GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA

DATE: Monday, February 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 January 19th, 2026
2. **New Business Requiring Approval**
   - 2.1 Budget Approval
   - 2.2 Report on Educational Project Action Plan
   - 2.3 Anti-Bullying/ Anti-Violence Plan
   - 2.4 2025-2026 School Calendar Changes (June 8-12, 2026)
   - 2.5 Trips Approval: Day Trip to Ottawa + After School Day Trip to Bandfest (Laval Senior Academy) + Victoriaville
3. **Items Requiring Discussion**
   - 3.1 Selection Criteria for the Appointment of the Principal
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

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 16th, 2026

Rosemount High School
Governing Board Minutes
Monday, Jan. 19, 2026

Voting members present:

Parent representatives: Michael Guerra (Treasurer), Sandra Guerra (Chair), James Martin (Recording Secretary), Edith Varga

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

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 representatives: Anne-Marie Varanese, Joseph Varga

Teacher representative: Emilie Bertrand

Student representatives: Ava Iadinardi, Lauren Rendinella

The Governing Board met online. Chair Guerra called the meeting to order at 7:06 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 Anthony Cooperwood, seconded by Edith Varga; **all in favour.**
   - 1.4 **Approval of the minutes of Dec. 15, 2025**: Motion to approve: first by Gina Ciarciello, seconded by Anthony Cooperwood; **all in favour.**

2. New Business Requiring Approval

2.1 **Mandatory Content for Learning (ACGC, Social Competencies, Sex Ed. Plan)**: Section 461 of the Quebec Education Act empowers the Minister of Education to establish mandatory programs of study, educational objectives, and content. In accordance with Section 461, the EMSB integrates Academic and Career Guidance Content (ACGC), the development of personal and social competencies, and Sexuality Education as mandatory, age-appropriate components of the Quebec Education Program (QEP). These programs aim to foster student well-being, safety, and informed decision-making.

After presenting RHS's plan for implementing these three components in the current academic year, Principal Iammarrone asked that the Governing Board approve the plan.

Motion to approve: first by James Martin, seconded by Lisa Sanzone, **all in favour.**

2.2 **Renewal for Arts-Études program & time allocation changes**: In May 2023, the Ministère de l'Éducation approved RHS's application to implement an Arts-Études music concentration for a four-year period starting in Fall 2023. RHS is currently in year three of that mandate. To allow for extra music instruction, Arts-Études students have fewer English and French periods than students outside the concentration.

Principal Iammarrone asked the Governing Board to approve two motions:

2.2.1 RHS will apply to renew the Arts-Études concentration for a four-year period beginning with the 2027-2028 academic year.

Motion to approve: first by Gina Ciarciello, seconded by Anthony Cooperwood, **all in favour.**

2.2.2 Beginning in the 2026-2027 academic year, Arts-Études will regain the English and/or French periods that had been previously removed to allow for additional music instruction. The change will be as follows:

- Sec. 1 and 2 students will regain approximately 21 English periods during the year.
- Sec. 3 students will regain approximately 21 French periods.
- Sec. 4 and 5 students will regain approximately 21 English periods and 21 French periods.

Motion to approve: first by Gina Ciarciello, seconded by Anne-Marie Flatley. Six members voted in favour, two against. **Motion approved.**

3. Items Requiring Discussion: none

4. Reports

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

- **Mid-year exams** (Jan. 26-30): Teachers are helping students prepare. The exams give students a good sense of what to expect from the June final exams.
- **Senior trip to Toronto and Niagara Falls** (April 8-10): Due to a high number of pre-registrations, the school has added a second bus to accommodate more students. RHS will absorb the cost of the second bus to keep costs down for families. If actual registrations are lower than expected, RHS can cancel the second bus without penalty.
- At the Feb. 16, 2026, Governing Board meeting, Principal Iammarrone will present:
    - The **annual Education Project report**, a strategic tool that defines the school's policy orientations, priority actions, and

expected results, and ensures educational success for all students.

- The **2026-2027 Anti-Bullying/Anti-Violence Plan**. In accordance with the Education Act, all elementary and high schools must develop a plan to foster a safe school environment.

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

- Teachers are focused on helping students prepare for the mid-year exams.
- The end of term will be Feb. 5.

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

- CEGEP application season is approaching:
  - The guidance counsellor, youth counsellor, and social worker are doing a lot of personal and academic counselling.
  - In early February, there will be presentations to Sec. 5 students on the application process.
- Ms. Triasi, the librarian, is cataloguing the newly acquired books and is busy with the Battle of the Books extracurricular activity.
- The multidisciplinary teams are holding many individual sessions with students.

4.4 **Students' Report:** no report

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

- Midyear tests will be done before midterm week, to free students to study for their other subjects.
- RHS students will compete in Band Fest (April 17). is band fest.
- To accommodate the Sec. 5 senior trip, the April 10 concert has been moved to April 1.
- Class Act will take a day trip to perform in Quebec City on May 14.

- Approximately 20 RHS students will compete in Victoriaville on March 21 and 22.
- Upcoming (date to be confirmed): The annual Sec. 2 day trip to Ottawa. The students will perform for a judge and receive feedback about what they did well and what could be improved. They will also visit and museum and go for dinner before returning home.

