

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

I wish to advise you that the election of parent representatives to the RHS Governing Board for the 2009-10 school year will be held on **Tuesday September 22, 2009 at 7:15 p.m.** in the school's conference room. There are a total of 6 parent representatives, to which 3 are up for re-election this year. We need volunteers to take charge in order to establish a Governing Board. Please consider being a member for the 2009-2010 school year.

What is a Governing Board?

The governing board is a structure that creates a partnership of parents and staff in the management of the school. The governing board is not involved with the day-to-day running of the school but works with the principal in setting and implementing policy directions for programs and services that will meet the needs of the students and the community.

What are the functions and powers of the Governing Board?

The principal of the school is required to collaborate with the school staff on a variety of educational and pedagogical items and bring proposals to the governing board for approval. Some of these are:

- Success plan
- Rules of conduct and safety measures
- Implementation of the basic school regulation
- Time allocation for subjects
- Enrichment and adaptation of programs to meet local needs
- Educational activities such as field trips which change the students' regular schedule
- Implementation of student and special education services
- The use of non-teaching time for educational purposes, and extra curricular activities
- Principles for determining the cost of consumable materials

As well, the governing board

- must prepare an annual report on its activities for the school board and inform the community about the services provided in the school;
- adopts the school budget submitted by the principal;
- adopts the school's educational project and oversees its implementation and evaluation;
- must make public the school's success plan and educational project
- must distribute a document to parents and staff explaining the educational project and reporting on the success plan

Hoping to see you there,

Ida Imbriglio
Chairperson
RHS Governing Board