



**Laval Junior Academy
Governing Board Minutes
Tuesday, April 30, 2019**

- Present:** Pino Alberga, Betty Aliftiras, Tony Beliotis, Mary Caruso, Patrick Chabot, Nadia Colozza, Joe Della Sala, Valerio Gazzola, Jonathan Gray, Maria Katiforis, Effie Kontakos, Marlyn Lypoudis, Shannon Rudolph, Dominic Di Stefano, Maria Tsakris
Principal: Alan Simoneau Vice-Principals: Aline Khozorian, Sunday Skoufaras
- Regrets:** Laura Wittebol, Substitute: Patrizia D'Ignazio
- Guests:** Ailsa Pehi (SWL Foundation), Joanne Iannantuono, Mary Ann Lapenna, Tony Rozza

0. Verification of Quorum: The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm.

1.0 Call to Order / Role of Alternates / Introduction of Guests:

Tony Beliotis will be chairing the meeting given Laura Wittebol's absence. Presentation by Ailsa Pehi for the SWLSB Foundation. Presentation by Mary Ann Lepenna on cell phone use in school.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda: No additions.

*GB300419-01: Domenic Di Stefano motioned to approve the agenda, Mary Caruso seconded, unanimous.
Motion carried*

3.0 Approval of Minutes of March 19, 2019: Typo in 8.2 to be corrected.

*GB300419-02: Nadia Colozza motioned to approve the Minutes of March 19th, 2019 with the correction, Maria Tsakris seconded, 13 in favour and 2 abstentions.
Motion carried*

4.0 Presentation – Sir Wilfred Laurier Foundation: Booklets / handouts were distributed to members.

There was a presentation given by Ailsa Pehi on the SWL Foundation. She has been part of this foundation for years. She has been on Governing Boards for 11 years, a former Commissioner, and is presently Vice-President of the foundation. The Sir Wilfred Laurier Foundation is an organization whose mission is to support schools and centers in the development of its students. Since 2004, it has given almost \$900,000 and funded many projects: Academics, Arts, Leadership, Sports, Technology, Healthy Lifestyle, Safety and Security. The foundation's goal is to reach one million. Have three major fundraisers – The Gala in January, Laurier Star Fest in May and The Lobster Gala in June. All proceeds go back to the schools.

5.0 Question Period: None.

6.0 Business Arising

6.1 E-votes since last GB meeting: None.

6.2 Review of Internal Rules of Procedure: The correct term for Alternate Governing Board members is Substitute so the Internal Rules will be amended to reflect that.



6.3 Cafeteria Contract: Aramark contract was cancelled. Contract with Piccola Gioia will be finalized and will itemize suggestions discussed at the last Governing Board meeting. Contract will be signed with the Director of Material Resources.

6.4 LJA Educational Project 2019-2020: The Educational Project was reviewed. The objectives identified:

1. Increase Math Sec. 2 success rate
2. Decrease the performance gap between boys and girls.
3. Increase physical activity of students.

7.0 Reports

7.1 Principal:

- Academic Career Guidance Courses will be implemented in spring 2019. The French department will implement the course outline. Next year, all topics will be covered. No formal evaluation for students.
- Carnival Week organized by LJA Student Council week of March 18.
- March Madness Basketball went well.
- Our School Survey was completed.
- Shakespeare production of Midsummer Night a success.
- IEPs completed.
- Beauty and the Beast play is on May 3 and May 4.
- May 30 Laurier Gala showcasing student talent.
- Planning for 2019-2020 and preliminary number of students is 910.
- 80% of mural in cafeteria is completed.

7.2 Chairperson: None.

7.3 Treasurer:

- Balance is \$730. Upcoming expenses expected \$450, so balance remaining is \$280.

7.4 SWLSB Parents' Committee:

- The new Elementary Parent Commissioner is Tara Anderson.
- There was a workshop for Governing Boards regarding School Budget and School Fees on March 25th at the School Board head office. Very informative.
- The Budget Building Survey was completed.
- The Policy of School Fees Charged to Parents was approved.
- The Parents' Committee has a Facebook page. Parents will have access to information, schools may send the Parents' Committee items they want to post about events and workshops at their school. Like it, follow it, and access it.
- A Presentation was given on Sexuality Education that provided a rationale as to why Sexuality Education is important. Program is determined by the government and the organization of the program, (the who, when, and how long), is determined by the teachers / administration and approved by Governing Board. The content is not approved by Governing Boards.
- The next Parents' Committee meeting is on Thursday, May 2nd, 2019.



