



**Laval Junior Academy  
Governing Board Minutes  
Thursday, January 18, 2018**

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**Present:** Nadia Colozza, Valario Gazzola, Dominic Di Stefano, Jonathan Gray, Douglas Howarth, Maria Katiforis, Effie Kontakos, Sunday Skoufaras Kerry Swanson, Jacques Tardif, Laura Wittebol, Mary Caruso (Alternate GB member)  
Principal: Josée Côté Vice Principals: Helen Kalipolidis, Tina Miscio

**Regrets:** Suzanne Brazau, Daniel Bourque, Patrick Chabot, Lia Maggiorino, Irene Vlachakis

**0. Welcome / Verification of Quorum:**

The meeting was called to order by Laura Wittebol at 7:08 pm.

**1.0 Adoption of Agenda:** Buses 4.6 was added.

*GB-180118-01: Kerry Swanson motioned to approve agenda, Nadia Colozza seconded, unanimous.  
Motion carried*

**2.0 Approval of Minutes of December 6, 2017:** No corrections.

*GB-180118-02: Jonathan Gray motioned to approve the Minutes, Nadia Colozza seconded, 10 votes in favor and 1 abstention.  
Motion carried*

**3.0 Question Period:** None

**4.0 Business Arising**

**4.1 E-votes since last GB meeting**

**4.1.1 Field Trip Symphonie Matinée (Dec. 15-17, 2017):**

Motion: "The Laval Junior Academy Governing Board approves the proposed field trip for Music students to see the Orchestre symphonique de Laval on February 7, 2018, at a cost of \$9 per student."

Field Trip:	<b>Symphonie Matinée (OSL)</b>				
Location:	Salle André-Mathieu	Students:	TBD	Time:	12:30pm-2:45pm
Date:	February 7, 2018	Teachers:	TBD	Transportation To:	City Bus
Grades:	Music students	Supervisors:	TBD	Transportation From:	City Bus alone
Organizer:	J. Tardif	Ratio:	1:20	Total:	\$9

Objective: To bring students to the Symphony Orchestra (OSL) to hear a world class pianist and symphony as part of the APPRECIATE competency in the music program.

*GB151217-EV01: Motioned by Nadia Colozza, seconded by Dominic Di Stefano, 13 votes in favor, 3 abstentions (non-voting). Quorum met (majority voted, 7/8 parents voted).  
Motion carried*



#### 4.1.2 EPCA School Fees Survey Information in LJA Newsletter (Jan. 10-12, 2018):

Motion: "For LJA GB to make a request to our Principal Mme Côté to print the EPCA school fee survey information below in the January 2018 edition of the LJA newsletter."


Please note that in order for this particular outcome to occur, in addition to the regular conditions for the motion to pass (quorum met and majority in favour), all regular GB parents must reply and be in favour.

Here is the communication sent by the Secretary General Ms. Krenn to the schools sent in late December:

*"We understand that the EPCA has been requesting replies from school boards and hence your GB Chairs and PC Reps may be requesting your support to accomplish this task. Given that our SWLSB Parents Committee is part of EPCA and in the spirit of collaboration, we wish to provide you with a compromise should your Governing Board parents unanimously recommend this survey to go out to your parent community:*

**Proposed solution:** *Copy and paste the following in your upcoming newsletter in January solely at the request of your GB.*

Our Governing Board Chairperson would like parents to fill-out the survey below:

 English Parents' Committee Association

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PKDLZN9>

[Can you spare a few moments to take my survey?](#)

[www.surveymonkey.com](http://www.surveymonkey.com)

Please take the survey titled "English Parents' Committee Association" Your feedback is important!

Should you have any questions, please contact (Name and email address of your GB Chair)

*GB100118-EV02: Motioned by Laura Wittebol, seconded by Suzanne Brazau, 16 votes in favor, unanimous. Quorum met (entire GB voted). Special condition has been met: Parent GB members voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried*

**4.2 Review and Adoption of Internal Rules of Procedure:** Final version was emailed to all members. No additional changes.

**4.3 LJA GB Annual Report 2016-17:** In progress.

**4.4 Community Representative Nomination:** No nominations. Position still open.

**4.5 Dress Code Subcommittee:** As part of the effort to ensure dress code is upheld, dress code checks began in December and again last week. It was quite impressive, out of 1000 students, approximately 180 were in physed, only 19 students -5 Sec 1 & 14 Sec 2- had minor dress code infractions. A great improvement and so majority is in dress code. The dress code subcommittee is mandated to evaluate dress code for next year.



**4.6 Buses:** Some bus routes still problematic. Bus 195 never arrived a day this week and missed stops. Bus 198C was 30 minutes late on Monday and 50 minutes late on Tuesday, which meant that students were left waiting for the bus in very cold temperatures, in addition to being late for school. Mme Côté will follow up.

## 5.0 Reports:

### 5.1 Principal:

- LJA Academic Course Selection Sheets for grade 6 given on January 15.
- Received good feedback from the Open House.
- There will be an information session for the 11 Elementary Schools of Laval on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at Laval Junior Academy from 6:30-8:30 pm.
- Promoting enriched programs.
- Taking steps for a smoother integration of students from Diversified students in Crestview.
- For term 2, parent teacher interviews, will be able to set-up on-line appointments.
- Discussions February 7 Sports Etude. Prepared a tentative schedule to share with parents.
- ABAV update will be given soon.

