



ROYAL WEST ACADEMY  
**GOVERNING BOARD**  
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## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

October 19, 2020

### **1. STAFFING**

There have been significant changes in our staffing.

#### Departures:

- Teacher Mr. Jamal Zigby is currently on a leave of absence;
- Teacher Ms. Louise Moreau is currently on sabbatical leave;
- Teacher Ms. Catherine Holloway is currently on a leave of absence;
- Teacher Ms. Andrea Dillon has been promoted to vice-principal of James Lyng High School;
- Teacher Ms. Leigh Partington has been promoted to Math and Science Consultant at the EMSB;
- Vice-Principal Ms. Christy Tannous has been promoted to principal of the EMSB's Virtual School
- Teacher Ms. Jody Cayer is now Interim Vice-Principal (return from maternity leave)

#### New staff members:

- Mme Josiane Beutchom (25% FLE);
- Ms. Tammy Bronet (replaced A. Dillon);
- Mr. Jason Chen (ERC, Ed. Tech, Film);
- Ms. Hoda Ghadirian (replaced L. Partington);
- Mr. Ieng Jo (replaced J. Zigby);
- Ms. Hélène Leblanc (replaced J. Guay);
- Ms. Maude Martin (Math 4CS&T, PPO, resource);
- Ms. Elyssa Nassif (Math 4SN, Math 5SN, Science 2).

#### Returning teachers:

- Mme Alissa Bakouri (replacing C. Goudreau);
- Ms. Samira Chawki (returning from maternity leave);
- Ms. Katharine Cukier (returning from a leave of absence);
- Mme Ariane Gouin (replacing L. Moreau);
- Mr. Joé Lambert-Kirouac (replacing M. Zuccaro);
- Mr. Marco Pomenti (replacing J. Cayer);
- Ms. Anita Reddy (replacing C. Holloway);
- M. Antoine Tétreault (replacing D. Ouellette)

I am pleased to report that all teaching vacancies have been filed.

## 2. ATTESTATION DAY

Official count on attestation day was 903

## 3. QUALIFYING EXAMS

The EMSB has made the difficult decision to cancel qualifying exams for their article 2-40 special status schools.

This decision has obviously complicated our admissions process, given that the results of the qualifying exams account for a large percentage of our applicants' final admissions scores, and allow us to offer early admission to our top performers. We are now relying on the remaining components, the file scores and interviews, in order to rank our applicants, and offer admission accordingly.

## 4. COVID-19

We are very proud of our school team, who continue to provide the high quality education our parents and guardians have come to expect from us, even during these trying times. As one can easily imagine, the responsibilities of our staff have been tremendously impacted by the global pandemic, and we are continuously adjusting to our new realities. Our staff is working hard to make sure that our students' academic and psycho-social needs, as well as their health and well-being are being cared for.

As of the writing of this report, there are no positive COVID cases to report within the school staff or student body. We appreciate the collective efforts made to keep us all safe and in school.

## 5. CAMPAIN AGAINST POVERTY

The Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement Supérieur (MEES) provides special allocations to schools to ensure food security. For the first time in recent records, RWA has received monies for this purpose. Needy families may apply to have their children receive nutritious meals, daily, for the approximate cost of 1.50\$ per day. We are happy to provide this confidential service for our students.

## 6. STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES (COURSE OUTLINES)

As a result of the MEES' recent announcements regarding report cards, our staff will be updating our Standards and Procedures documentation. These will be uploaded to our school website in the near future.