



# JAMES LYNG

## HIGH SCHOOL

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### Governing Board Meeting Notes

**Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 4:45 P.M.  
on Teams**

#### 1. Welcome

##### 1.1 Attendance

Farah Mulki, Jennifer Rutt, Erika Marsan, Jean-Philippe St-Louis, Darlene O'Connor, John Devlin, Mathew Maxham, Jonathan Sbrollini, Samantha Forget, Lise Kuhn (Vice Principal), Alexander Kulczyk (Principal)

##### Regrets:

Annabella Ottoni, Gloria Lombardi, Julien Feldman

##### 1.2 Public Question Period #1

No questions from the public were asked.

##### 1.3 Additions to the Agenda

No additions were made to the Agenda

##### 1.4 Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved as is. Farah Mulki moved for the approval of the agenda and the motion was seconded by Jean-Philippe St-Louis.

#### 2. New Business

##### 2.1 Introduction of Community Members

**Samantha Forget**, coordinator at the YMCA, is introduced. Ms. Forget already collaborates with James Lyng through the YMCA Alternative Suspension program. This program supports high school students who are temporarily excluded from school.

**Jonathan Sbrollini**, from Camp Lift is returning as a community member. Camp lift is a registered non-profit organization whose mission is to contribute to the academic perseverance of young people attending high school by offering activities to raise awareness and educate them about healthy lifestyle habits, accepted to maintain his involvement on the GB as a community representative.

### **3. Items Requiring Discussion & Approval**

#### **3.1 Approval of October 2024 Meeting Minutes**

The October 2024 Minutes were approved. Erika Marsan moved for the approval of the agenda and the motion was seconded by Farah Mulki.

#### **3.2 Building Renovation Update**

The vice-principal, Ms. Kuhn, explains that the renovation of the bathrooms should be finished by January 2025.

The intercom is currently worked on and the speakers are being replaced gradually. This should be completed in December 2024.

The renovation of the gymnasium changing rooms is delayed. It should start in January 2025.

#### **3.3 Parent Participation Organization (PPO)**

The principal, Mr. Kulczyk, would like the Governing Board to authorize the creation of a Parent Participation Organization (PPO) and charge the PPO with organizing special events. In his view, the PPO would arrange after-school activities to engage students' families and enhance the school's involvement in the community. The PPO's goal would also be to raise funds for a donation fund, which would support teachers by providing resources such as teaching supplies, computers for students, and more. Various ideas have been shared regarding potential activities for the current school year.

Jennifer Rutt moves the suggestion to mandate the PPO to organize different activities, which was seconded by Farah Mulki

The parents will be invited to participate at the first PPO meeting is scheduled December 4, 2024

## **4. Reports**

### **4.1 Student's Report**

No student's report was presented to the GB.

### **4.2 Principal's Report**

Points of information were shared by the principal:

- The Principal met with the SPVM recently, and the SPVM explained that there were very few concerns regarding James Lyng students compared to other high schools in the area.
- In October 2024, the Secondary V students attended the Trade Fair.
- In October 2024, some students visited the Biodome with their teacher.
- In October 2024, a group of students and staff attended an Alouettes football game as part of an EMSB event.
- In October 2024, Mr. Paul Davis gave a conference to students on social media. This same presentation was also offered to parents.
- A costume contest was organized for Halloween.
- Four James Lyng employees were trained to apply the Sexto program, in collaboration with the SPVM, and all James Lyng staff received sensitization on this program.
- All James Lyng staff were trained on the Anti-Bullying/Violence Intervention Model.
- Special activities were organized by the Student Council for Remembrance Day.
- Some James Lyng students completed the Red Cross Babysitting course.

### **4.3 Teacher's Report**

John Devlin shared the following:

- The Art teacher is planning a Holiday Art Fair to raise money for a non-profit organization.
- The Resource teachers are currently working on IPs for Parent-Teacher Meetings.
- As part of the Homework Club, there are now peer tutors this year.
- Aim High students worked on the Homeless Project.
- The first basketball practice was held, and some students participated in a cross-country activity.

Matthew Maxham shared the following:

- The student café is up and running.
- The teaching staff is working on offering Leadership classes.

#### **4.4 Support Staff Report**

Darlene O'Connor reports the following :

- Many activities are being organized by the support staff (cooking classes :“Tempered Chefs”; Budget management: “Money Matters”; Activities to improve social skills and organization skills for SAIL students; The Girls Group (discussion on women issues) ; Shoebox Project for homeless persons ; etc.

#### **4.5 Parent’s Committee Report**

Jennifer Rutt (Parents' Committee representative) reports the following:

- The first Parent’s Committee meeting was held in November 2024.
- The previous one was dedicated to elections of its members. During that meeting, Jennifer Rutt was elected as a Parent Commissioner. Members congratulate her on her election
- The next Parent’s Committee meeting is scheduled in December 2024.

#### **4.6 Commissioner’s Report**

No Commissioner’s Report was presented.

#### **4.7 PPO Report**

No PPO Report was presented.

### **5. Varia**

No Varia items were added to the Agenda.

### **6. Public Question Period #2**

No questions from the public were asked.

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7. **Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday, January 22, 2025 @ 4.45 p.m.

**Adjournment**

John Devlin proposed the motion, which was seconded by Matthew Maxham.