

James Lyng High School Annual Governing Board General Meeting

September 18, 2024 6:00 pm

Present: Erika Marsan, Gloria Lombardi, Annabella Ottoni, Jennifer Rutt, Jean Phillippe St.Louis, Jeff Atkinson, Mulki Farah, Mubeenah Mughal, Annabella Ottoni, Alexander Kulczyk (Principal), Lise Kuhn (Vice Principal)

1. **Opening and Welcome** – Principal, Alexander Kulczyk, welcomed the group and made opening remarks about the importance of the Governing Board. He thanked attendees for their presence.
2. **Approval of the Agenda** – Jennifer Rutt moved for the approval of the agenda and the motion was seconded by Gloria Lombardi.
3. **Election of Secretary** – Lise Kuhn volunteered to act as secretary for the meeting.
4. **Nomination of Scrutineers** – Alexander Kulczyk asked attendees if there was anyone present who was not interested in running for the Board. All present, except the Principal, Vice Principal and student representative were intending to run therefore Lise Kuhn and Alexander Kulczyk were nominated as scrutineers as they are non-voting members of the Governing Board.
5. **Presentation of roles and responsibilities of the Governing Board** – Alexander Kulczyk explained the roles and responsibilities of the Governing Board in detail.
6. **Governing Board Nominations**
 - 7.1 Re-cap of current GB composition: Alexander Kulczyk affirmed that the two returning parent members of the governing board in the second year of their 2-year term are Jennifer Rutt and Mulki Farah. He also acknowledged the presence of our new student member, Annabella Ottoni.
 - 7.2 Election of 2 parent members: elections were held for these posts and the two parents elected by majority were: Gloria Lombardi and Jean Phillippe St-Louis.
 - 7.3 Election of two substitute parent members: elections were held and the two parents elected by majority were Mubeenah Mughal and Erika Marsan.

7. Parent Committee

7.1 Election of a Delegate – a discussion was had about the pros and cons of who should be a delegate. Jennifer Rutt expressed interest in the position and was made delegate by acclamation.

7.2 Election of Alternate - Jean Phillippe St. Louis nominated himself and was acclaimed as the alternate delegate.

8. PPO Organisation

8.1 Formation of PPO – vote by show of hands:

J.Rutt brought up that the governing board had had discussion about this in other years and it was put off each year because there was concern about lack of participation or of the task being too large to accomplish. The idea agreed upon had been that the PPO would have to develop over time as we are unsure if other parents would be interested and have the time to be involved.

Alexander Kulczyk expressed his openness to having a PPO and to running special events even small ones such as money drives, bake sales, and other possibilities.

Mubeenah Mughal suggested ideas for events that the PPO could take on: grad and dances.

Alexander Kulczyk suggested community dances.

Erika Marsan suggested that the PPO could choose to do a small number of activities (ie. 3 activities) that are easy to achieve and grow upon over the year.

A vote was taken on who would be interested in forming a PPO: 6 members said yes (Mubeenah Mughal, Erika Marsan, Jennifer Rutt, Jean Phillippe St. Louis, Mulki Farah, and Gloria Lombardi). Therefore, we have formed a JLHS PPO.

9. Varia

Discussion was had about the number of meetings to be held (around 6 was decided upon) with the understanding that most meetings could take place online with a few in person.

Date of next meeting was decided upon as October 23, 2024

10. Adjournment: meeting was adjourned at 6:54 with Gloria Lombardi moving and Jean Phillippe St. Louis 2nded the motion.