



Laval Junior Academy

Governing Board Minutes

October 11th, 2022

Present: Betty Aliftiras (Support Staff Representative), Nicole Anastasopoulos (Parent Representative), Jennifer Charbonneau (Parent Representative), Franco Daniele (Alternate Parent Representative), Lauren De Carolis (Professional Representative), George Dimacacos (Teacher Representative), Johanne Dion-Calderone (Parent Representative), William Evans (Teacher Representative), Jenny Gauvin (Teacher Representative), Valerio Gazzola (Teacher Representative), Jenny Georgiopoulos (Parent Representative), Jonathan Gray (Teacher Representative), James MacPherson (Student Representative), Karine Reynolds-Johnson (Student Representative), Michael Rice (Teacher Representative), Kathy Stavriadis (Parent Representative), Domenica Tortorici (Parent Representative – first substitute)

Principal: Eric Ruggi

Vice Principals: Gloria Cuccarolo (Sec. 1)

Regrets: Theresa Andrusko (Parent Representative), Fadi Mounayar (Parent Representative), Costa Tsirbas (Alternate Parent Representative)

0.0 Opening of the meeting /Quorum: The meeting was called to order by Eric Ruggi at 7:10 pm. Quorum was met.

Acknowledgement of the Land

“We (I) would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Kanien’keha:ka or Mohawk nation. The Mohawk Nation is also known as the “Eastern Door Keepers” and is the member of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, which also includes the Seneca, Cayuga, Tuscarora, Onondaga and Oneida Peoples.

This was read in Mohawk by Mr. Rice and in English by Mr. Evans.

1. Adoption of Agenda:

LJA-GB101122-01: Kathy Stavriadis motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Jenny Georgiopoulos. *Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.*

2. Procedures for the Election of:

1. Chairperson

LJA-GB101122-02 Kathy Stavriadis nominates Jenny Georgiopoulos, seconded by Nicole Anastasopoulos. Jenny Georgiopoulos accepts. Jenny Georgiopoulos by acclamation becomes Chairperson.

2. Vice-Chairperson

LJA-GB101122-03 Domenica Tortorici nominates Kathy Stavriadis, seconded by Johanne Dion-Calderone. Kathy Stavriadis accepts. Kathy Stavriadis by acclamation, becomes Vice-Chairperson.

3. Secretary

LJA-GB101122-04 Kathy Stavriadis nominates for this meeting only Gloria Cuccarolo, seconded by Domenica Tortorici. Gloria accepts. Gloria Cuccarolo by 14 votes and 1 abstention becomes secretary for this meeting only. Motion carried.

2.3.1. Renumeration for Secretary

LJA-GB101122-05: George Dimacocos motions \$55 per meeting be allocated for secretarial fees and that Mr. Ruggi be mandated to search for a secretary to be the regular secretary for all meetings, seconded by Johanne Dion.
Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

4. Treasurer

LJA-GB101122-06: Kathy Stavriadis nominates Nicole Anastasopoulos, seconded by Jenny Georgiopoulos, Nicole accepts. Nicole Anastasopoulos *by acclamation becomes Treasurer.*

3. **Conflict of interest Forms** were handed out and signed by all members.

4. Adoption of Minutes of June 15, 2022.

The minutes were not submitted by the secretary of 2021-22 GB. This is a difficult situation, Kathy Stavriadis has offered to compile the minutes from her notes of this meeting and those of Mr. Ruggi.

LJA-GB101122-07: Valerio Gazzola motioned to postpone to adopt the minutes, seconded by Michael Rice.
Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

5. Adoption of Notes from Annual General Assembly September 19, 2022.

LJA-GB101122-08: Jenny Georgiopoulos motioned to adopt the minutes with the correction on page 3 and cross out 6.6 fourth paragraph, seconded by Jennifer Charbonneau. *Vote: All that were present at the general meeting approved, all others abstained. In favor 7, Against 0, Abstentions 9. Motion carried.*

6. Business Arising

1. E-votes since last GB meeting.

1. Secondary 1 Leadership trip to Arundel (Oct. 26-28, 2022)

LJA-GB101122-09: Evan Goudis motions to approve the field trip for Secondary 1 Leadership students to the Arundel Nature & Science Center on Oct. 26-28, 2022, at no cost to students, seconded by Domenic Di Stefano. 12 in favour, 0 against, 3 abstentions. Motion carries.

