GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA

DATE: Monday, March 16th, 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 February 16th, 2026
2. **New Business Requiring Approval**
    - 2.1 Building Budget Process
    - 2.2
    - 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, April 21st , 2026.

Rosemount High School
Governing Board Minutes
Monday, Feb. 16, 2026

Voting members present:

Parent representatives: Michael Guerra (Treasurer), Sandra Guerra (Chair), James Martin (Recording Secretary), Anne-Marie Varanese, Edith Varga, Joseph Varga

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

School staff representative: Hannah Johnson

Student representative: Ava Iadinardi

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:

School staff representative: Gina Ciarciello

Student representative: Lauren Rendinella

The Governing Board met online. Chair Guerra called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. **Welcome**
   - 1.1 **Public Question Period**: No questions submitted.
   - 1.2 **Additions to the Agenda**: Edith Varga added item 2.6 (Approval of fundraiser for Music Parents Committee).
   - 1.3 **Approval of the Agenda**: Motion to approve: first by James Martin, seconded by Lisa Sanzone; **all in favour.**

1.4 **Approval of the minutes of Jan. 19, 2026**: Motion to approve: first by Michael Guerra, seconded by Anne-Marie Varanese; **all in favour.**

2. New Business Requiring Approval

2.1 **Budget Approval**: Principal Iammarrone explained the budget for 2025-2026, then put forth the following motion:

"Whereas, in accordance with Section 95 of the Education Act, the Governing Board is responsible for adopting the school's annual budget as proposed by the Principal;

"Whereas, in accordance with Section 96.24 of the Education Act, the school budget must maintain a balance between expenditures on the one hand, and the financial resources allocated to the school by the school board and the school's revenues on the other; Anne-Marie Varanese moved that, in accordance with the 2025-2026 Budget Parameters, the Governing board of Rosemount High School adopt the school budget for the 2025-2026 school year, as presented by the school Principal, which forecasts revenues of $550,807 and expenditures of $550,807; and that the budget be submitted to the EMSB for final approval."

Motion to approve: **all in favour.**

2.2 **Report on Educational Project Action Plan**: Principal Iammarrone presented the annual report on RHSis progress toward the objectives outlined in its Education Project for 2023-2027. The Educational Project is a strategic tool that defines the school's policy orientations, priority actions, and expected results, and ensures educational success for all students. **No approval required.**

2.3 **Anti-Bullying/Anti-Violence Plan:** In accordance with the Education Act, all elementary and high schools must develop an Anti-Bullying/Anti-Violence Action Plan to foster a safe school environment. Principal

Iammarrone explained the RHS Plan's prevention measures and intervention methods for incidents of bullying and/or violence, then put forth the following motion:

"Whereas the Principal shall set up an anti-bullying and anti-violence team and designate a school staff member to coordinate the development, review, and, if necessary, updating of the anti-bullying anti-violence plan (Bill 56 section 11-12);

"Whereas section 75.1 of the Education Act states the Governing Board shall approve an anti-bullying anti-violence plan;

"It was moved by Michael Guerra, and seconded by James Martin, that the 2025-2026 Anti-Bullying Anti-Violence Plan be approved, as presented, by the Governing Board and that it be communicated to all parents on the school website."

Motion to approve: **all in favour.**

The approved plan will be available on the RHS website.

2.4 **2025-2026 School Calendar Changes**: To accommodate exams, Friday, June 5 will not be the final day of classes. Principal Iammarrone asked that the Governing Board approve the following changes:

- **Monday, June 8** becomes a regular Day 1 for all students **except** for Sec. 5 *français enrichi* students, who will write their French exam and then be dismissed.
- **Tuesday, June 9** becomes a regular Day 2 for Sec. 1-4 students. **All** Sec. 5 students will write French exams and be dismissed early.

Motion to approve: first by Anne-Marie Varanese, seconded by James Martin, **all in favour.**

2.5 **Trip approvals:** Principal Iammarrone put forth a blanket motion to approve three day-trips for Music students:

- **Friday, March 20:** Sec. 2 students will perform in Ottawa. They will leave Montreal in the morning and return in the evening.

- **Saturday, March 21 and Sunday, March 22:** Students will be performing in Victoriaville. This is not an overnight trip; students will leave Montreal early Saturday morning, return Saturday evening, then do the same on Sunday.
- **Friday, April 17:** Students will perform at BandFest in Laval. They will leave after the 2:40 p.m. dismissal and return in the evening.

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

2.6 **Approval of fundraiser for Music Parents Committee:** The Music Parents' Committee asked the Governing Board to approve a plan to sell cookie dough to raise money for new instruments. Details about the sale are being finalized.

Motion to approve: first by James Martin, seconded by Anthony Cooperwood, **all in favour.**

3. Items Requiring Discussion:

3.1 **Selection Criteria for the Appointment of the Principal**: Each year, the EMSB asks each Governing Board to submit a document outlining the qualities it deems essential for the role of Principal of its school. Chair Guerra read the final draft of the letter outlining the Governing Board's essential criteria for an RHS Principal.

