Rosemount High School
Governing Board Minutes
Monday, June 15, 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: Anthony Cooperwood, Anne-Marie Flatley, Lisa Sanzone
School staff representative: Gina Ciarciello

Ex officio members present:

Samira Chawki (Interim Vice-Principal)
Giovanni Iammarrone (Principal)

Non-voting guests present:

Melina Catalano (RHS Music Coordinator)

Absent:

Teacher representative: Emilie Bertrand
Student representatives: Ava Iadinardi, Lauren Rendinella
School staff representative: Hannah Johnson

The Governing Board met at Rosemount High School; Ms Catalano joined the meeting online.

Chair Guerra called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

1. **Welcome**
   - 1.1 **Public Question Period**: No questions submitted.
   - 1.2 **Additions to the Agenda**: None.
   - 1.3 **Approval of the Agenda**: Motion to approve: first by Anne-Marie Flatley, seconded by Joseph Varga; **all in favour.**

1.4 **Approval of the minutes of May 26, 2026**: Motion to approve: first by Joseph Varga, seconded by Anne-Marie Varanese; **all in favour.**

2. New Business Requiring Approval

2.1 **2026-2027 School Fees:** Principal Iammarrone walked the Governing Board through the proposed school fees, which are somewhat higher due to increased printing/shipping costs for printed materials. The graduation fee for Sec. 5 students is increasing from $95 per student to $105.

Motion to approve: first by Michael Guerra, seconded by Joseph Varga; **all in favour.**

2.2 **Budget 2026-2027 (Fund 3 only):** Principal Iammarone presented the Projected Budget, with forecasted revenue of $67,580 and forecasted expenditures of $67,580.

Anne-Marie Varanese moved that the Governing Board approve the following resolution:

> "Whereas, in accordance with Section 95 of the Education Act, the Governing Board is responsible for adoption of the school's annual budget as proposed by the Principal.
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> "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 own revenue on the other."

Motion seconded by Michael Guerra; **all in favour.**

2.3 **Art Études Fees 2026-2027:** Melina Catalano presented the fee schedule for next year, which is in keeping with the 2025-2026 fees. RHS Art

Études fees are currently being waived because of a *Projets pédagogiques particuliers* (PPP) grant from Quebec's *Ministère de l'Éducation.*

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

2.4 **Arts Études Handbook:** Ms. Catalano presented a draft handbook to be distributed to Arts Études students' parents in the fall. The content is similar to that of previous years, outlining:

- Program rules and regulations
- Expectations of student participation
- Guide and terms
- Rehearsal and personal practice times and schedules
- Concert performance attire
- Special events in the year, and Calendar
- Teacher and Coordinator communications
- Tutorial and practice log examples

The booklet also includes two forms to be signed by parents and students:

- Parent and Student Agreement
- Instrument Liability Agreement

Motion to approve: first by Anne-Marie Varanese, seconded by Anthony Cooperwood; **unanimous approval.**

2.5 **Standards and Procedures Summary Report for 2026-2027:** The annual Standards and Procedures document summarizes the evaluation criteria for each course at each grade level. Principal Iammarrone presented next year's summary, as developed by this year's RHS faculty.

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

2.6 **GB Annual Report and Financial Statement:** Chair Guerra presented the Governing Board's 2025-2026 annual report, which includes attendance and meeting decisions, as well as the GB's budget.

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

3. Items Requiring Discussion: None.

4. Reports

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

- The EMSB is abolishing Melina Catalano's position of RHS Music Coordinator. She will be replaced next year by a permanent contractor appointed by the school Board.
  Principal Iammarrone thanked Ms. Catalano for her three years of excellent work at RHS.
- Four parent representatives are retiring from the Governing Board at the end of the current year: Michael Guerra (Treasurer), Sandra Guerra (Chair), James Martin (Recording Secretary), and Anne-Marie Varanese. Principal Iammarrone thanked them for their service to the RHS community.
- For 2026-2027, the week of June 7-11 will be regular cycle days, to be modified as needed.

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

- Students and teachers are focused on final exams.

- The new Academic Awards ceremony was well-received by students.
- The Music Awards will be handed out on June 18.

4.3 **Professionals' Report:** No report.

4.4 **Students' Report:** No report.

4.5 **Arts Etudes Report** (Melina Catalano): Ms. Catalano thanked the Governing Board for their continued support over the past three years.

4.6 **CPC Report** (Joseph Varga): The EMSB Parents Committee meeting was held in person on June 4, 2026, at the EMSB offices. See Appendix A for Mr. Varga's full report.

4.7 **Commissioner's Report:** No report.

5. **Varia:** none

Note: This was the final meeting of the Governing Board for 2025-2026.

Adjournment: 8:07 p.m.
Motion: First by Anne-Marie Flatley, seconded by Anthony Cooperwood; all in favour.

Minutes respectfully submitted by James Martin.

Minutes to be submitted for approval by the Governing Board through electronic vote before the end of the current academic year.