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

- The EMSB Parents' Committee (PC) met virtually on Jan. 8, 2026:
  - Approvals:
    - An updated pamphlet for parents explaining the Committee's role.
    - Changes to the PC's internal rules, including clearer contact information for PC members.
    - A draft 2026-2027 school calendar confirming the school year will begin in September.
    - A statement opposing the EMSB decision to no longer accept online questions during council meetings.
  - EMSB Administration:
    - Did not provide the budget presentation previously requested by the PC. The PC agreed to follow up with a letter to the Administration.
    - Has not provided an update on the status of physical education equipment guidelines.
  - The Quebec Ministry of Education:
    - Will receive a letter from the PC regarding the creation of dedicated email addresses for Governing Board Chairs.
    - Has not responded to the PC's letter regarding Bill 94.
  - Miscellaneous:

- The PC is planning to host three information sessions for the EMSB parent community (two in person, one online).
- The PC will work with the EMSB to explore creating a Microsoft Teams space to help PC members communicate more easily
- The petition calling for crossing guards in high schools is still open.
- The PC confirmed it will keep its website domain so information can continue to be updated and shared with parents.
- The PC has been approved to contribute a regular column to the EMSB's Focus newsletter.

- Highlights from Parent Commissioner reports:
  - Recognition of December's Students of the Month
  - Approval of the EMSB Annual Report
  - Designation of February 2026 as a Celebration of Black History Month.

- The next PC meeting will take place virtually on Feb. 5, 2026.

4.7 **Commissioner's Report** (Maria Corsi): The EMSB has not met since Ms. Corsi last reported to the Governing Board. The next EMSB meeting will be Feb. 10.

5. **Varia:** none

Notes:

- Joseph Varga filed his CPC report (item 4.6) before the meeting. James Martin read the report in Mr. Varga's absence.
- At its Feb. 16, 2026, meeting, the Governing Board will draft its annual Selection Criteria for the Appointment of the Principal. In advance of the meeting, Chair

Guerra will share last year's criteria as a starting point for the discussion. As is standard practice, the Principal and Vice-Principal will be excused from the Selection Criteria discussion.

- James Martin will be absent from the March 16, 2026, meeting. Michael Guerra has volunteered to act as Recording Secretary for that meeting.

Adjournment: 8:27 p.m.

Motion: First by Anne-Marie Flatley, seconded by Gina Ciarciello; all in favour.

Minutes respectfully submitted by James Martin.

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

Sandra Guerra, GB Chair

Giovanni Iammarrone, Principal

Report of the RHS Delegate, Joseph Varga
Regarding the EMSB-Parents' Committee Meeting of February 5, 2026
Submitted to the RHS Governing Board
February 16th 2026

At its meeting of February 5, 2026, the EMSB-Parents' Committee (PC) addressed a number of governance, policy, budgetary, and advocacy matters relevant to Governing Boards (GBs).

The 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.

With respect to the annual Budget Building process, the Committee emphasized the statutory obligation of all Governing Boards and the EMSB PC to complete this 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. The Committee referenced guidance materials prepared by the English Parents' Committee Association to support parent representatives in reviewing school budgets and exercising their governance rights effectively.

The Committee 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 formally documented procedures, particularly in light of a prior Committee position opposing the rescission of an earlier policy without replacement. A motion was adopted to request documentation clarifying how equipment maintenance and replacement requests are tracked and managed.

The Committee further addressed inconsistent access to library services across the system following complaints received from parents. A survey of delegates revealed variability among schools, ranging from fully operational libraries to reduced or absent services. While recognizing that staffing decisions fall outside the authority of Governing Boards and the PC, delegates encouraged members to raise concerns through Governing Board motions, Parent Participation Organizations, and during the budget-building process. The Committee also requested clarification from administration regarding the criteria used to allocate library services (e.g., enrolment, budgetary considerations, or other factors).

In relation to transportation, concerns were raised regarding bus safety, specifically emergency procedures and incident reporting mechanisms. The representative to the Transportation & Safety Advisory Committee undertook to investigate bus company training protocols and incident tracking systems and will report back to the Committee.

The Committee confirmed that a letter previously approved concerning Governing Board email accounts was transmitted to the Ministry of Education in January 2026. Authorization was granted to share the correspondence with ministry civil servants to facilitate follow-up. Additionally, a motion was adopted to send a further letter to the Minister of Education and the Official Opposition regarding current budget reductions and the denial of access to EMSB surplus funds.

The Committee 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, with new limitations on

eligibility and session availability. As a result, delegates directed the Executive to draft correspondence to EMSB administration seeking mitigation strategies to address the reduction in accessible tutoring services.

The Committee also issued a public statement condemning the restriction of public participation during the Question-and-Answer period at Council of Commissioners meetings. A follow-up communication was sent to the Chair of the Council of Commissioners; no response had been received as of the meeting date.

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.

Additional updates were received from subcommittees, including:

- Marketing and Communications (revised parent resource guide; development of a Teams communication platform);
- Climate Readiness (approval of a letter regarding climate-related school closures and development of extreme weather guidelines);
- Education First (drafting of the surplus funding letter); and
- Advisory Committee on Special Education Services (review of budget impacts and identification of service gaps, with a Student Services presentation scheduled for April 2026).

No Parent Commissioner report was presented, as no Council of Commissioners meeting occurred in January. The next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2026.

If you have any questions about this report or would like to raise an issue for the Parents' Committee to consider, please feel free to forward them to me. I am happy to bring parent questions and concerns to the table.