GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA

DATE: Monday, December 16th, 2024.
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 November 18th, 2024

2. **New Business Requiring Approval**
   - 2.1 Senior Trip Approval
   - 2.2
   - 2.3

3. **Items Requiring Discussion**
   - 3.1 Selection Criteria for the Appointment of the Principal
   - 3.2
   - 3.3

4. **Reports**
   - 4.1 Principal's Report
   - 4.2 Teacher's Report
   - 4.3 Professional's Report
   - 4.4 Student's Report
   - 4.5 Music Report

5. **Varia**
   - 5.1
   - 5.2

Next Meeting: Monday, January 20th, 2025

Rosemount High School
Governing Board Minutes
Monday, Nov. 18, 2024

Voting members present:

Parent representatives: Jess Conn-Potegal, Sandra Guerra, Laura Marra, James Martin, Daniella Pala, Jason Trudeau

Teacher representatives: Anthony Cooperwood, Anne-Marie Flatley, Jessika Neri, Tania Romito

School staff representatives: Lucy Beneventi, Gina Ciarciello

Student representatives: Gregory Dwyhajlo, Annabelle Piteau

Ex-officio members: Giovanni Iammarrone (Principal), Nadine Pomilio (Vice-Principal)

Non-voting guests present:

Melina Catalano (RHS Music Coordinator)

The meeting was held online. The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

1. **Welcome & Reading of Agenda-Minutes**
   - 1.1. **Public Question Period**: No questions submitted.
   - 1.2. **Additions to the Agenda**: Chair Guerra added items 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3 to New Business Requiring Approval.
   - 1.3. **Approval of the Agenda**: Motion to approve with additions: first by James Martin, seconded by Anthony Cooperwood; all in favour.
   - 1.4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Oct. 28, 2024 meeting**: Motion to approve: first by Jason Trudeau, seconded by Jess Conn-Potegal; all in favour.

2. **New Business Requiring Approval**
   - 2.1. **Extra pedagogical day:** The EMSB allocated an extra pedagogical day for each school to use at its discretion. Principal Iammarrone explained that the RHS staff council voted to hold this ped day on February 7,

2025. Motion to approve: first by Daniella Pala, seconded by Lucy Beneventi; all in favour.

2.2. **Early dismissal:** The second parent-teacher interviews will be held on February 20, 2025. To give caretakers time to set up the gymnasium and for teachers to prepare, Principal Iammarrone asked that students be dismissed 10 minutes early that day. Motion to approve: first by Jason Trudeau, seconded by James Martin; all in favour.

2.3. **Revisiting Arts Etudes music fees**: Ms. Catalano recalculated the previously approved professional coaching fee based on the actual needs of the program. For students to see coaches eight times a year, the fee must increase by $65 per student per year. (Note: Parents are not charged this fee for 2024-2025; the Quebec government will cover that cost.) Motion to approve: first by Jess Conn-Potegal, seconded by Laura Marra; all in favour.

3. Items Requiring Discussion

3.1. **Community representative update:** Chair Guerra has contacted the Centre de ressources éducatives et pédagogiques (CREP) to see if a member of that organization is interested in serving on the Governing Board. CREP is a Quebec government organization that promotes access to education and socio-professional integration.

3.2. **Parent-Teacher Interview bake sale:** The Music Parents Committee will run the sale on Nov. 28, but the school will explore whether the Prom Committee could run future sales as a fundraiser.

3.3. **Parent Participation Organization (PPO) interest table:** There will be a sign-up table at the Annual General Meeting in September 2025.

3.4. **Year-end Sec. 5 trip:** Principal Iammarrone is waiting on a quote from one more travel company. He hopes to provide an update at the Dec. 16, 2024, Governing Board meeting.

3.5. **Music Parents Committee Fundraisers:** The committee is exploring possible fundraising streams, including selling snacks at the Nov. 28 Parent-Teacher interview night and students selling chocolate bars.

