



**John Rennie High School
Governing Board
Minutes of meeting #7
Thursday, 23 May 2024
6:30 P.M., on Zoom**

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

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.

2. Approval of the Agenda

- **23-24-40:** The agenda was approved unanimously, via a motion from E. Schultz seconded N. Lawand.

3. Approval of the Minutes from the last meeting

- **23-24-41:** The minutes from the meeting held on 27 March 2024 were approved, via a motion from R. Lobaton & seconded by K. Pellegrino. Four abstentions were noted while voting, having been absent at the said meeting.

4. Question Period

- There was no public present tonight, therefore there were no questions.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

- Nothing to report.

6. New Business

- Introduction of a new member of the administration team: C. Jones was officially introduced as the new member of the Governing Board. She is the vice-principal of secondary 1 and 2 students. She has taken over L. Glave's position at JRHS.
- Quorum for meetings: D. Bensimon informed the meeting that to obtain a quorum there are two groups of representatives, staff and parents, eight members in each, half of which have to be present. The previous meeting was canceled because we did not have a quorum. D. Bensimon sent an email last month, a week prior to the meeting to remind its members. 24 hours before that said meeting, there was not enough response from the parent representatives. There was a suggestion to have virtual meetings in order to have more parent attendance. D. Bensimon encouraged GB members to respond if they will be attending the meeting.
- New Sports-Études partner: a resolution asking to approve the Association Régionale de Soccer du Sud-Ouest for the year 2024-2025, where students from Chateaugay can join this association rather than the JRHS Sports-Études soccer partner. Students will be taking the same bus. The resolution was approved via a motion by E. Schultz, seconded by N. Lawand. (23-24-42)
- Our School Survey results: D. Bensimon informed the meeting that there was a technical problem with the survey making the results invalid. There was a significant error from the software update which compromised the integrity of the survey. Therefore, there are no results from the survey this year. J. Kurta added that this impacts the school's annual report, a section of the ABAV plan where anecdotal information will be used instead of the survey results.
- Modification of student schedule during the examination period: a resolution asking for a change in student schedule where students will be writing exams in the morning or in the afternoon. Transportation has been organized to accommodate the exam schedule. The resolution was approved via a motion by A. Sayfy seconded by C. Santaguida (23-24-43).
- School calendar for 2024-2025: The final school calendar was presented. There are local pedagogical days, regional pedagogical days, and board wide pedagogical days. Local ped. days are established by JRHS whereas regional and board wide ped. days are established by the school board. There was a discussion about the traditional school calendar with the legend which is in black and white, and the color-coded calendar. There was a concern about printing the colored calendar because many do not have access to a colored

printer. The final calendar is uploaded in the [shared drive](#). The school calendar was approved via a motion by R. Lobaton, seconded by E. Schultz. **(23-24-44)**

7. Consultations

- Resolution concerning Governing Board Composition: governing board is unchanged for the following year
- Consultation - Three-Year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2024-2027 (due 7 June 2024): The consultation uploaded in [shared drive](#). It is projected that the number of students will decline.
 - J. Kurta explained that the decline in enrolment is related to elementary school enrollment, it is a statistical number based on birth rate and enrollment.
 - Pro Action hockey needs to be informed about the space available at JRHS, if classrooms are used under capacity or over capacity.
 - The GB met with agreement, there are no further comments to provide Pro Action hockey and [WILBA](#) about the use of space at JRHS.
- Consultation on Equity, Diversity, Dignity and Inclusion Policy: This item has been tabled for the next meeting to allow GB members more time to read through the document in the [shared drive](#).

8. Fundraisers

- The following fundraisers were presented to the meeting:
 - **1-31 May 2024**: Raise money for menstrual products to give back to members of the community experiencing menstrual inequity. Menstrual products will be available at different locations in the school. The fundraiser came from the Central Student Committee at the school board. The purpose is to give back to the community, not just JRHS, to help those who cannot afford menstrual products. There is no funding from the government for menstrual products. The school cannot promote any brand names because of the protection of minors.
 - **26-27 October 2024**: Raise funds for the Europe trip in 2025. The funds will lower the student's balance of their trip. Students will be bagging groceries at Provigo in Kirkland.
- The above fundraisers were approved unanimously following a motion by S. Vann, seconded by C. Veillette. **(23-24-45)**

9. Field trips/activities

- The following field trips were presented to the meeting:
 - **27-30 May 2024:** 8 students from CFER will travel by car to Bishop University Olympiad for networking between CFER students. There is no cost to students. 1:4 adult/student ratio.
 - **14 June 2024:** 36 students from CFER will travel by school bus to La Ronde to thank students for their hard work all year. There is no cost to students. 1:6 adult/student ratio.
 - **19 June 2024:** 84 secondary I & II students will travel by bus to Laronde to develop team building skills. The cost is 72\$/student. 1:11 adult/student ratio.
 - **19-20 September 2024:** 55 secondary IV sports-études students will travel by bus to Québec City to experience the culture and the history of Quebec City. The cost is 415\$/student. 1:11 adult/student ratio.
 - **5-8 October 2024:** 4 secondary IV students will travel by car or coach bus to Haliburton, Ontario for the Canadian Leadership Conference. The cost is 500\$/student. 1:2 adult/student ratio.
 - **9-11 October 2024:** 100 secondary III will travel by coach bus to Québec City to learn about the history of Quebec. The cost is 200\$-590\$/student (depending on grant). 1:10 adult/student ratio.
 - **25 October 2024:** 64 secondary V sports-études students will travel by bus to take a trip to Mount Royal to learn the history and biodiversity of Mount Royal. There is no cost to students. 1:13 adult/student ratio.
 - **16-23 April 2025:** 40 cycle 2 students will travel by air and local ground to the Dominican Republic to perform a service-learning tour. The cost is 4420\$/student. 1:8 adult/student ratio.
 - **18 June 2025:** 49 secondary I & II students will travel by coach bus to Boston to explore North America heritage sites and for team bonding. The cost is 905\$-1,025\$/student. 1:9 adult/student ratio.
- The above were approved with all but one in favor following a motion by R. Lobaton, seconded by C. Santaguida (**23-24-46**).

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 summary of the Council of Commissioners meetings held on 7 May 2024 is posted in the [shared drive](#).
- D. Bensimon indicated that the latest issue of the Pearson News was available at <https://pearsonnews.ca>.

12. Varia

- J. Kurta proposed to start the next meeting at 5:30 p.m. She would like to offer supper for GB members to thank them for their time and support. The vote was done by a show of hands, all GB members were in favor.

13. Date and location of Next Meeting:

The next governing board meeting will be held on Wednesday, 12 June 2024, 5:30 p.m. in the school library.

14. Adjournment

23-24-47: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by C. Veillette at 8:05pm & was passed unanimously.

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

Approved _____

J. Kurta, Principal

Approved _____

D. Bensimon, Governing Board Chair