



**John Rennie High School  
Governing Board  
Minutes of meeting #5  
Tuesday, 21 January 2025  
6:30 P.M., online**

**Parent Reps:** D. Bensimon, F. Chaput, L. Howard, 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:** Absent

**Public:** None

**Secretary:** S. Katz

**Regrets:** M. El-Bahar, P. Giakoumatos, B. Hall, A. Saunders, G. Youness

1. Call to Order / Verification of Quorum / Territorial Acknowledgement  
Meeting started 6:31 p.m.
2. Approval of the Agenda  
Moted to approve: Caroline  
Seconded by: Francis, approved unanimously (**Motion 24-25-26**)
3. Approval of the Minutes from the last meetings – 18 December 2024  
Moted to approve: Stephanie  
Seconded by: Caroline, approved unanimously (**Motion 24-25-27**)
4. Public Question Period
  - a. Question about lockers - **QUESTION:** Parents want to know why the inside of the lockers have not been painted. Many lockers have graffiti in their locker. What is the cost to paint the inside and can students paint their lockers?  
**RESPONSE:** The questions were asked to last year's Principal and the cost would be significant. Dion is waiting to get to the end of the year and see if he has any money to allocate to painting the inside of lockers. It is on the radar. Students are "probably" not allowed to paint the inside of their lockers. School would like to maintain control. Dion however will follow up with the building manager and find out if any other school has done that. Will report back at the next meeting.
  - b. Question about impact to school of ministry's new requirements - How big a change is this new ministry requirement? Do parents need to freak out?  
**ANSWER:** In the past the school was able to make the decision regarding the promotion of a student from grade 9-10. The rules have changed and the mark of 60% will determine if a student is going to be promoted to the next level. They have to pass the class to move up. After term 2 Dion will look at the number of students affected and then will speak to parents and discuss next steps moving forward. Based on last year, we are looking at 50-70 students that are considered "at risk". After summer school, that number comes way down. The Grade 9's will be spoken too after the exam period. Extra tutorials will likely be offered. LEARN Quebec and ALLOPROF are other resources that are available to support students' learning. The Government has NOT given any additional resources (\$\$) to help students deemed "at risk".

5. Business Arising from the Minutes – none
6. New Business – None
7. Consultations
  - a. **Budget 2025-2026** (response due 28 March 2025) - Sent out by the school board each year. The Budget which affects JRHS is that the spending will be based on the per capita population of the school as well as the socioeconomic status. John Rennie's facilities are used extensively and Mr. Joseph wants to know why we aren't getting the money from those rentals. The school would like to receive a portion of the rental income to do some work in the Gym and Auditorium. Perhaps the purchase of fans can come from the money from rentals. Air Conditioning in the gym and auditorium should be a priority. Parents also brought up the state of the field behind JRHS. Mr. Joseph isn't sure who's property that belongs to? The track is in awful shape and poorly maintained. It was also discussed that rentals should be prioritized to community organizations and only charge what is essential. Therefore, there isn't a lot of profit coming in from rentals. However, these directives might have changed.
  - c. **Principal Selection Criteria for 2025-2026** (response due 28 March 2025) It has been noted that our current principal checks all the boxes. It was recommended to keep everything status quo. This list has been compiled over several years and there are no changes needed at this time. Nadia - Recommends leaving as is. Mirella: Might want to add "compassionate individual" Question: Is there a rule for how long principals can stay? It's based on salary and number of students in the school. Also good to get some "new blood" in the school. The Board also tries to match the person with the needs of the school. The final decision is the discretion of the school board.
8. Fundraisers – described in [spreadsheet](#) on shared drive  
Mr. Joseph added the following fundraiser to those on the spreadsheet: Date - February to May 2025, Activity - selling mugs featuring student art work, Funds will support a local animal shelter  
Motioned to approve: Stephanie  
Seconded by: Andrea, approved unanimously (**Motion 24-25-28**)
9. Field trips/activities – described in [spreadsheet](#) on shared drive  
Mr. Joseph added the following activity to those on the spreadsheet:  
Date - school year 2024-2025  
Location - Cedar Park United Church  
Activity - helping to prep food for homeless people  
Ratio - 1:5  
Transport - Carpool  
Cost - None  
Grades - Balance Day students  
Motioned to approve: Caroline  
Seconded by: Mme. Lacombe, approved unanimously (**Motion 24-25-29**)
10. Reports
  - a. Principal – the report was [posted to the shared drive](#) for the meeting. There have been some cutbacks. Will try to keep all services and activities as best as possible. New Behavior tech has been hired. Ms. Caroline Jones VP of cycle 1 has been named PERMANENT at JRHS.
  - b. Staff - no report

- c. Students - no additional comments to the [report that was posted](#) to the shared drive.
- d. LBPSB Parents Committee Representative - Did not get a chance to send in a written report. Cutbacks were discussed, and the website should be updated soon. Alloprof presentation was given to parents. Will be presenting to parents as well.
- e. Commissioner - no report (they did have a meeting last Monday)

11. Correspondence

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

12. Varia

- Home and School provided the following updates regarding its activities. These were already approved by the Governing Board, so are for information only.
- At convocation Home and School would like to sell Costco goodies.
- Freezies will be sold for \$1 (all days are Wednesdays)
- No Krispy Kreme this year.
- Virtual Paint Night - Date TBD
- Fun Scripts - NOT GOING TO HAPPEN
- Facebook page has been updated and would like people to visit it.
- A complete list of detailed activities has been [posted to the shared drive](#).

13. Date and location of next meeting – Wednesday, 19 February 2025, 6:30 p.m. online

14. Adjournment at 7:52 p.m., on a motion by Francis and approved unanimously (**Motion 24-25-30**)