GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA

DATE: Monday, January 20th, 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 December 16th, 2024
2. **New Business Requiring Approval**
   - 2.1 Anti-Bullying/Anti-Violence Plan
   - 2.2 Budget Report 2024-2025 Approval
   - 2.3 Uniform Update and Approval
   - 2.4
3. **Items Requiring Discussion**
   - 3.1 Senior Trip Update
   - 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
5. **Varia**
   - 5.1
   - 5.2

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 17th, 2025

Rosemount High School
Governing Board Minutes
Monday, Dec. 16, 2024

Voting members present:

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

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

Student representative: Gregory Dwyhajlo

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

Non-voting guests present:

Melina Catalano (RHS Music Coordinator)

Maria Corsi (EMSB Commissioner for Ward 4)

Absent:

Parent representative: Daniella Pala

School staff representatives: Lucy Beneventi, Gina Ciarciello

Student representative: Annabelle Piteau

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.
- Maria Corsi introduced herself to the Governing Board. Ms. Corsi was elected to a four-year term as EMSB Commissioner for Ward 4 in the Nov. 3, 2024, elections. She previously served as a Parent Commissioner. Ms. Corsi hopes to attend as many RHS Governing

Board meetings as possible. She noted that the first working meeting of the EMSB Council of Commissioners will be on Dec. 17.

1.2. **Additions to the Agenda**: none.

1.3. **Approval of the Agenda**: Motion to approve: first by Anne-Marie Flatley, seconded by James Martin; all in favour.

1.4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Nov. 18, 2024 meeting**: Motion to approve: first by Jessika Neri, seconded by Jess Conn-Potegal; all in favour.

2. New Business Requiring Approval

2.1. **Senior Trip Approval:** Principal Iammarrone asked the Governing Board to approve a proposed trip to Toronto and Niagra Falls for the Sec. 5 students from April 2-4, 2025. The students and chaperones would travel by coach bus and stay in a hotel. Activities include:

- A Raptors home game
- Bowling
- A Niagara Falls tour
- The Ripley's Aquarium

The total cost would be $934 per student. A deposit would not be due until January, with the balance paid in installments.

Interested students must have their parents sign a form and return it to the school by Dec. 20. Parents will also receive the form by email. A minimum of 40 students must commit to the trip for it to move forward.

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

3. Items Requiring Discussion

3.1. **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. The RHS Governing Board discussed these qualities and Chair Guerra will share a draft document before the next Governing Board meeting.

See **Notes** section below.

4. Reports

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

- Principal Iammarrone and Ms.Catalano have visited five elementary schools to encourage enrollment. There was a lot of interest among students. Principal Iammarrone will schedule next fall's visits so they take place before the RHS Open House to help drive Open House attendance.
- Mid-year exams are scheduled for January 24-30, 2025.
- On Nov. 25, Sec. 3 students toured the Holocaust Museum. The activity was funded by a grant to the EMSB from the Federation CJA.
- The school conducted a successful lockdown drill on Nov. 21.
- On Jan. 10, RHS music students will join students from Nesbitt, Willingdon, Gerald McShane and St. Monica elementary schools for "Ode to Joy," a celebration of music.

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

- Parent-teacher interviews (Nov. 28) were successful.

4.3. **Professional Report**: none

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

- The Y2K-themed dress-down day (Nov. 28) was a lot of fun and had high participation.
- On Nov. 25, Sec. 3 students toured the Holocaust Museum.
- Dec. 16-20 is a holiday-themed spirit week. Activities include a pyjama day.

- The symphonic winds tour of elementary schools was a lot of fun and a great way to showcase the RHS music program.

4.5. **Music Reports:**

- **General news** (Anthony Cooperwood):
  - Approximately 450 people attended the holiday concert (Dec. 6).
  - The Symphonic Winds holiday tour was a success. RHS students visited Nesbitt, Pompei, Gerald McShane, East Hill, Pierre de Coubertin, Dante, and Honoré Mercier elementary schools.
    A particular highlight with the children was RHS student Gregory Dwyhajlo walking through the audience while playing "Here Comes Santa Claus" on his baritone saxophone, dressed as St. Nick.
  - There will be a Sec. 1 and 2 field trip to hear the Orchestre symphonique de Montréal on Feb. 4, 2025.
  - Approximately seven students (Sec. 3 and 5) will represent RHS as part of the McGill University honour band on Jan. 24, 2025.
- **Parents Committee** (Laura Marra):
  - The committee held a fundraising bake sale at parent-teacher interviews (Nov. 28) and the holiday concert.
  - At the holiday concert, the committee collected more than 285 food items donations for the RHS food bank. See **Notes** section below.
- **Arts Etudes** (Melina Catalano):
  - Thank you to all the students and teachers for all their hard work on the Dec. 6 holiday concert. They did a wonderful job decorating the auditorium, creating a well-structured program, and keeping the Rosemount Holiday Music essence alive. Thank you to Principal Iammarrone for his support and attending the event.
  - We could not do a holiday tour of elementary schools last year because of the teachers' strike, so it was particularly exciting to

resume this tradition, both for RHS students and the elementary schools we visited.

5. **Varia:** None

Notes:

- Commissioner Corsi excused herself from the meeting after item 1.1 (Public Question Period) due to a prior obligation.
- Chair Guerra asked Principal Iammarrone and Vice-Principal Pomilio to leave the meeting for item 3.1 (Selection Criteria for the Appointment of the Principal) due to the nature of the conversation.
- Holiday food baskets are being distributed to families the week of Dec. 16.

Adjournment: 8:04 p.m.
Motion: First by Anne-Marie Flatley, seconded by Tania Romito; all in favour.

Minutes respectfully submitted by James Martin.

Minutes to be submitted for approval by the Governing Board at the meeting of Jan. 20, 2025.

Sandra Guerra, GB Chair

Giovanni Iammarrone, Principal

Rosemount High School Governing Board

January 15th, 2025.

RE: Selection Criteria for the appointment of a principal

The governing Board of Rosemount High School has prepared the following criteria that we would like to see in a new principal.

- Due to the constant change in administrators in the past couple of years, we feel that our school will benefit from consistency, A principal that has a prolonged commitment to our school community is a top priority for us.
- A person who understands needs of the school, teachers and student body.
- It is imperative that we have an administrator that has knowledge and experience of our Arts -Etudes program.
- An administrator who is openminded about different teaching and assessment strategies.
- A person who had a previous role as a high school principal or administrator in the school system.

Yours Truly,

Sandra Guerra

Chair

RHS Governing Board