GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA

DATE: Monday, February 17th, 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
   - 1.4 Approval of the minutes of January 20th, 2025
2. **New Business Requiring Approval**
   - 2.1 Educational Project Annual Report
   - 2.2 May 2nd Period 5 Dismissal
   - 2.3 Budget Building Process 2025-2026
   - 2.4
3. **Items Requiring Discussion**
   - 3.1 Point of Information in regard to Staffing and its Impacts on Courses
   - 3.2 Selection Criteria for the Appointment of the Principal
   - 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
   - 4.6 Art Étude Report
5. **Varia**
   - 5.1
   - 5.2

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 18th, 2025

Rosemount High School
Governing Board Minutes
Monday, Jan. 20, 2025

Voting members present:

Parent representatives: Jess Conn-Potegal, Sandra Guerra, Laura Marra, James Martin

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

School staff representatives: Lucy Beneventi, Gina Ciarciello

Ex-officio members: Giovanni Iammarrone (Principal), Jessika Neri (Interim Vice-Principal)

Non-voting guests present:

Melina Catalano (RHS Music Coordinator)

Maria Corsi (EMSB Commissioner for Ward 4)

Absent:

Parent representatives: Daniella Pala, Jason Trudeau

Student representatives: Gregory Dwyhajlo, Annabelle Piteau

The meeting was held online. The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:14 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 item 4.6 (EMSB Commissioner Report)
   - 1.3. **Approval of the Agenda**: Motion to approve with addition: first by James Martin, seconded by Gina Ciarciello; all in favour.
   - 1.4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Dec. 16, 2024 meeting**: Motion to approve: first by Jess Conn-Potegal, seconded by Laura Marra; all in favour.

2. **New Business Requiring Approval**

2.1. **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 aimed at fostering a safe school environment. Principal Iammarrone explained the RHS Plan's nine elements that outline prevention measures and intervention methods for incidents of bullying and/or violence:

1. School Analysis
2. Prevention Measures
3. Collaboration with Families
4. Procedures for Reporting
5. Intervention Protocol
6. Confidentiality Measures
7. Support Measures
8. Disciplinary Actions
9. Complaint Follow-Up

Motion to approve the 2025-2026 RHS Anti-Bullying/Anti-Violence Action Plan: first by Laura Marra, seconded by Anne-Marie Flatley; **all in favour.**

The approved plan will be available on the RHS website under the "Discover" menu.

2.2. **Budget Report 2024-2025 Approval:** Principal Iammarrone presented the Projected Budget for 2024-2025, which forecasts revenues of $133,851 and expenditures of that same amount.

Chair Guerra put forth the following resolution:

> "Whereas, in accordance with Section 95 of the Education Act, the Governing Board is responsible for adoption 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 own revenue on the other.

"Whereas this budget is based on the 2024-2025 MEQ budgetary parameters."

Motion to approve the Budget for 2024-2025: first by Sandra Guerra, seconded by Gina Ciarciello; **all in favour.**
The budget will be submitted to the EMSB for final approval.

2.3. **Uniform Update and Approval:** The current contract with RHS' uniform supplier, Price-Buckland, ends in September 2025. To minimize disruption for RHS families while the contract is up for tender, Principal Iammarrone asked the Governing Board to approve a six-month extension to Price-Buckland's current contract until March 31, 2026. There will be no change to current terms, conditions, and prices. Principal Iammarrone will begin the tendering process in September 2025, while the extension is in effect.
Motion to approve: first by Jess Conn-Potegal, seconded by Laura Marra; **all in favour.**

3. Items Requiring Discussion

3.1. **Senior Trip update:** See item 4.1 (Principal's Report).

3.2. **Selection Criteria for the Appointment of the Principal:** Each year, the EMSB asks each Governing Board to submit a document outlining the qualities they deem essential for the role of Principal of their school. Discussion tabled until the Feb. 17, 2025, meeting.

4. Reports

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

- Re-registration for the 2025-2026 academic year is open on Mozaik. Parents will receive a reminder before the Jan. 24 deadline.
- Vice-Principal Nadine Pomilio is on leave. Ms. Jessika Neri is the Interim Vice-Principal.
- Ms. Nathalie Beaudoin retired from the RHS teaching staff. Ms. Patrizia De Lullis has taken over Ms. Beaudoin's post.
- On Jan. 20, parents received a letter explaining changes to the promotion policy and reach-back credits for Sec. 3 and 4 students. In the past, a student who failed Sec. 3 Physical Education, for example, could still move on to Sec. 4 Physical Education and receive credit for both levels if they successfully completed the Sec. 4 class. Under the new guidelines, the student would move to Sec. 4 but would also be required to retake the Sec. 3 Physical Education class.

