



**Rosemount High School  
Governing Board Minutes  
Tuesday, September 29, 2020, 7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Iman Abokr, Emilie Bertrand, Anne Flatley, James Fuoco, Costa Carrara, Gina Ciarcello, Britt Dash, Pierre Labrecque, Laura Marra, James Martin, Jessika Neri, Carlo Peruch, Nadine Pomilio, Luigi Santamaria, Barbara Scharing, Ali-Karib Tarafder

**Absent:** Sabrina Do Couto, Tine Modeweg-Hansen (alternate)

Meeting was held via Zoom.

**1. Welcome & Reading of Agenda-Minutes**

- 1.1 Nomination of Chair: **Anne Flatley nominated James Fuoco, seconded by Jessika Neri; unanimous**
- 1.2 Nomination of Secretary: **James Martin nominated himself, seconded by Iman Ahmed; unanimous**
- 1.3 Additions to the Agenda: none.
- 1.4 Appointment of Community Reps (2 Max): Sabrina Do Couto has previously agreed to accept position. Britt Dash to bring names of additional candidate(s) to next meeting.
- 1.5 Approval of the Agenda: **Motion: first by Jessika Neri, seconded by Barbara Scharing; unanimous**
- 1.6 Approval of the Minutes June 11<sup>th</sup> 2020. **Motion: first by Anne Flatley, seconded by Carlo Peruch; unanimous**

**2. Business Arising from Minutes:**

- 2.1 Exterior Tennis Courts (Futsal Field option). Suggestion made that space be repurposed as basketball courts. Principal Santamaria to explore idea with Student and Staff Councils. **Item to be left on agenda.**
- 2.2 Update on Student Council (replacing House System). **Removed from agenda.**
- 2.3 New Locker Improvements; 2020 Timeline. **Removed from agenda.**



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**3. New Business Requiring Approval:**

3.1 GB Remaining Meeting Dates (5 Meetings Min.): Oct. 27, Nov. 24, Dec. 15, Jan. 19, Feb. 23, March 30, April 27, May 25, June 8 (tentative).

**Motion: first by Barbara Scharing, seconded by Costa Carrara; unanimous**

3.2 GB Year-End Statement (\$250 Social): **Tabled for next meeting.**

3.3 Budget Building Process 2020-2021 (RHS Priorities): **Item 3.3 was approved in the school year 2019-2020.**

3.4 School Budget 2020-2021. **Approved at June 2020 meeting. 2021-2022 budget will come out in the spring of 2021.**

3.5 GB Internal Rules 2020-2021. Point number 7 revised to specify that email votes must be completed within a 48-hour period. **Motion to approve with revision: first by Anne Flatley, seconded by Carlo Perch; unanimous.** Chair to distribute revised document to Governing Board members.

3.6 GB Annual Report (due End of Oct). Chair to distribute document to Governing Board members. **To be submitted for approval at next meeting.**

**4. Items Requiring Discussion:**

4.1 COVID Update from Principal Santamaria:

RHS takes the safety of students, teachers and support staff very seriously. Everyone is following safety guidelines and taking the necessary precautions. The teachers are committed to safely delivering the pedagogy.

The school has had one case in a bubble classroom. The case was identified on Monday Sept. 21. The school was in direct communication with Santé Publique, which took over the file, as is protocol. The community was notified in general, and parents of students in the affected bubble classroom were given specific next steps to follow. An additional case was identified involving a Rosemount Technology Centre staff



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member; there was no contact with RHS students or staff, but the school notified the RHS community, nevertheless.

Lockers will be assigned in October. Students will be assigned lockers that are nearest to their bubble classrooms.

**5. Reports:**

- 5.1 Principal's Report: Nothing additional to report.
- 5.2 Regional Parents' Committee (Carlo Peruch): First meeting of the year will be Oct. 8. The primary issue will be consultation on Bylaw #3 and Bylaw #11, regarding the English Montreal School Board. EMSB has sent at-home technology surveys to parents, as a contingency plan should a shutdown be required. Carlo Peruch will attend Oct. 8 meeting. Barbara Scharing is this year's committee alternate; she will not attend the Oct. 8 meeting.
- 5.3 Teacher Report (Emilie Bertrand): The teachers' focus is on safety. There are not many activities, but the Terry Fox Walk/Run is happening in October with students using smartphone apps or pedometers. The Student Council has launched a "dress down day," usually on the last Friday of the month.
- 5.4 Professional Report (Britt Dash): Career fair is online this year. CEGEP career fairs are online. Because Career Exploration is on hold, Ms. Dash is looking into organizing a Zoom online career mentorship program.
- 5.5 Student Report (Iman Abokr): First month has been good. Students are trying to stick with their bubbles and have the least possible amount of contact with students outside their bubbles.
- 5.6 Music Committee (Barbara Scharing): Nothing to report.

**6. Varia: None.**



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7. **Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 27, 2020, at 7:00 pm. Meeting will be conducted via Zoom.**

**Meeting notes:**

The school's new Arts Concentration designation will be added as a discussion item to the next meeting's agenda. Chair will ask if Ms. D. Best is available to provide update.

**Adjournment 8:30 pm**

**Motion: First by Anne Flatley, seconded by Emilie Bertrand, unanimous**

Minutes respectfully submitted by James Martin.

Minutes unanimously approved by Governing Board at October 27, 2020, meeting.

  
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James Fuoco, GB Chair

  
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Luigi Santamaria, Principal