-études et la dérogation accordée par la Commission Scolaire pour les heures consacrées à l'enseignement des matières obligatoires au 1er et 2e cycle du secondaire; et

QUE la directrice de l'école soit autorisée à signer tout document nécessaire qui en résulte pour et au nom de l'école secondaire John Rennie.

*Je certifie que le présent document est tiré du procès-verbal de la réunion du Conseil d'établissement de l'École secondaire John-Rennie tenue le 27 mars 2024 et que le texte ci-dessus doit être ratifié par l'approbation du procès-verbal de cette réunion lors de la prochaine rencontre du Conseil d'établissement qui aura lieu le 25 avril 2024.*

Ce 11<sup>e</sup> jour d'avril 2024

M. Dov Bensimon, président et secrétaire  
Conseil d'établissement E.S. John-Rennie