4. Reports

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

- Cabane à sucre: On Feb. 25, Sec. 5 students will take a day trip to a cabane à sucre. Sec. 1-4 students will enjoy a "mobile cabane à sucre" at the school.
- Report cards will be available on Mozaik on Feb. 18.

- Parent-teacher interviews will be held on Feb. 25 from 3-5 p.m. and 6:30-9 p.m.
- On March 12, there will be a lunch-and-learn session for students focused on building healthy relationships with law enforcement officers.

4.2 **Teachers' Report** (Anne-Marie Flatley):

- Valentine's Day candygrams were distributed on Feb. 13.
- There will be two Black History Month assemblies on Feb. 17: a morning assembly for Sec. 4 and 5 students, and an afternoon one for Sec. 1-3.
- Everyone is looking forward to March break (March 2-6)

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

- Cégep applications are underway. Sec. 5 students received their application instructions presentation at the start of Feb. and are making appointments to decide next steps.
- Transition meetings are underway for students with handicaps to plan for moving services from high school out into the community when they graduate.
- There will be an art therapy workshop for at-risk students. Details are still being planned.

4.4 **Students' Report** (Ava Iadinardi):

- The Grad Committee bake sale on Feb. 12 and 13 raised $357.
- The sports teams are doing well, particularly the girls' soccer team.
- Grad: Sec. 5 students are really happy about their hoodies, and photos went well on Feb. 6.
- Sec. 5 students are excited about the Cabane à sucre (Feb. 25) and senior trip to Toronto and Niagara Falls (April 8-10).

4.5 **Arts Etudes Report** (Melina Catalano, Anthony Cooperwood):

- The week of Feb. 23, the program will issue notices about students flagged for academic assistance.
- The coaching schedule is on Google Classroom.

4.6 **CPC Report** (Joseph Varga):

- At its meeting on Feb. 5, the EMSB-Parents' Committee:
  - Mandated its Executive to organize and deliver a series of parent engagement workshops entitled Parent Governance 101: Making Your Voice Count at School. Three sessions are proposed (two in-person and one virtual), with dates currently targeted for March 18, March 25, and April 15, 2026. Final confirmation of venues is pending administrative approval. The purpose of these workshops is to provide parents and guardians with practical information regarding their participatory rights and responsibilities within school governance structures.
  - Emphasized the statutory obligation of all Governing Boards and the EMSB PC to complete the Budget Building exercise. Given current and anticipated budget reductions, delegates stressed the importance of reviewing prior submissions, reassessing school-level priorities, and clearly identifying services or expenditures that should not be reduced.
  - Reviewed the status of Physical Education equipment oversight. Senior administration reported that, although no formal board-wide policy is currently in force, annual equipment verification occurs through principal surveys and on-site inspections conducted by Educational Services and Material Resources. Delegates expressed concern regarding the absence of formal procedures. A motion was adopted to

request documentation clarifying how equipment maintenance and replacement requests are managed.

- Addressed inconsistent access to library services across the system following complaints received from parents.
- Confirmed that it sent a letter to the Ministry of Education concerning Governing Board email accounts.
- Reviewed recent funding changes affecting tutoring services delivered by LEARN Quebec. Funding is no longer provided directly to the organization but is instead allocated to school boards.
- Confirmed that it has issued a public statement condemning the restriction of public participation during the Question-and-Answer period at Council of Commissioners meetings.

- At the provincial level, the English Parents' Committee Association presented a brief at the National Assembly concerning Bill 1 (Quebec Constitution), raising concerns related to minority language rights and potential implications for school governance and funding.

4.7 **Commissioner's Report** (Maria Corsi): The EMSB met on Feb. 10:

- The 2024-2025 EMSB annual report included a mention of last year's "Ode to Joy" music event at RHS.
- The Regional Student Ombudsman attended to raise awareness about the new process for filing a complaint.
- Approvals:
  - (For consultation): The budget building process for 2026-27. Governing Boards and the Parents Committee will be asked for their input on spending priorities.
  - A proposal to establish an ad hoc committee on environmental sustainability. The goal is to build on the

EMSB's 2010 Green Plan to drive infrastructure projects that improve the sustainability and adaptation of our schools to a changing climate.

- Formal recognition of January 27 each year as the International Holocaust Remembrance Day and to encourage schools to mark the day through educational activities, moments of reflection, or curriculum-based learning.

- Chair Joe Ortona, in his capacity as president of the Quebec English School Boards Association, presented a brief on the Bill 1 parliamentary hearing held on February 10. If passed, Bill 1 will limit publicly funded bodies' ability to challenge the Quebec government on laws that infringe on the rights of the Anglophone community.

5. **Varia:** none

Adjournment: 8:54 p.m.
Motion: First by Anne-Marie Flatley, seconded by Anne-Marie Varanese; all in favour.

Minutes respectfully submitted by James Martin.

Minutes to be submitted for approval by the Governing Board at the March 16, 2026, meeting.

Sandra Guerra, GB Chair

Giovanni Iammarrone, Principal