GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA

DATE: Monday, January 19th, 2026.
TIME: 7:00PM
PLACE: Virtual

1. **Welcome**
   - 1.1 Public Question Period
   - 1.2 Additions to the Agenda
   - 1.3 Approval of the Agenda
   - 1.4 Approval of the minutes of December 15th, 2025
2. **New Business Requiring Approval**
   - 2.1 Mandatory Content for Learning (ACGC,Social Competencies, Sex Ed. Plan)
   - 2.2 Renewal for Arts-Études program 2027-2028 school year & time allocation changes
   - 2.3
3. **Items Requiring Discussion**
   - 3.1
   - 3.2
4. **Reports**
   - 4.1 Principal's Report
   - 4.2 Teacher's Report
   - 4.3 Professional's Report
   - 4.4 Student's Report
   - 4.5 Arts-Études Report
   - 4.6 CPC report
   - 4.7 Commissioner's Report
5. **Varia**
   - 5.1
   - 5.2

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 16th, 2026

Rosemount High School
Governing Board Minutes
Monday, Dec. 15, 2025

Voting members present:

Parent representatives: Sandra Guerra, James Martin, Anne-Marie Varanese, Edith Varga, Joseph Varga

Teacher representatives: Emilie Bertrand, Anthony Cooperwood, Anne-Marie Flatley, Lisa Sanzone

Student representatives: Ava Iadinardi, Lauren Rendinella

School staff representatives: Gina Ciarciello, Hannah Johnson

Ex officio members present:

Samira Chawki (Interim Vice-Principal)

Giovanni Iammarrone (Principal)

Non-voting guests present:

Melina Catalano (RHS Music Coordinator)

Maria Corsi (EMSB Commissioner for Ward 4)

Absent:

Parent representative: Michael Guerra

The Governing Board met online. Chair Guerra called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

1. **Welcome**
   - 1.1 **Public Question Period**: No questions submitted.
   - 1.2 **Additions to the Agenda**: No additions.
   - 1.3 **Approval of the Agenda**: Motion to approve: first by Anne-Marie Varanese, seconded by Anne-Marie Flatley; **all in favour.**
   - 1.4 **Approval of the minutes of Oct. 21, 2025**: Motion to approve: first by Gina Ciarciello, seconded by Anthony Cooperwood. See **Notes** below.

2. New Business Requiring Approval

2.1 **Senior Trip Approval:** Principal Iammarrone asked the Governing Board to approve a proposed trip to Toronto and Niagara Falls for the Sec. 5 students from April 8-10, 2026. The students and chaperones would travel by coach bus and stay in a hotel. Activities include:

- Visits to the Royal Ontario Museum, CN Tower, Ripley's Aquarium, and the Hockey Hall of Fame
- A Raptors home game
- Bowling
- A Niagara Falls tour

A minimum of 40 students must commit to the trip for it to proceed; the maximum is 50. If 40 students participate, the cost per student would be $915. If 50 students participate, the cost drops to $855. A deposit would not be due until January, with the balance paid in installments over six weeks.

Interested students must have their parents sign a form and return it to the school by Dec. 18.

Motion to approve: first by James Martin, seconded by Joseph Varga, **all in favour.**

3. Items Requiring Discussion: none

4. Reports

4.1 **Principal's Report** (Giovanni Iammarrone):

- Ms. Johnson organized the "Our School" survey, conducted over the past three weeks. RHS will use those results to inform its Anti-bullying & Anti-violence Plan, which the Principal will present to the Governing Board in early 2026.

- On Thursday, Dec. 18, there will be a movie night for Sec. 5 students. The school will provide snacks and popcorn.
- At the student council's request, the RHS administration rented a photo booth for the last day of classes before the holiday break.
- Despite the budget cuts, the school has found a way to pay for graduation hoodies for the Sec. 5 students. They will receive those after the holiday break.

4.2 **Teachers' Report** (Emilie Bertrand, Anthony Cooperwood, Anne-Marie Flatley):

- In addition to Spirit Week, teachers and students participated in a homeroom door-decorating contest.
- The teachers participated in "research testing" of the entrepreneurship class's cookie recipes.
- The student-teacher volleyball game was heated, but all in good fun.
- On Nov. 10, some classes attended a Cinécole film screening at Cinéma Beaubien.
- The CrossFit activity on Wednesdays after school will probably continue after the holiday break.
- The elementary school Music tours will continue up to the holiday break.

4.3 **Professionals' Report** (Hannah Johnson)**:**

- In January, the library will receive almost 200 new books, with a focus on *manga*, *manhwa*, and *manhua* graphic novels.
- The library is running many activities to promote student engagement, including making Christmas pins and a Battle of the Books competition.
- Ms. Johnson has been providing individual follow-ups to students regarding mental health, well-being, academic success, and post-

secondary choices, coordinating with health care providers for students who need accommodations, and making referrals to community resources.

