



**John Rennie High School
Governing Board
Minutes of meeting #7
Tuesday, 25 March 2025
6:30 P.M., online**

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

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

Administration: D. Joseph

Student Reps: B. Hall, T. Maughn, K. Primak

Community Rep: None

Commissioner: A. Saunders

Public: None

Secretary: D. Bensimon

Regrets: L. Howard, S. Katz, M. Wolsey, G. Youness

1. Call to Order / Verification of Quorum / Territorial Acknowledgement
Meeting started 6:32 p.m.
2. Approval of the Agenda
Following the addition of two items under "New Business" (June exam schedule and new uniform supplier), the agenda was approved unanimously following a motion by P. Giakoumatos, seconded by A. Sayfy. **(Motion 24-25-36)**
3. Approval of the Minutes from the last meeting – 19 February 2025
Motedioned to approve: F. Chaput, seconded by: C. Lacombe, approved unanimously.
(Motion 24-25-37)
4. Public Question Period
 - None
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - a. The Governing Board (GB) had considered a proposal to sign a concentration sport agreement with Physiomentum Sport Medicine Centre at its meeting on 19 February 2025. However, it was missing details on the proposal at that time that it judged important to have before coming to a decision. D. Joseph explained that this agreement was being sought for a student athlete who is being followed by a trainer at Physiomentum. D. Bensimon reminded the meeting that GBs deal with general matters of school governance. The fact that this request is for one particular student seems to have it fall outside of the purview of the GB. Concerns were also raised by board members that it doesn't seem appropriate for the GB to pronounce itself on treatments that are of a medical nature. As a result, the GB decided not to vote on this proposal.
6. New Business
 - D. Joseph presented the June 2025 exam schedule to the GB. It covers the period from 9 to 18 June 2025. Since no vote was required by the GB on the matter, it was presented as a point of information.
 - D. Joseph explained to the meeting that the [current supplier](#) for school tops was chosen two years ago because it provided the lowest cost. A number of shortcomings have since been pointed out with this supplier, mostly with regards to customer service and the quality of the material used. The school

received a competitive offer from Sports Experts, a supplier used by a number of other schools in the region. They also offer a wider variety of clothing than the current supplier. In response to a question as to whether or not this was a local company, it was mentioned that it was and that it uses Canadian suppliers. D. Joseph will check if the clothing is cotton-based and if they offer sustainable cotton clothing, for parents who may be willing to pay a premium for such products. The meeting was informed that students who have already purchased clothing from the current supplier can continue to wear it. A motion to approve Sports Experts as the new supplier was moved by C. Veillette and seconded by M. Fuga: it was unanimously adopted. **(Motion 24-25-38)**

7. Consultations

- Days, Times and Places of the regular meetings of the Council of Commissioners and of the Executive Committee (due 7 April 2025): the [proposed meeting dates](#) were met with approval by the GB. D. Bensimon will respond to the consultation to indicate this.
- Governing Board Composition 2025-2026 (due 14 April 2025): this [yearly consultation](#) seeks input from GBs as to whether or not they wish to modify their size. The meeting was reminded that it proved difficult to find enough parents to form a GB at the Annual General Assembly (AGA) in September 2024. Having a smaller GB would mean it would be easier to meet quorum. A discussion ensued as to how to increase participation in the AGA. It was generally felt that this option could be explored before asking the board to reduce the size of the GB. A sub-committee formed of D. Joseph, N. Lawand, E. Schultz, S. Sievers and C. Veillette will examine ways to increase participation in the AGA and report back to the GB. D. Bensimon will respond to the consultation indicating that the GB wishes to remain at its current size for 2025-2026.

8. Fundraisers – described in [spreadsheet](#) on shared drive. One addition was made to the fundraisers: a Riverdale high school alumni wishes to give a Zumba session at John Rennie on 26 April 2025 from noon to 4 p.m. in order to raise funds that can serve the West Island community.

Motioned to approve: E. Schultz, seconded by C. Lacombe, approved unanimously.
(Motion 24-25-39)

9. Field trips/activities – described in [spreadsheet](#) on shared drive. One addition was made to the outings: a trip to Rimouski for the juvenile girls' futsal team, leaving on 28 March 2025. The cost is 100\$/student.

Motioned to approve: F. Chaput, seconded by S. Sievers, approved unanimously.
(Motion 24-25-40)

10. Reports

- a. Principal – the [report was posted](#) to the shared drive.
- b. Staff – no comments received.
- c. Students – the [report was posted](#) to the shared drive.
- d. LBPSB Parents Committee (PC) Representative – F. Chaput informed the meeting that the PC last met in February, its March meeting having been cancelled. There was discussion about the 2026-2027 school year schedule, notably the timing of the holiday break, with Christmas falling on a Friday in 2026. He also recounted that Kathleen O'Reilly, Director of secondary schools discussed cuts to funding of schools in the provincial budget. She mentioned that less expensive trips were being looked at, promoting more local destinations. F. Chaput informed the meeting that a Study Skills workshop will be held on Wednesday 23 April 2025 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. The link to

register is: <https://jlive.app/events/10815/tickets>.

- e. Commissioner – the [report was posted](#) to the shared drive.

11. Correspondence

- a. Council of Commissioners meeting highlights – [25 February](#) & [25 March](#) 2025
b. Latest edition of the Pearson News: <https://pearsonnews.ca>

12. Varia

- C. Veillette informed the meeting that a Paint night would take place on Friday, 11 April 2025 at 7 p.m. It is a "Bring Your Own Alcohol" event, and none will be sold on-site. Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase on-site. All materials and supplies will be provided.
- D. Joseph informed the meeting of a last-minute request (that was received during the meeting) to approve two sports-études agreements. The first is with [Ringuette Lac St-Louis](#), while the second is with [Ski Québec Alpin](#). A motion to approve both agreements was put forth by S. Sievers and seconded by F. Chaput. It was unanimously accepted. **(Motion 24-25-41)**

13. Date and location of next meeting – Wednesday, 30 April 2025, 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

14. Adjournment at 7:57 p.m., on a motion by M. Fuga and approved unanimously
(Motion 24-25-42)