



**John Rennie High School  
Governing Board  
Minutes of meeting #4  
Wednesday, 18 December 2024  
6:30 P.M., online**

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

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

**Administration:** D. Joseph

**Student Reps:** T. Maughn, K. Primak

**Community Rep: None**

**Commissioner:** A. Saunders

**Public:** None

**Secretary:** D. Bensimon

**Regrets:** G. Youness

1. Call to Order / Verification of Quorum / Territorial Acknowledgement  
Meeting started 6:31PM
2. Approval of the Agenda  
Motion to Approve: Caroline  
Seconded: Stephanie Sievers (**Motion 24-25-20**)
3. Approval of the Minutes from the last meetings – 26 November 2024 and 9 December 2024  
Motion to Approve: Andrea Sayfy  
Seconded: Stephanie Sievers (**Motion 24-25-21**)
4. Public Question Period:
  - a. D. Bensimon received email from Cecilia Ugarte, who indicated that she had a question for the GB (but did not indicate what it was). Since she was not in attendance, her question will wait for the next meeting.
  - b. Water fountains in front of the main office. Has a do not drink sign. Will have to get a new machine. 11 water fountains are on order. Should arrive soon and then will be installed. Machines were ordered in October.
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
  - a. Follow-up with commissioner on GB attendance - Dov reached out to discuss that it is her mandate to participate in the Governing Board meeting. She has not attended any meetings in the past year. She had not responded to the email. Dov contacted her on Facebook and she did respond to let him know that the email was received. She said she has been out of the country and that she would try and attend in January. (Commissioner did login to the Zoom meeting at 6:40PM)
6. New Business
  - a. GB membership – staff members and consecutive absences  
New clause was added to the education act: If a Governing Board Member fails to attend 3 consecutive meetings they're membership is suspended. Ms. Youness is off right now so she won't be a part of the GB. Dion will try and find a replacement for the next meeting.
  - b. Request for resolution regarding Sports-Études

Renewal of agreements with several sport organizations. Every 5 years we need to renew our affiliation with sports organizations. There will be more coming. This will run from 2025-2030. After approval it will go to the council of commissioners.

- Code of conduct and expectations. Managing inconsistencies. The contracts will include more EDDI - There is an obligation to report if things are happening on the ice/field etc. Some of the questions raised are accountability. Who is responsible if an incident arises.
- All sports associations have updated legal paperwork.

Motion to Approve: Stephanie Sievers

Seconded: C. Lacombe (**Motion 24-25-22**)

## 7. Consultations

None at this time.

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

### FUNDRAISERS:

- Paint Night - if alcohol must have a permit (at school)

Motion to Approve: Mirella Fuga

Seconded: Nadia (**Motion 24-25-23**)

### FIELD TRIPS:

- Feb 10th workshop Grade 11 SE not listed in the groups
- April 23+24 also SE not included in the grouping.

Motion to Approve: Stephanie Sievers

Seconded: Caroline Veillette (**Motion 24-25-24**)

## 9. Reports

### a. [Principal](#)

- i. Would like to highlight the food baskets campaign. The collection was excellent. We are supporting 33 families. Lots of food, produce, meat, toiletries, & gift cards. Happy to bring some joy to those in need.
- ii. 1600 P/T interviews. Small decrease from last year. Also to note this year we only did one evening of interviews. Friday was group interviews in person.
- iii. Was brought up that not all teachers answered the “call” and that it was frustrating for some parents.

### b. Staff

No comments

### c. [Students](#)

Robotics team - Competed and did really well

Fun activities going on the last two weeks to celebrate the Holiday season.

Actors Studio play was a huge success. Really positive feedback.

Food Basket drive.

Music Concert. All grades performed.

### d. LBPSB Parents Committee Representative

No urgent information. The report will be presented at the next meeting.

The report from the PC meeting on 21 November 2024 is on the [shared drive](#).

### e. Commissioner

Meeting was held last week. Pearson news was published. JRHS had some great highlights. Kudos to the food drive and Charlie and Chocolate Factory.

LBPSB has a new website. Much clearer and links to all meetings available.

## 10. Correspondence

- a. Latest edition of the Pearson News available at <https://pearsonnews.ca/>

- b. Council of Commissioner [highlights from 16 December 2024 meeting](#)
- c. Memo: [New Rules on the Disclosure of Wrongdoings](#)
- d. Fundraisers and licenses
  - i. School board has made it easy to find out which licenses would be needed for specific events.

11. Varia

- a. None

12. Date and location of next meeting – Tuesday, 21 January 2025, 6:30 p.m. online

13. Adjournment: 7:19

Motion to Approve: Mirella Fuga (**Motion 24-25-25**)