



John Rennie High School
Governing Board
Minutes of meeting #9
Wednesday, 30 April 2025
6:30 P.M., in person at school

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

Staff Reps: S. Katz, A. Sayfy, S. Sievers, S. Vann

Administration: D. Joseph, J. Pinto

Student Reps: K. Primak

Community Rep: None

Commissioner: Absent

Public: S. Sawyer-Bensimon

Secretary: D. Bensimon, S. Katz

Regrets: F. Chaput, M. Fuga, B. Hall, L. Howard, C. Lacombe, T. Maughn, A. Saunders, M. Wolsey, C. Veillette, G. Youness

1. Call to Order / Verification of Quorum / Territorial Acknowledgement
Meeting started 6:38 p.m.
2. Approval of the Agenda
The agenda was approved unanimously following a motion by E. Schultz and seconded by N. Lawand. **(Motion 24-25-47)**
3. Approval of the Minutes from the last meetings – 25 March and 10 April 2025
Motion to approve: M. El-Bahar, seconded by: N. Lawand. Approved unanimously.
(Motion 24-25-48)
4. Public Question Period
 - K. Primak asked about the difference between activities organized by student council and leadership activities, like is seen in other schools. A discussion on the topic ensued.
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - a. D. Bensimon informed the meeting that he sent in responses to consultations for Days, Times and Places of the regular meetings of the Council of Commissioners and of the Executive Committee as well as Governing Board Composition 2025-2026 on 26 March 2025.
 - b. Update from Annual General Assembly (AGA) subcommittee: A sub-committee formed of D. Joseph, N. Lawand, E. Schultz, S. Sievers and C. Veillette examined ways to increase participation in the AGA and presented their [report](#) to the GB. A list of [feeder schools](#) to John Rennie was also presented, and members were encouraged to attend these schools' GB meetings to promote the AGA. D. Bensimon offered to coordinate who attends which meetings and asked members to let him know if they plan to attend any.
6. New Business
 - None
7. Consultations
 - Consultation - Three-Year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2025-2028 (due 13 June 2025). The [plan](#) was presented to the GB and a discussion about forecast declining enrolment at JRHS and ways to counter this ensued. D.

Bensimon indicated that he will respond to the school board to let them know that the plan was met with approval.

8. Fundraisers – described in [spreadsheet](#) on shared drive. Motioned to approve: N. Lawand, seconded by P. Giakoumatos, approved unanimously. **(Motion 24-25-49)**
9. Field trips/activities – described in [spreadsheet](#) on shared drive. It was noted that not all of the dates for the proposed trips for the 2025-2026 were clearly indicated. Since these trips were not planned for the immediate future, D. Joseph offered to seek clarification for these and come back to the GB for approval thereafter. When asked where in the front of the school the proposed car wash would take place, there was not a clear indication of the location. It was pointed out that logistics (access to water, high-traffic areas) may make other locations better choices. D. Joseph offered to discuss this further with the teacher who proposed it to get clarification. The remaining field trips and activities (JRHS theater, senior celebration at Fairview, Balanced Day trip to La Ronde) were approved unanimously, following a motion by S. Vann, seconded by S. Sievers. **(Motion 24-25-50)**

10. Reports

- a. Principal – the [report was posted](#) to the shared drive.
- b. Staff:
 - i. the recent trip to Europe saw students visit Paris, the south of France and Barcelona. Participants were pleased with the tour provider used and found the itinerary to be well-paced.
 - ii. The recent trip to New York city saw 100 students participate and was enjoyed by participants.
 - iii. A tea organised at the school for area seniors was a success and very appreciated by both students and seniors.
 - iv. On 24 April 2025, students and staff were encouraged to wear clothing which represented their country of origin, their background or their culture.
 - v. The pizza fundraiser that was held on April 13th raised \$2500 for the JRHS Music Department to help support the trip to the National Music competition.
- c. Students – the [report was posted](#) to the shared drive.
- d. LBPSB Parents Committee (PC) Representative – although the PC reps were not present, they had indicated to D. Bensimon prior to the meeting that there was nothing new or pertinent to report from PC.
- e. Commissioner – The commissioner was absent from the meeting and no report was submitted.

11. Correspondence

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

12. Varia

- Following a question from S. Sawyer-Bensimon, D. Joseph informed the meeting that information regarding convocation was likely to be sent to parents during the first week in May.

13. Date and location of next meeting – Thursday, 22 May 2025, 6:30 p.m. in the school boardroom.

14. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m. on a motion by A. Sayfy and approved unanimously. **(Motion 24-25-51)**