  An exception for 2024-2025: If a student failed a Sec. 4 subject in the 2023-2024 school year but successfully completes the corresponding Sec. 5 subject in 2024-2025, they will receive credit for the failed subject.
- Parent-teacher interviews will be held virtually on Feb. 20.
- Term 2 report cards will be available on Mozaik by Feb. 17.
- Senior Trip update: On Jan. 15, RHS held a virtual information session with Sec. 5 parents to review the proposed trip to Toronto and Niagra Falls (April 2-4). A representative of Educatours explained the itinerary and the payment portal. Deposits are due by Jan. 31. Forty students must pay deposits for the trip to move forward. If 45 or more students pay deposits, the total cost per student will be lowered.
- Sec. 5 parents will soon receive a letter about Prom (June 20). RHS has received funds to subsidize half the cost of student tickets; students will

pay $55. Parents will be invited to a cocktail reception; those tickets will cost $15.

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

- There was good participation for the themed dress-down days before the holiday break.
- Students are busy preparing for mid-year exams (Jan. 24-30). Most students have three exams over the five days.:

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

- March 1 is the deadline for stage 1 CEGEP applications.
- Ms. Beneventi has visited all Sec. 5 classes to discuss CEGEP and trade school applications. Her presentations are available on her Google Classroom.
- Sec. 5 students are aware of the final grade requirements for graduation.

4.4. **Student Report:** none

4.5. **Music Reports:**

- **General news** (Anthony Cooperwood):
    - Eight student soloists and two small ensembles (Class Act and the saxophone quartet) will perform at the Victoriaville music competition, which RHS students have participated in for several years.
    - The EMSB has booked Class Act to perform at its directors' luncheon in Dec. 2025.
    - Spring concerts: the junior concert will be on May 2, and the senior concert will be on May 9.
    - Sec 2 students will take a day trip to perform in Ottawa on March 21.
    - Upcoming honour bands:
        - On Jan. 24, approximately seven students (Sec. 3 and 5) will represent RHS in the McGill University honour band.

        - On March 29, members of the junior ensemble will perform with the Quebec Band Association.
    - On Jan. 21, select RHS students will participate in a live-streamed workshop with Cirque du Soleil about Ableton music software.
    - Students have received their course selection forms for next year.
    - On May 23, RHS students will perform a joint concert with the EMSB choir.
    - Mr. Cooperwood attended the Band Midwest Conference in Chicago in December.
- **Parents Committee** (Laura Marra): The next committee meeting will be held the week of Jan. 27.
- **Arts Etudes** (Melina Catalano):
    - Thank you to all for the Ode to Joy press event (Jan. 10) for kindergarten registrations. This in-house event could not have been completed without the help of our students, music teachers/department, CCWs, teachers, Mr. Iammarrone, parents present, and administration. The event received coverage in the Gazette, the EMSB podcast, and City News with Pamela Pagano.
    - Coaching continues, and session dates will be posted in the department and on Google Classroom.
    - Academic flagging protocol was presented to teachers and is in effect.
    - Upcoming events :
        - The OSM Junior Trip is scheduled for Feb. 4.
        - Louise Campbell will hold workshops for senior students on Feb. 3 and Feb. 14. These workshops teach students to improvise with music technologies and looping themes.
        - On Feb. 18, there will be an add-on workshop for all RHS students.

4.6. **EMSB Commissioner Report** (Maria Corsi):

- Congratulations on the Ode to Joy event. The passion and dedication of the RHS students, teachers, and parents really showed.
- The Quebec government is implementing budget cuts across the education sector. The EMSB will meet in February to decide how to cut $2.6 million across non-pedagogical initiatives. In March, the EMSB will present a new budget for adoption by the Council of Commissioners.

5. Varia: None

Notes:

- Chair Guerra asked Principal Iammarrone and Interim Vice-Principal Neri to leave the meeting for item 3.2 (Selection Criteria for the Appointment of the Principal) due to the nature of the conversation.

Adjournment: 8:56 p.m.
Motion to adjourn: First by Anne-Marie Flatley, seconded by James Martin; **all in favour.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by James Martin.

Minutes are to be submitted for approval by the Governing Board at the Feb. 17, 2025 meeting.

Sandra Guerra, GB Chair

Giovanni Iammarrone, Principal