4. Reports

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

- To encourage enrollment, the RHS administration is scheduling visits to elementary schools on Nov. 25, Nov. 27, and Dec. 3. He has already confirmed visits to Pierre de Coubertin, Dante, and Our Lady of Pompei elementary schools.
- Twelve students in the "Class Act" band will perform at the annual EMSB Directors Holiday Luncheon on Dec. 2 for the third consecutive year.
- RHS students will participate in the Our School survey between Nov. 20 and Dec. 20. The survey will inform the 2025-2026 RHS Anti-Bullying/Anti-Violence Action Plan, to be presented to the Governing Board for approval in January 2025.
- RHS students will have a "code silver" (active shooter) lockdown drill during the week of Nov. 18.
- On Nov. 18, RHS held a school-wide assembly to discuss:
    - the upcoming code silver drill
    - the Shelter-in-Place protocol
    - academic expectations
    - behavioural expectations
- Principal Iammarrone wants to hold assemblies regularly throughout the rest of the school year.

- Term 1 report cards will be available on the Mosaic portal on Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 4 p.m.
- Parent-teacher interviews will be held on Thursday, Nov. 28 2024 from 3:10 to 5:30 p.m. and from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the old gym.
- As approved in item 2,1, there will be a pedagogical day on Friday, Feb. 7. Classes will resume on Feb. 10, which will be a Day 3. The school will email an updated calendar to parents shortly.
- An RHS student will be writing articles about the school for the EMSB newsletter. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase the student's journalistic skills and highlight the school.

4.2. **Teacher Report** (Anne-Marie Flatley):

- Homerooms will compete to see who can bring in the most donations for the RHS food bank.
- Last week was the end of term. Grades were due.
- Parent-teacher interviews will be held on Thursday, Nov. 28.
- There will be holiday-themed fun activities in December—details to follow.

4.3. **Professional Report** (Lucy Beneventi):

- Following up on a previous discussion about CEGEP admissions, Ms. Beneventi clarified that Marianopolis College takes extra credit into consideration, but doesn't award extra points for Arts Etudes studies. She has not yet received similar information from Champlain College. Dawson College calculates the straight average for specific courses depending on the program they're applying to.
- Ms. Beneventi has talked to Sec 4 and 5 regarding CEGEPs.
- RHS students will take part in the Our School survey between Nov. 20 and Dec. 20.

- The RHS librarian is back so the library is returning to regular opening hours.

4.4. **Student Report** (Gregory Dwyhajlo):

- Halloween fun activities included spookygrams, a door decorating contest, and a costume contest
- The prom fundraising bake sale almost sold out in its first day
- The Sec. 5 entrepreneurship class visited RTC to explore career opportunities

4.5. **Music Reports:**

- **Parents Committee** (Laura Marra): The committee will hold a fundraising bake sale at parent-teacher interviews (Nov. 28) and the Christmas concert (Dec. 6). At the Christmas concert, the committee will also collect donations for the RHS food bank.

4.6. **Arts Etudes** (Melina Catalano):

- The Arts Etudes fees have been revised, as per item 2.3.
- Flute coaching started last week. The coach will be at RHS for seven more weeks throughout the year.
- The tuba coach finishes next week.
- Ms. Catalano will instruct teachers on how to flag Arts Etudes students who are experiencing academic difficulties in their core courses.
- Students will not be graded on Ensemble in the first term.
- Changes to report cards:
  - Sec. 1, 2, and 3 students have three separate courses on their report cards.
  - Sec. 4 and 5 students will have four separate courses.
- The holiday concert tour will take place on Wed. Dec. 11, Friday, Dec. 13 and Monday, Dec. 16. RHS students will perform at up to three elementary schools each day. Four schools are already

confirmed: Honoré Mercier, Leonardo da Vinci Academy, Rivière-des-Prairies, and Dante.

4.7. **Additional news** (Anthony Cooperwood):

- Rosemount Technology Centre graduation: RHS alumnae Lea Granata sang the national anthem at the RTC graduation ceremony in the RHS auditorium. While still an RHS student, Ms. Granda sang the anthem at last year's ceremony.
- At the RHS Remembrance Day ceremony, Sec. 4 student Alessio Tiarello played the last post on trumpet. Student Joe Varda DJ'd the event.
- Class Act has been invited back to the EMSB Directors Holiday Luncheon (Dec. 2) for the third year in a row.

5. Varia: None

Notes: For the duration of the 2024-2025 academic year, Ms. Jessika Neri is replacing Ms. Emilie Bertrand as a teacher representative.

Adjournment: 8:00 p.m.
Motion: First by Anthony Cooperwood, seconded by Anne-Marie Flatley; all in favour.

Minutes respectfully submitted by James Martin.

Minutes to be submitted for approval by the Governing Board at the meeting of Dec. 16, 2024.

Sandra Guerra, GB Chair

Giovanni Iammarrone, Principal