- The school's social worker, youth counsellor, and art therapist have been seeing students for individual follow-ups on mental health and well-being.
- The youth counsellor has been coordinating with our Camp Lift mentor to provide in-class and extracurricular programming on mental wellness and school success.
- The personal development and community initiatives animator led Sec. 1 students in workshops about the safe use of social media. She is also organizing a Mental Health Day for East End high schools on March 30.
- Some Sec. 5 students are painting a kindness mural.
- In February, there will be workshops for students about residential schools and Black History Month.
- There will be a field trip to the Holocaust Museum in March.

4.4 **Students' Report** (Ava Iadinardi, Lauren Rendinella)

- Music students were excited to be part of the elementary school tours.
- The Christmas concert and bake sale were a success
- The RHS girls' futsal team will play its first game on Jan. 8
- Sec. 5 students are excited for the holiday movie night at the school.
- All students are excited about the theme days (e.g., ugly sweaters, Christmas socks, Santa hats) for Spirit Week.

4.5 **Arts Etudes Report** (Melina Catalano):

- Holiday Concert: Thank you to our students, staff volunteers, administration and music parents' association for making this event

a success. Guests donated non-perishable food items, which have been added to the RHS food bank.

- Our senior students in Symphonic Winds have started their Elementary Music tours at Nesbitt and Pierre de Coubertin as of Friday, December 12th. The following dates are December 17th and 18th. Thank you to our teachers and administration for making this possible; it not only promotes our school's name but also spreads holiday cheer.
- Our Class Act students are in the Top 10s of the nationwide CBC Music Challenge. We are very proud of our students and look forward to the results, which are coming soon.
- Music Exams are coming up in January and will be done during class time. Their ensemble directors will send a schedule to students soon.
- Parents and administrators are aware of students who are having academic difficulties. Students flagged for academic assistance must attend tutorials in the course in which they are struggling.

4.6 **CPC Report** (James Martin, Joseph Varga):

- Ms. Katherine Korakakis was re-elected as Chair of the EMSB Parents Committee.
- The Committee held meetings on Nov. 6 and Dec. 5. Much of the meetings focused on concerns about the recent budget cuts. The Committee has asked the EMSB to give a presentation on its budget response in January.
- The debate over providing dedicated emails for Governing Board Chairs continues.
- A petition is circulating to have crossing guards at high schools. If enough people sign the petition, the EMSB will pursue the request with the government.

4.7 **Commissioner's Report** (Maria Corsi):

- On Oct. 30, the EMSB Council of Commissioners adopted the 2025-2026 budget. This includes a $7.8-million deficit.
    - The EMSB pushed back against the massive budget cuts imposed by the Quebec government on the entire Quebec education network in June 2025. Although this resulted in some positive changes, the situation is still dire.
    - If the Quebec government were to allow the EMSB to use 15 per cent of its accumulated surplus, as has been the case in previous years, the EMSB would be able to balance the budget.
- On Dec. 3, EMSB Chair Joe Ortona hosted a town hall for Governing Board chairs and Parent Committee delegates. He provided a detailed briefing on the court challenges the EMSB and the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) have been pursuing regarding Bills 21 and 96.
- In 2026, it will be the EMSB's turn to organize the QESBA's annual spring conference.
- At its Dec. 9 meeting, the EMSB Council of Commissioners approved the following:
    - A proposal to expand the Rosemont Technology Center's footprint at Lester B. Pearson High School; this will allow for expansion of the carpentry program, which is in high demand.
    - The draft calendars for consultation in the youth, adult, and vocational sectors for 2026-27.
    - A resolution to expand February's celebration of Black History throughout the school year.

- A request to initiate legal proceedings challenging the Quebec government's decision to change the governance structure of the *Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal*. This committee plays an important role in collecting and allocating school tax revenue across Montreal's schools.

5. **Varia:** none

Notes:

Chair Guerra cancelled the Nov. 18, 2025, meeting due to a lack of agenda items. Nine (9) meetings were initially scheduled for the 2025-2026 academic year. The Chair may cancel meetings at their discretion, provided the Governing Board meets at least five (5) times per year.

Adjournment: 7:44 p.m.
Motion: First by Anne-Marie Flatley, seconded by Joseph Varga; all in favour.

Minutes respectfully submitted by James Martin.

Minutes to be submitted for approval by the Governing Board at the January 19, 2026, meeting.

Sandra Guerra, GB Chair

Giovanni Iammarrone, Principal