Sandra Guerra, GB Chair

Giovanni Iammarrone, Principal

APPENDIX A

Report of the RHS Delegate, Joseph Varga
Submitted to the RHS Governing Board, June 15, 2026

The EMSB Parents Committee held its last meeting of 2026-206 on June 4, 2026, at the EMSB offices. The meeting covered:

BILL 8: POTENTIAL IMPACT ON ENGLISH EDUCATION – CALL TO MOBILIZATION AND MAILING CAMPAIGN: The Government of Quebec's Bill 8 has raised concerns about its potential to significantly restrict access to English-language adult general education and vocational training programs. Critics argue that the proposed changes could limit opportunities for a wide range of learners, including newcomers, parents, individuals returning to school, and workers seeking to upgrade their skills.

There are also concerns that reducing access to these programs could negatively affect workforce development in sectors already facing labour shortages, such as healthcare, construction, transportation, information technology, and skilled trades. Adult education is also described as a critical pathway for social and economic mobility, offering a second chance to complete studies and obtain employment credentials.

Stakeholders emphasize that supporting French-language acquisition and maintaining access to education are not mutually exclusive goals. They are calling for meaningful consultation with education partners before proceeding further with legislation that may impact thousands of learners across Quebec.

With the National Assembly now in summer adjournment, Bill 8 is effectively paused and has not completed the legislative process. It can only advance if the Assembly is recalled or resumes consideration in the fall session. An election called before adoption would cause the bill to die on the order paper, requiring reintroduction by a future government.

Governing Boards and Parents are encouraged to send the following letter:

Député Vincent Marissal Circonscription Rosemont Hôtel du Parlement
1045, rue des Parlementaires
3e étage, Bureau 3.38
Québec (Québec) G1A 1A3 Vincent.Marissal.ROSE@assnat.qc
SUBJECT : BILL 8
Dear Député Vincent Marissal,
Quebec is facing serious workforce shortages. At the same time, the government is proposing new legislation that would restrict access to adult education and vocational training in the English public school system by extending the application of Bill 101 to adult learners.
Minister Roberge would like for everyone to believe that it is another way to preserve the French language. It is a political agenda that restrict adult learner's access to English education, training, and support they need to graduate, gain skills, and contribute to Quebec.
English adult education and vocational training centres serves all Quebecers: English-eligible students, francophones, allophones, newcomers, and adults from many different backgrounds. They are not a loophole, they are well-established public education pathways that help people succeed and prepare to enter the Quebec workforce.
They help adults:

- *complete high school;*
- *obtain prerequisites for vocational training or CEGEP;*
- *retrain for new careers;*
- *enter the workforce with recognized qualifications;*
- *support their families and communities.*

Restricting access would not simply result in students transferring to French school service centres. Many adult learners would face significant barriers to continuing their education.

Depending on the program or region, some "40-70%" of currently enrolled students may no longer qualify for access to English centres under the proposed restrictions

Many would face:

- *long travel distances;*
- *fewer available programs;*
- *longer waiting lists;*
- *language-readiness barriers;*
- *loss of support services available in the English network;*
- *the decision to abandon their studies altogether.*

Quebec would see fewer graduates, fewer skilled workers, and fewer trained employees in essential sectors already facing labour shortages, including health care, construction, childcare, administration, mechanics, welding, hospitality, and other priority fields.

There would be reduced enrolment caused by these restrictions forcing English school boards to reduce program offerings, eliminate specialized training opportunities, and potentially close centres in some regions, further limiting access to education and workforce training across Quebec.

English school boards have long championed French-language learning. Many vocational centres already provide workplace French, bilingual materials, French-language support, and internships in French-speaking settings.

The solution is not to close successful pathways. The solution is to strengthen French-language support while protecting access to programs that help Quebecers graduate, gain skills, and contribute to the province's economy.

Respectfully,

Parent Name

cc Katherine korakakis President of EPCA president@epcaquebec.org

cc Joe Ortona President QESBA president@qesba.qc.ca

EMSB-PC INFRASTRUCTURE SURVEY: Seventeen responses were received, including thirteen elementary schools and four high schools. The purpose was to obtain a snapshot of current infrastructure related issues, including, heating, ventilation, AC, and accessibility. Among other things, successful renovation projects were shared.

SCHOOL FUNDING INDEX CHANGES AND BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: Changes to the school funding index will reduce funding for schools serving vulnerable populations. The new index uses criteria such as parental education and employment status, which do not necessarily accurately reflect school needs, and will result in funding losses for many schools.
These reductions will affect services such as additional staffing and learning resources across both English and French sectors. The changes take effect in the upcoming school year, and schools are advised to verify their funding status through the government website and prepare for corresponding budget adjustments.

ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN: This is planned for the fall, including the distribution of materials for parents. EMSB-PC Executive will follow-up with the Director General to explore additional initiatives, including the potential design and printing of standees with possible support from the Rosemount Technology Center.

CLIC ECOLE MOBILE APP TOOL: CLIC replaces MOZAIK. CLIC Link - Clic école mobile application | Gouvernement du Québec

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: Transportation contracts have been confirmed, bus pass reimbursement cheques for high school students have been issued to parents, and the use of electric buses is being reconsidered due to operational issues.

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CLIMATE READINESS SUB-COMMITTEE: The EMSB-PC approved submitting the Proposed Framework for Executive Weather Events to the Council of Commissioners' Sustainability Subcommittee.

The next EMSB PC meeting is in the Fall of 2026.

Principal
June 17, 2026

CHAIR
June 17th, 2026