

Welcome to New and Returning Members

Topics to come:

- Powers of the GB
- Role of the PPO
- The School Budget
- Field Trips
- Bullying and Violence
- Fees charged to Parents

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Your school principal participates in all meetings of the Governing Board, but does not have the right to vote.

Furthermore, although School Commissioners may not be a member of your Governing Board, you may invite them to your meetings. However, they do not have the right to vote.

Did you know...

The Council of Commissioners of Riverside School Board normally meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.? These are public meetings and you are welcome to attend. There are always two public question periods during which you may address your questions directly to Council.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you as new or returning members of the Governing Board of your school.

The Education Act states that the School Board must provide ongoing professional development to members of its Governing Boards. By means of this newsletter, Info-Flash, we will be doing exactly that - keeping you updated on topics of concern to Governing Boards, as well as answering frequently asked questions.

We encourage you to contact us with your questions and ideas or suggestions for future issues of Info-Flash, which we plan to issue at least three times per year. We will make every attempt to keep you well informed.

Send your comments to dpaulson@rsb.qc.ca

We know that your time is valuable and we greatly appreciate your commitment to your school and your involvement on the Governing Board.

Working together, we'll make every school year the one to remember!

Composition of Governing Boards

Article 42 of the Education Act states that Governing Boards may be made up of a **maximum of twenty members** including the following: at least four **parents** of students attending the school who are not members of the school staff, elected by their peers; at least four members of the **school staff**, including at least two teachers and, if the persons concerned so decide, at least one non-teaching member elected by their peers; in the case of a second cycle of the secondary level, two enrolled at the secondary level or, as the case or the association representing those students; organized for children at the preschool and **daycare staff**, elected by his or her peers; two **community representatives** who are not members of the school staff, appointed by the other members. (The community representatives on the governing board are not entitled to vote).



staff member and at least one support staff school providing education to students in the **students** in that cycle elected by the students may be, appointed by the students' committee in the case of a school where childcare is elementary school level, a member of the

The Council of Commissioners determines, by resolution, the number of parents and staff representatives after consultation with each group. **More information is available on our website in the Information Booklet for Governing Boards which was updated in October 2013.**