### 5.2 Chairperson:

- Jennifer Maccarone will be attending our next meeting on February 22, 2018.
- Treasurer's report: There is \$823 in the account.

**5.3 Vice-Chairperson:** No report.

**5.4 Parents' Committee:** Report for next GB meeting. Next Parents' Committee meeting is February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**5.5 PPO:** Joanne Iannantuono is the PPO Chairperson. PPO is organizing Casino Night and Cookie Dough fundraisers.

## 6.0 New Business:

### 6.1: Field Trips and Extracurricular Activities (ECA):

Field Trip:	<b>McGill Lab &amp; Redpath Museum</b>				
Location:	McGill Lab & Redpath Museum	Students:	60	Time:	8:35am-2:50pm
Date:	February 13, 2018	Teachers:	4	Transportation:	Bus
Grades:	Science students	Supervisors:	0	Entrance Fee:	\$0
Organizer:	G. Boldireff	Ratio:	1:20	Total:	\$7

Objective: To visit McGill Chemistry Labs and perform a lab with the McGill Chemistry Outreach program. To visit the Redpath museum.

Field Trip:	<b>Biodome &amp; Planetarium</b>				
Location:	Biodome & Planetarium	Students:	24	Time:	8:40am-2:57pm
Date:	February 8, 2018	Teachers:	2	Transportation:	School Bus
Grades:	Diversified Pathways gr. 60,61,62	Attendants:	4	Note:	Bring or buy lunch
Organizer:	K.Stanbra	Ratio:	1:4	Total:	\$15

Objective: An enrichment activity related to the unit on Earth and Space studied in Science class during Term 2.



Field Trip:	<b>Patin et Chocolat Chaud</b>				
Location:	Centropolis	Students:	25	Time:	11:30am-12:45pm
Date:	February 12-16, 2018	Teachers:	1	Time: OR	12:45pm- 2:57pm
Grades:	French classes	Supervisors:	1	Transportation:	Bring or buy lunch
Organizer:	A. Charron, J. Barrieau, S. Dubeau, A. Kallianiotis	Ratio:	1:13	Total:	\$0

Objective: To familiarize students with winter sports and to create a sense of belonging amongst the students in their French class.

*GB-180118-03: Kerry Swanson motioned to approve the fieldtrips, Sunday Skoufaras seconded, unanimous. Motion carried*

**6.2. Fundraisers:**

- TCBY and Cookie Dough fundraisers in progress.

**6.3. Rentals:** The rentals listed below were approved.

Rental:	<b>EVTS-OVMF</b>				
Day:	January 11 – May 31, 2018	Details:	Rental of music room		
Time:				Total:	\$1,586

Rental:	<b>J. Ricci</b>				
Day:	Saturday, January 13, 2018	Details:	Rental of gym		
Time:				Total:	\$379.42

Rental:	<b>Kumon Vimont &amp; St Rose</b>				
Day:	November 19, 2017	Details:	Rental main hall, auditorium, and a classroom		
Time:				Total:	\$238 x 2

Rental:	<b>Syndicat Viva Tours 3</b>				
Day:	December 4, 2017	Details:	Use of library		
Time:				Total:	\$241

Rental:	<b>Région Nord-Ouest Québec</b>				
Day:	November 11, 2017	Details:	Rental of cafeteria		
Time:			4 hours	Total:	\$312

Rental:	<b>Co-Propritété</b>				
Day:	January 15, 2018	Details:	Rental of a classroom		
Time:				Total:	\$68

*GB-180118-04: Kerry Swanson motioned to approve the rentals, Nadia Colozza seconded, unanimous. Motion carried*



**6.4. SWLSB Policy on Enrollment Criteria:** Members were informed the Enrollment Criteria has been updated and approved.

**6.5. SWLSB School Calendars 2018-19 (for PC – February 1, 2018):** Calendar was reviewed. No additional comments.

**6.6. Criteria for Selection of Principal (for February 22, 2018):** Current existing criteria was discussed. Tabled for next meeting.

**6.7. Operation “Green Caf”:** Jonathan Gray proposed an initiative to make changes in the cafeteria. Operation “Green Caf” would make changes to the cafeteria to make it more “green”, efficient and less wasteful. Students would be educated to raise their awareness about going “green”. Suggestions made to perhaps use reusable plates and cutlery and including a composting system.

**6.8 Dress Code Warnings and Detentions:** Tabled.

**7.0 Varia:** Maria Caruso was welcomed as the Alternate GB Member. She has volunteered to attend all GB meetings to keep up-to-date on Governing Board matters.

**8.0 Question Period for the Public:** None.

**9.0 Confirmation of Date/Time of Next GB meeting:**

**9.1 Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 7:00 pm:** Confirmed.

**10.0 Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

*GB-180118-05: Nadia Colozza motioned to adjourn the meeting, Dominic Di Stefano seconded, unanimous.  
Motion carried*

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Laura Wittebol  
Chairperson

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Effie Kontakos  
Secretary