



**John Rennie High School
Governing Board
Minutes of meeting #2
Tuesday, 26 November 2024
6:30 P.M., in school library**

Parent Reps: D. Bensimon, F. Chaput, M. El-Bahar, N. Lawand, E. Schultz, C. Veillette

Staff Reps: M. Fuga, S. Katz, C. Lacombe, A. Sayfy, S. Sievers, S. Vann

Administration: D. Joseph

Student Reps: B. Hall, T. Maughn

Community Rep: None

Commissioner: Absent

Public: None

Secretary: S. Katz

Regrets: P. Giakoumatos, A. Saunders, M. Wolsey, G. Youness

1. Call to Order / Verification of Quorum / Territorial Acknowledgement
D. Bensimon called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.
2. Approval of the [Agenda](#)
Motion to approve: Nadia, Seconded: Sonia (**Motion 24-25-9**)
3. Approval of the [Minutes from the last meeting](#) – 17 October 2024
Motion to approve: Mirella, Seconded: Nadia (**Motion 24-25-10**)
4. Public Question Period
 - No public
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - a. Appointment of GB secretary
-Shawna Katz will be secretary

Motion to approve: Andrea Sayfy, Seconded: Francis (**Motion 24-25-11**)
 - b. Fans in classrooms – news from administration or Home & School?
Dion is keeping some money aside to purchase fans in February for delivery in April. A Google form will be sent to staff to survey needs in different classrooms.
6. New Business:
 - a. [Budget](#): Dion - Funding is based on numbers from September 30th. 1308 students. \$817 for GB
Director's days: \$8/student for use at principal's discretion.
Principal is supposed to use every penny of the budget for the year.
"Mesures" money - Grants that the government is giving. For student activities and to enhance learning in school. Government wants to make these documents public so people can see how much money they are investing in education. Sports Teams should not cost more than \$50. Parascolaire should cover some of that.

Money was spent for student supervisor and integration aid. Will save some money to hire teachers to help with ministry exams.

Some money waiting for approval. Application process has been completed. grant of \$10,000 for sex ed.

Capital allocation: \$15/kid for furniture

Last year more money was given - money doesn't go very far.

Technology money - 15 smart TVs were purchased

Chromebooks were purchased as well.

Teacher laptops were purchased - school is responsible.

No overages from last year

IN trust \$3000

\$8000 surplus from last year.

Will be using some of that money to purchase fans.

All items must be purchased by June.

Still have many school fees left to collect. Personal emails will go out later in the year.

Motion to approve budget: Caroline, Second: Eric (**Motion 24-25-12**)

7. Consultations

- No consultations

8. Fundraisers – described in [spreadsheet on shared drive](#)

Boston Fundraiser: All approved, Stephanie - approved, Francis – Seconded (**Motion 24-25-13**)

9. Field trips/activities – described in [spreadsheet on shared drive](#)

Motion – Nadia, Second – Andrea (**Motion 24-25-14**)

10. Reports

a. [Principal](#)

- Zoom interviews will be continued. Works well in our building
- Europe trip 2025 Date Change - April 8th - April 17th
- EF tours will cover the extra substitution.
- Kids will be back for the Easter holiday. Won't be as exhausted.
- Exam Schedule January (Jan. 20-23)
- Will try and get bussing to come at 12:00/1:00
- December 20th will be 1/2 day - busses will be at 1:00

Motion to approved Europe 2025 date change

- Caroline motioned, Francis – Seconded (**Motion 24-25-15**)

b. Staff

John Rennie hosted the career fair. Very positive feedback. Over 900 people attended. Moving forward it will be the new model. No more bussing all the students. Having parents there added a new element.

CFER & BALANCED DAY - making different crafts and fundraisers to raise funds for the seniors and holiday baskets. Kids did an amazing job and put their time in to sell the items. Lots of support from students and staff.

c. Students

Pizza day - Leadership students gave out pizza to students who ordered
Open house - leadership students showed off the school.
Halloween Haunt - Loved by community and students
Leadership trip - Niagara Falls 16 students
Remembrance Day - Many students participated in this ceremony
Sport Etudes students got a 1:1 with army veteran
Sport Etudes had a visit with alumni who showed their entrepreneurship
Jibbitz sale success
French Contemporary World class went to Ottawa
Dawson leadership camp
Music trip to elementary schools to perform
Media trip - CBC Radio Station and Art Museum
Grade 8 A+ trip to science center and escape room

d. LBPSB Parents Committee Representative

Had the first meeting to set up how things will go on. Will have subcommittees and meet again dec. 12. No important information. A GB training was completed for parents. PowerPoint presentation is included in [the Google Drive](#).

e. Commissioner

No report

11. Correspondence

- a. Latest edition of the Pearson News available at <https://pearsonnews.ca/>
- b. [Council of Commissioner highlights](#) from 18 November 2024 meeting
- c. [Mandate of GB attendance](#)
Commissioner has not shown up. Will reach out to her and find out why she isn't showing up.
- d. [GB training presentation](#) from 21 November 2024

12. Varia

13. Date and location of next meeting – **Wednesday, 18 December 2024, 6:30 p.m. online**

14. Adjournment

Motioned: Caroline, at 7:53 p.m. (**Motion 24-25-16**)

Respectfully submitted by Shawn Katz, John Rennie Governing Board

Approved _____
D. Joseph, Principal

Approved _____
D. Bensimon, Governing Board Chair