



John Rennie High School
Governing Board
Minutes of meeting #10
Thursday, 22 May 2025
6:30 P.M., in person at school

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

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

Administration: D. Joseph, J. Pinto

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

Community Rep: None

Commissioner: Absent

Public: S. Sawyer-Bensimon

Secretary: D. Bensimon

Regrets: M. El-Bahar, M. Fuga, L. Howard, S. Katz, A. Saunders, M. Wolsey, G. Youness

1. Call to Order / Verification of Quorum / Territorial Acknowledgement
Meeting started 6:35 p.m.
2. Approval of the Agenda
The agenda was approved unanimously following a motion by N. Lawand and seconded by P. Giakoumatos. **(Motion 24-25-52)**
3. Approval of the Minutes from the last meeting – 30 April 2025
The minutes were approved unanimously, except for one abstention due to absence at the previous meeting, following a motion by S. Sievers seconded by S. Vann. **(Motion 24-25-53)**
4. Public Question Period
 - K. Primak asked when fans could be expected in classrooms. D. Joseph explained that 85 fans were ordered in March 2025, but have not yet arrived. He is in regular contact with the supplier to see when they will be delivered.
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - D. Bensimon informed the meeting that he sent a response to the consultation on the Three-Year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables for 2025-2028 on 3 May 2025.
6. New Business
 - A new Sports-études concentration was proposed with Club de compétition ski Olympia. The agreement is a one-year, renewable contract and the school has the final say in whether to renew it or not. The program would be offered to all grade levels. The club is sanctioned and a member of Ski Quebec Alpin Federation. The proposed agreement was approved unanimously following a motion by N. Lawand that was seconded by C. Veillette. **(Motion 24-25-54)**
7. Consultations
 - None
8. Fundraisers – C. Veillette explained that Home & School would like to hold a holiday craft fair on Saturday, 29 November 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Vendors would be charged \$110/table and they would set up in the gym, cafeteria and library. The fundraiser was approved unanimously following a motion by A. Sayfy, seconded by C.

Lacombe. **(Motion 24-25-55)**

9. Field trips/activities - none

10. Reports

- Principal – the [report was posted](#) to the shared drive.
- Staff - Academic Plus students planted a garden at school with the help of [Polliflora](#). Students can pick plants and learn all about pollination in the process. The garden also allows students to see if biodiversity can increase through this type of initiative.
- Students – the [report was posted](#) to the shared drive.
- LBPSB Parents Committee (PC) Representative – it was mentioned that the PC was recently discussing libraries in elementary schools, which are sometimes being used for classrooms, especially off-island. It was also mentioned that [bill 94](#) was the subject of recent discussions as well.
- Commissioner – The commissioner was absent and no report was submitted.

11. Correspondence

- A [summary](#) of the Council of Commissioners meeting from 30 April 2025 was posted to the shared drive.
- Latest edition of the Pearson News: <https://pearsonnews.ca>

12. Varia

- D. Joseph presented the [proposed school calendar for 2025-2026](#). He highlighted the fact that there will be a staggered start to the school year, with secondary I students starting August 29, secondary II and III on September 2nd, and the remaining grades on September 3rd. This will allow for more time for the first assembly of the year, which will allow students to ask more questions. The calendar was approved unanimously following a motion from S. Sievers, seconded by N. Lawand. **(Motion 24-25-56)**
- F. Chaput mentioned that he attended a recent GB meeting at Wilder Penfield Elementary School in order to encourage GB members there to join the JRHS GB next year. D. Bensimon mentioned that he contacted Clearpoint Elementary School for the same reason, but was told that no GB members had children going to JRHS next year.
- It was suggested to promote the September 2025 Annual General Assembly by publishing a poster made by S. Sievers on social media platforms.
- In response to a question about the ban on cell phones for the 2025-2026 school year, it was mentioned that they are already forbidden in classrooms. Students will be encouraged to leave them at home, otherwise they will have to leave them in their lockers for the day. The school is discussing which consequences to apply should students not comply with this rule.
- C. Veillette asked if raffles could be held by Home & School. It was mentioned that a permit to do so was typically required.

13. Date and location of next meeting – as several members mentioned having a conflict with the proposed date for the June meeting, it was moved to Tuesday, 17 June 2025, starting exceptionally at 5:30 p.m. at the school.

14. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m. on a motion by C. Veillette and approved unanimously. **(Motion 24-25-57)**