7.5 PPO:

- PPO funds need to be allocated, approximately \$18 000, raised from fundraisers TCBY, Chocolate, Cookie Dough, bagging and Comedy Night.
- Teachers were asked for a wish list to survey what the needs of the school were.
- Thank you to everyone, staff and administration, for making my 2 years at LJA as PPO Chairperson amazing.
- A list was presented as to where the PPO could allocate the funds raised such as for the Game room \$5000, Beauty & Beast \$1000, Funding Brigade 2019-2020 \$1000, Breakfast Lunch program \$1000, DP department gift 4x\$50 for \$200, Sec. 2 Year end \$1500, and free Mr. Freeze to students at lunch \$1200.

GB300419-03: Mary Caruso motioned to approve the allocation of PPO funds as presented, Pino Alberga seconded, unanimous
Motion carried

8.0 New Business

8.1 Field Trips, In-School Activities and ECAs:

- LJA La Ronde trip on June 6th is \$45 with 2 hot dogs, drink and chips. Cost is \$10 if student has a season pass.
- End of Year Dance for Sec. 2 is on Monday, June 17th at Embassy. Cost is \$25.

GB300419-04: Effie Kontakos motioned to approve the La Ronde field trip and the End of Year Dance for Sec. 2, Nadia Colozza seconded, unanimous.
Motion carried

- Advanced Student Leadership on May 2 to College Letendre. Lest We Forget. No cost. 10:0 am-12:30pm.

GB300419-05: Patrick Chabot motioned to approve the ASL trip to College Letendre at no cost to students, Pino Alberga seconded, unanimous.
Motion carried

- Canadian Red Cross First Aid Course for students at \$75 over 4 days. May 1, 2, 8 & 9 from 3:15-5:15pm

GB300419-06: Patrick Chabot motioned to approve offering the Canadian Red Cross First Aid Course to students, Mary Caruso seconded, unanimous.
Motion carried

Motion to extend the meeting:

At 9:00 pm, a motion was needed to extend the meeting an additional 15 minutes.

GB300419-07: Joe Della Sala motioned to extend the meeting an additional 15 minutes, Domenic Di Stefano seconded, unanimous.
Motion carried

8.2 Fundraisers: None.

8.3 Rentals: The rental contracts were presented:

Copropriété Carré	\$23
Conférence Chez-Moi de Petits	\$321.91
Sports Laval	\$30,353.40

GB300419-08: Betty Alifiras motioned to approve the rentals, Jonathan Gray seconded, unanimous.

Motion carried



8.4 Our School Survey Results (ABAV) 2018-19: The Our School Survey was reviewed and discussed. 78% of students completed the survey – a good representation. Will focus on increasing the percentage of students who feel safe, increase the percentage of students who are interested and motivated in learning, increase the percentage of students with a positive sense of belonging and decrease the percentage of bullying.

8.5 Student Cell Phone Use in School: A presentation was given by Mary Ann Lapenna on student cell phone use in school. It is a major concern. Parents need to be educated and become informed regarding the effects of and misuse of cell phones by students in school. Cell phones are distracting – students text, play video games, watch Netflix, takes pictures, Facetime, make calls, and use it to cheat. The parents need to work in conjunction with the school staff and administration to ensure students respect a no cell phone in school policy. Propose that as of August, policy of cell phone usage be written in agenda. We can be proactive by educating the students in grade 4, 5, and 6, so they may be better informed by the time they get to high school. Recommend a consultation.

9.0 Varia: None.

10.0 Question Period: None.

11.0 Confirmation of Date/Time of next GB meeting

11.1 Tuesday, May, 28, 2019 at 7pm:

12.0 Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.

*GB300419-09: Domenic Di Stefano motioned to adjourn the meeting, Patrick Chabot seconded, unanimous.
Motion carried*

Laura Wittebol
Chairperson

Effie Kontakos
Secretary