RHS Governing Board Agenda
Date: October 21st, 2025
Time: 7:00pm
Place: Virtual

1. **Welcome**
   1.1 Public Question Period
   1.2 Additions to the agenda
   1.3 Approval of the agenda
   1.4Approval of the minutes of September 22nd, 2025.

2. **New Business Requiring Approval**
   2.1

3. **Items Requiring Discussion**
   3.1 Possible upcoming field trip(s) outside of Canada

4. **Reports**
   41. 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, November 18th, 2025.

Rosemount High School
Governing Board Minutes
Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2025

Voting members present:

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

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

School staff representatives: Gina Ciarciello

Ex officio members: Samira Chawki (Interim Vice-Principal), Giovanni Iammarrone (Principal)

Absent:

Staff representative: Hannah Johnson

The meeting was held at Rosemount High School. Principal Iammarrone acted as Chair until the appointment of a Chair for 2025-2026 (item 3.7). Principal Iammarrone called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

1. **Welcome**
   - 1.1 **Public Question Period**: No questions submitted.
   - 1.2 **Additions to the Agenda**: Principal Iammarrone added items 6.1 (Early Dismissals) and 6.2 (Blanket Approval of Local Field Trips and Fundraisers).
   - 1.3 **Approval of the Agenda**: Motion to approve with additions: first by James Martin, seconded by Anne-Marie Flatley; **all in favour.**

2. **Business Arising**
   - 2.1 **Revised composition of Governing Board members:** Since the Sept. 11, 2025, Annual General Assembly, parent representative Danielle Palla resigned her position. See item 3.1

3. **New Business Requiring Approval**

3.1 **Approval of Parent Member to Fill Vacant Post:** Edith Varga was nominated to the vacant position (see item 2.1) for a one-year term as a parent representative. Motion to approve: first by Sandra Guerra, seconded by Anne-Marie Flatley, **all in favour.**

3.2 **Recap of 2025-2026 Governing Board membership:**

- There are six **parent representatives**. Three parents are serving one-year terms (Sept. 2025-June 2026): Sandra Guerra, James Martin, and Edith Varga. Three parents are serving two-year terms (Sept. 2025-June 2027): Michael Guerra, Anne-Marie Varanese, and Joseph Varga.
- The **teacher representatives** are Emilie Bertrand, Anthony Cooperwood, Anne-Marie Flatley, and Lisa Sanzone.
- The **staff representatives** are Gina Ciarciello and Anna Johnson.
- Principal Iammarrone and Vice-Principal Chawki sit on the Governing Board as **ex officio members**.
- Two **student representatives** have yet to be appointed.

3.3 **Approval of the Minutes of the June 16, 2025, meeting**: Motion to approve with corrections: first by Sandra Guerra, seconded by Gina Ciarciello; **all in favour.**

3.4 **Approval of the minutes of the Sept. 11, 2024, General Assembly**: Motion to approve: first by Anne-Marie Flatley, seconded by James Martin; **all in favour.**

3.5 **Governing Board Code of Conduct**: Principal Iammarrone informed the members of the Governing Board of the code of conduct. Members are expected to:

- Act with integrity
- Be culturally responsive and fair
- Actively promote a safe school environment
- Be respectful of our fellow board members

- Act consistently with the designated or special characters of the school and the school board
- Be respectful of the process within the collective decision-making that we have
- Raise their hand, wait to be acknowledged by the chair to speak
- Treat your school's staff and members of the staff with respect
- Come to the board meetings on time and prepared to participate fully
- Use the position of school GB board member responsibly, and
- Identify and manage conflicts of interest that might come up within the year.

Motion to approve: first by Anne-Marie Varanese, seconded by Emily Bertrand; **all in favour.**

3.6 **Voting of GB Meeting Dates and Format for 2025-2026:** The Governing Board is required to meet at least five (5) times during the academic year. The Chair may cancel a meeting if there are insufficient agenda items, provided the Governing Board fulfills its obligations.

Principal Iammarrone proposed the following meeting dates for 2025-2026:

- Tuesday, Oct. 21
- Tuesday, Nov. 18
- Monday, Dec. 15
- Monday, Jan. 19
- Monday, Feb. 16
- Monday, March 16
- Tuesday, April 21
- Tuesday, May 19
- Monday, June 15

All meetings will start at 7 p.m.

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

Principal Iammarrone additionally proposed that the Governing Board hold its first and last meetings of the year in person. The remaining meetings will be online.

Motion to approve: first by Anne-Marie Flatley, seconded by Sandra Guerra; **all in favour.**

3.7 **Voting of Governing Board Chair for the 2025-2026 academic year:** Sandra Guerra was re-elected by acclamation as Chair.

3.8 **Voting of Recording Secretary for the 2025-2026 academic year:** James Martin was re-elected by acclamation as Recording Secretary.

3.9 **Voting of Treasurer for the 2025-2026 academic year:** Michael Guerra was elected by acclamation as Treasurer.

3.10 **Nomination of Community Representative for the 2024-2025 academic year:** Tabled until next meeting. The Community Representative is a non-voting position and must be held by someone outside of RHS (i.e., not a parent, teacher, staff member, or student). The Governing Board brainstormed a list of potential candidates and will contact them to determine their interest.

3.11 **Approval of Governing Board Annual Report 2024-2025:** Motion to approve: first by Anthony Cooperwood, seconded by Anne-Marie Flatley; all in favour.