2. V Club trip to Arundel (Sept 20, 2022)

LJA-GB101122-10: Evan Goudis motions to approve the field trip for the V Club students to the Arundel Nature & Science Center on September 20, 2022, at no cost to students, seconded by Kathy Stavriadis. 10 in favour, 0 against, 5 abstentions. Motion carries.

3. Art Concentration trip to Arsenal Contemporain (Sept. 22, 2022)

LJA-GB101122-11: Evan Goudis motions to approve the field trip for the Art Concentration students to the Frida Kahlo Exhibition at Arsenal Art Contemporain, seconded by Valerio Gazzola.
12 in favour, 0 against, 3 abstentions. Motion carries.

2. Review of Internal Rules of Procedure

Members are asked to review the Internal Rules of procedure which are on the website under the Governing Board section. The rules of procedure will also be sent by Mr. Ruggi. The rules of procedure must be read by all members and if there are any changes to be made, it is to be proposed at the GB November meeting.

3. Community Representative

1. Helen Morrison

Helen has served as a community member on governing board for several years. She works on health and wellness initiatives for the CSSS. She has sat for multiple years as a community representative in Laval.

LJA-GB101122-12: Helen Morrison was nominated as a community representative to the LJA Governing Board by William Evans, seconded by Vasiliki Aliftiras. Helen has accepted. Helen Morrison by unanimous vote becomes community representative.

7. Reports

1. Principal

Aug. 15 – Administration return to school
Aug. 17 – Management welcome back meeting
Aug. 22 – Home & School Association meeting
Aug. 24 – Secondary 1 Student Orientation Day
Aug. 25 – First day for teachers
Aug. 30 – Conseil d’administration for Sports Laval
Aug 31 – Day 0 for Secondary 1
Sept. 1 – Day 0 for Secondary 2
Sept. 2 – First Day for all students
Sept. 12 – 30 – Indigo Adopt a School Fundraiser for LJA
Sept. 14 – Nov. 23 – Study skills training sessions for all students
Sept. 15 – Picture Day, Special Needs Committee Meeting
Sept. 19 – General Assembly of Parents
Sept. 20 – V Club field trip, Parent Workshop (Study skills, Organization & Homework)
Sept. 22 – Art concentration field trip
Sept. 23 – ped day meetings and professional development session for staff
Sept. 26 – Presentations to students Digital Citizenship & Responsibility
Sept. 27 – participated in the Resource Allocation Committee (RAC), Home & School Meeting
Sept. 29 – Labour Relations Committee Meeting, Curriculum Night, Dress Down Day (Student Council)
Sept. 30 – Attestation Day, Orange Shirt Day
Oct. 3 – pedagogical day, National Custodian Day, Cell Phone & Digital Citizenship Workshops begin
Oct. 5 – Management Meeting
Oct. 11 – Governing Board Meeting, Special Needs Committee meeting
Upcoming...
Oct. 14 – Ped day, First Communication Report available for parents
Oct. 17 – Open House
Oct. 25 – Teacher Council meeting
Oct. 26 – Home & School Meeting
Oct. 28 – Dress Down Day (Games Room)

2. Chairperson

Nothing to report as it is the first meeting of the year.

3. Parent’s Committee

There were no elections yet. The committee did discuss the commitment to success plan and what were the top five needs to focus on. The top two were focus on innovative technology & teaching programs and to hire top tier staff for schools. The School Board is very proud of the 88.1% graduation rate for the school board.

4. Home and School Association

The LJA Home and School Association had 2 meetings in August and September. August was with last year's members to review the fundraisers. There was a good turnout. In September, there was a lot of new members. During curriculum night, refreshments were available at no charge. The committee accepted donations. On Open House the volunteers will provide refreshments and speak with the visiting parents. Every Tuesday TCBY will be sold in block C. It is one of the biggest fundraisers. This will continue for the entire year. The Adopt a Tree campaign will continue with the support of the Green Club. A corn roast was offered to welcome staff and students. There was a great participation from the parents. A certificate of \$25.00 was won for having the best Newsletter of all Home and Schools Associations in Quebec.

5. Student Council

Two meetings have taken place since the beginning of the year. A president was voted. Many good ideas were brought to the table.