4. Items Requiring Discussion

4.1 **Updated Uniform Clothing Options:** As Principal Iammarrone reported at the June 16, 2025, meeting, Price Buckland will remain the RHS uniform supplier until at least September 2027. RHS is phasing out the burgundy items, so Price Buckland will offer a simplified selection of uniform items:

- Black long-sleeved unisex polo shirt
- Black short-sleeved unisex polo shirt
- Black T-shirt (with a white RHS Jaguar instead of red)
- Black hoodie

Parents can purchase the discontinued items while supplies last. Students will be allowed to wear the discontinued items.

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

4.2 **RHS Student Athlete Contract:** Principal Iammarrone shared the contract that student athletes and their parents must sign:

"Student athletes are visible representatives of Rosemont High School, both on school grounds and on school grounds. Student athlete behaviour affects public perception of the school and the character of the student body. Therefore, it is an expectation that student athletes will demonstrate consistent role model behaviour, sportsmanship, and self-control at all times, more specifically:

1. Student athletes must be committed to fair play. Intentional acts of unsportsmanlike behaviour or cheating will not be tolerated.
2. When representing their team during competition, student athletes will exercise self-control in all ways, but not limited to:
    - Resisting the use of profanity
    - Demonstrating unnecessary aggression or hostility towards others
    - Making inappropriate physical gestures
    - Taunting
    - Excessively celebrating, and
    - Disrespecting coaches, referees, teammates, or opponents.
3. Student athletes are prohibited from interacting in any negative way with fans/observers.
4. Students are to respect Rosemont High School's code of conduct in its entirety, during school hours and in all classes. Any breach of the code of conduct may result in the student being suspended

from participating in the sports team's activities for a period of time or removal from the sports team by the school administration."

Motion to approve: first by Anne-Marie Varanese, seconded by Lisa Sanzone; all in favour.

5. Reports

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

- Enrollment as of Sept. 22, 2025, is 391 students
- Graduating class of 2026:
  - 116 students are expected to graduate this year.
  - The graduation ceremony will be on May 22, 2026.
  - Prom will be on June 23, 2026.
- New student recruitment:
  - Open House will be on Thursday, Oct. 2. It is essential to generate interest among East End families with elementary-age children.
  - The majority of current Sec. 1 students come from three Rivière-des-Prairies elementary schools. RHS is particularly focused on RDP because it has a high concentration of young families. To that end, RHS is:
    - Advertising in a busy RDP commercial centre.
    - Continuing to advocate for the STM to add a stop on an existing bus
  - RHS administrators have already visited, or have booked visits, at every possible elementary feeder school, including Gerald McShane, Nesbitt, East Hill, Dante, Edward Murphy, and Pierre Elliott Trudeau schools.

5.2 **Teacher Report** (Anne-Marie Flatley):

- Return to school went well; students enjoyed free ice cream and photo booths on the first day of classes.

- Classes are smaller than last year, which makes a positive difference for students and teachers.
- Curriculum Night on Oct. 12 was a success. Parents moved from class to class in a shortened version of their children's schedules.
- RHS has a replacement librarian, and the library is open again.
- Student council is starting soon.

5.3 **Professional Report:** none

5.4 **Student Report**: none

5.5 **Music Department** (Anthony Cooperwood):

- Sec. 1 students will visit the Montreal Symphony Orchestra at Place des Arts on Oct. 29.
- RHS will nominate 10-14 students to participate in the McGill honour band.
- Christine O'Sullivan has joined the Music faculty. She previously taught at Westmount High School.
- The symphonic winds ensemble, Class Act, and Fill-in-the-Blanks DJ club will perform at the RHS Open House on Oct. 2.
- The Music Parents Association will hold its first meeting of the year on Sept. 25.
- Vanier College invited Class Act to perform at its fall jazz concert on Nov. 10.
- RHS students will submit a version of Charlotte Cardin's "Confetti" to the national CBC Music Class Challenge. Deadline is Nov. 18.
- Arts Etudes program:
    - There are 44 Sec. 1 students in the program.
    - Information packages have been uploaded to Google Classroom.
    - Student-artist agreements have been sent out to be signed by students and their parents.

- Parents must advise the school of Period 5 absences by contacting the office or through Mosaik.
- Students flagged for mid-term academic difficulties will be encouraged to attend tutorials.

6. Varia:

6.1 **Early Dismissals:** Principal Iammarrone asked the Governing Board to approve three early dismissals:

- On **Nov. 27 and Feb. 26, students** will be dismissed at 2:10 p.m. to allow teachers time to prepare for Parent-Teacher interviews later that day. Sec. 1-3 will be regular length. Period 4 will be shorter, and there will be no Period 5 on those days.
- **May 22** will be a mini-day ending at 12:40 p.m. (four periods of shorter length) to allow students and teachers to prepare for the evening's Graduation Ceremony.

Motion to approve: first by Anne-Marie Flatley, seconded by Sandra Guerra; all in favour.

6.2 **Blanket Approvals: Daytime trips and Fundraisers.** Principal Iammarrone asked the Governing Board to approve two blanket approvals stating that, for the duration of the 2025-2026 academic year, RHS can, at its discretion:

- Take students on local field trips without further approval from the Governing Board. Parents will still be required to sign permission forms.
- Conduct fundraising initiatives up to $1,000 without further approval from the Governing Board.

Motion to approve: first by Sandra Guerra, seconded by James Martin; all in favour.

Notes: Vice-Principal Jessika Neri is on sabbatical. Ms. Samira Chawki is the Interim Vice-Principal for the 2025-2026 academic year.

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Adjournment: 8:22 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 meeting on October 21, 2025.

Sandra Guerra, GB Chair

Giovanni Iammarrone, Principal