8. New Business

1. MEES Measures for 2022-23

The Dedicated and Protected Measures – Transfer to Schools / Centres documentation was distributed and reviewed.

WHEREAS the 2022-2023 Initial Budget Parameters provide a list of protected and dedicated measures to be transferred to schools and centres;

WHEREAS the Governing Board must adopt a resolution confirming the amount transferred to the school / centre for each dedicated measure;

WHEREAS school principals / centre directors have been informed of the budgetary rules for each applicable measure and of the respective, prescribed budgets allocated for transfer to each school / centre for the school year 2022-23;

WHEREAS The Resource Allocation Committee (RAC) has made its recommendation to the Council of Commissioners for distribution of some measures;

WHEREAS the school / centre's governing board adopts the annual budget as per the Education Act (Chapter 1-13.3, s.95, s96.24); and

MOVE THAT on the recommendation of the school principal, it is moved by Kathy Stavriadis, seconded by Michael Rice, and carried unanimously, that the amounts for the following budgetary measures have been transferred to the school / centre for the 2022-23 school year, and

THAT the Governing Board adopt the following confirmed amounts of each budgetary measure destined for transfer to the school centre:

Name of Grant / Measure	Amount
15012 Social Solidarity	\$36, 458
15020 Support Consolidation of Learning	\$94,126
15022 Wellness	\$7,647
15025 Minimal Service to Schools	\$264,503
15028 Extra Curricular Activities	\$247,070
15031 Anti-Bullying	\$4,791
15103 Read in School	\$12,122
15186 School Cultural Outings	\$28,387

15230 Accessible and Inspiring Schools	\$34,574
15312 Integration EHDA	\$9,704
TOTAL	\$ 739,382

LJA-GB101122-13: Kathy Stavriadis motioned, seconded by Michael Rice. *Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried*

2. **School Budget 2021-2022 End of Year Report:** Tabled to next meeting.

3. **Selection of Meetings Dates for Governing Board**

November 8, December 13, January 17, February 7, March 14, April 11, May 9, and June 13.

LJA-GB101122-14: Kathy Stavriadis motioned, seconded by Michael Rice. *Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried*

8.4.1 Motion to extend meeting:

LJA-GB101122-15: Michael Rice motioned to extend meeting by 15 minutes, seconded by Johanne Dion. *Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.*

5. **Field Trips and ECAs**

1. Sports matches (League play)
2. Special Education walking field trips within the community
3. Tubing & Skiing Field Trip (March 6, 2023)
4. Montreal Eco-Museum (October 25, 2022)
5. Science Concentration trip to Arundel (October 20-21, 2022)

LJA-GB101122-16: Joanne Dion motioned to approve 8.5.1 to 8.5.5. Field Trips and ECA, seconded by Domenica Tortorici. *Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.*

6. **Fundraisers**

1. Blue & Gold Fundraising (School Designated Account)
2. School Dress Down Days

November	Home and School
December	Food Baskets
September	Student Council
October	Game Room

3. Lunchtime Popcorn & Dog Treats by DP students

LJA-GB101122-17: Vasiliki Aliftiras motioned to approve the proposed fundraisers, seconded by George Dimacacos. *Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.*

7. **Rentals**

1. Sports Laval Summer Camp
2. Kefi Fit
3. Salon du Hobby Miniature
4. Air Cadets 100 Squadron
5. Michael Solimene
6. AICP
7. Peter Ladas
8. Troupe Folklorique Grecque Syrtaki

Johanne Dion asked to use the money for reducing the cost for the tubing/skiing field trip but it was explained by Eric Ruggi that rental revenue it is used for special projects that are to benefit the all students.

LJA-GB101122-18: Kathy Stavriadis motioned to approve the proposed rentals, seconded by Johanne Dion. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

9:15 pm James Macpherson left.

9:18 pm Karina Reynolds-Johnson left.

9. **Question Period for the Public (5 minutes)**

None.

10. **Confirmation of Date/Time of next GB meeting:** November 8th, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the LJA Library.

11. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 pm.

LJA-GB101122-19: William Evans motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 pm, seconded by Johanne Dion. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Jenny Georgiopoulos

Chairperson – LJA Governing Board

Eric Ruggi

Principal – Laval Junior Academy

Gloria Cuccarolo

Secretary – LJA Governing Board