



**Laval Junior Academy
Governing Board Minutes
Tuesday, April 13, 2021**

Present: Jimmy Abraham, Pino Alberga, Betty Aliftiras, Theresa Andrusko, Alexandra Antonopoulos, Pol Christodoulakis, Dominic Di Stefano, Valerio Gazzola, Kellie George-Bernard, Evan Goudis, Effie Kontakos, Nathalie Potier and Laura Wittebol

Principal: Eric Ruggi (Interim) Vice-Principal: Sunday Skoufaras

Regrets: Maria Katiforis, Mary Anne Lapenna, Maria Tsakris, Charles Chagnon and Helen Morrison (Community Representative)

0. Opening of the meeting / Quorum: The meeting was called to order by Jimmy Abraham at 7:02 pm. Quorum was met.

1.0 Adoption of Agenda: There were no additions. Some items on the agenda were tabled for the next meeting – Approval of Student Supply Lists 2021-22, approval of student workbooks 2021-22, approval of fees for Concentration & Specialty programs 2021-22 and adoption of the LJA School Budget 2021-22.

*LJA-GB130421-01: Pino Alberga motioned to approve the agenda, Evan Goudis seconded, unanimous.
Motion carried*

2.0 Adoption of Minutes of March 16, 2021: Some amendments were made. The revised Minutes will be posted on the website.

LJA-GB130421-02: Domenic Di Stefano motioned to approve the Minutes of March 16, 2021 with the amendments, Alexandra Antonopoulos seconded, 12 in favour and 1 abstention. Motion carried

3.0 Business Arising:

3.1 Parking Lot and Parental Drop Off Area (Phase 2): No update.

3.2 E-votes since the last GB Meeting:

3.2.1 E-vote March 21 - Leadership Ski Trip: LJA GB was asked to consider approving a Ski Trip for 2 Leadership classes to Morin Heights. The two classes, Sec. 1 and Sec 2 Leadership program, would travel in separate buses to respect the travel restrictions for COVID. The cost per student is covered by the Concentration Fees paid by the students' parents. The replacement costs of replacing the teachers are covered by the school. Trip is scheduled for Friday, March 26, departing from school at 9 am and returning 4:30pm by school bus. Please note, the ski trip was postponed and rescheduled to April 1, 2021.

LJA-GB210321-EV01: Valerio Gazzola motioned for the Laval Junior Academy Governing Board to approve the proposed Ski Trip for the Leadership program, (Sec. 1 & Sec. 2), scheduled for Friday, March 26, 2021, Nathalie Potier seconded, 13 in favour and 3 abstentions. Motion carried

3.2.2 E-vote March 24 – PED day April 16 Rescheduled: The LJA GB was asked to consider approving rescheduling the floating PED day planned for April 16 to April 30, 2021. This change requires approval from the governing board. In February, there was a school closure due to a snow storm. As a result of this closure, LJA lost a floating PED day that was scheduled on April 30, 2021. Orthodox Good Friday is April 30th. If this day remains a school day, LJA anticipates many students will be absent and the day will not be very conducive to having regular



classes. As such, the Teacher Council and Mr. Ruggi recommended that the floating PED day scheduled on April 16, 2021 be moved to April 30, 2021. The result would be that April 16 would become a regular school day and April 30 would be a PED day.

LJA-GB240321-EV02: Kellie George-Bernard motioned for the Laval Junior Academy Governing Board to approve the proposed PED day change for April 30th, in lieu of April 16, 2021, Nathalie Potier seconded, 13 in favour and 3 abstentions. Motion carried

3.3 Cell Phone Policy Presentation: Eric Ruggi gave the Cell Phone Policy presentation. It included the evolution of the Cell Phone Policy at LJA, details of resolutions passed at the LJA Governing Board meetings and information as to the parameters the policy can include to ensure conformity with the laws. The Cell Phone Policy committee will consist of 3 parents (Evan, Jimmy and Theresa) and 3 teachers.

LJA-GB130421-03: Kellie George-Bernard motioned to review the LJA Cell Phone Policy based on the new information presented, Pol Christodoulakis seconded, 12 in favour and 1 abstention. Motion carried

4.0 Reports:

4.1 Principal:

- Mar. 16 – Governing Board Meeting
- Mar. 17 – Management meeting, Sport-Études meeting
- Mar. 19 – PED day, Wellness workshop for all staff, staff meeting, presentation regarding cell phones in schools
- Mar. 23 – Home & School Meeting
- Mar. 24 – Meeting with D. Johnson regarding student leadership initiatives, QFHSA Literacy Grant for Mrs. Milea
- Mar. 26 – Conseil d'administration Sports Laval
- Mar. 29 – PED day, training for the Mozaik Portal, planning meeting for Special Education Renovation Project, High School Principals meeting
- Mar. 31 – Management meeting
- Apr. 1 – RAC meeting, Parent-Teacher Interviews, end of Easter food drive +2500 items collected, Leadership ski trip
- Apr. 5 – Start of classroom cleanliness contest
- Apr. 6 – Meeting with Human Resources – planning for 2021-22
- Apr. 7 – High School Principals professional development
- Apr. 8 – School fees guidelines presentation
- Apr. 9 – Start of Breathe presentations for students
- Apr. 12 – Teacher Council meeting
- Apr. 13 – Governing Board Meeting

Upcoming

- Apr. 16 – Regular school day (Day 4)
- Apr. 30 – PED day
- May 5 – Montreal Mural Walk field trip for Art Concentration

Motion to extend the meeting:

At 8:54 pm, a motion was needed to extend the meeting.

LJA-GB130421-04: Evan Goudis motioned to extend the meeting to 9:30, Domenic Di Stefano seconded, 12 in favour and 1 abstention. Motion carried



4.2 Chairperson: Nothing to report

4.3 Parents' Committee: Report given by Evan Goudis.

- Provincial government gave 10 million dollars to support tutoring – divided to the schools.
- Air quality testing done in the schools.
- New website was launched for Sir Wilfred Laurier School Board. Software was outdated and difficult to support so website/framework was updated to make it more efficient.
- Hope Fest 2021 will be a Facebook Live event on May 28. Looking for students to participate and share their talent.
- Unique to LJA and LSA, looking into possibly having an OPUS card that could be a one-year subscription. Make both options available and parents can choose either monthly renewal or yearly.

LJA-GB130421-05: Theresa Andrusko motioned to make the request that LJA would like to get the option of an OPUS annual card, in addition to the monthly, Domenic Di Stefano seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

4.4 Home and School Committee: Report given by Effie Kontakos.

- H&S has delayed the planning of selling TCBY at lunch. Once a start date has been chosen, TCBY will need two weeks notice to provide the stock.
- Planning something for the Secretaries and Principals to show our appreciation for all that they do.
- Next H&S meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 19 at 7pm via Zoom.

4.5 Treasurer's Report: Total expenses to date is \$330.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Air Quality Test Results: The air quality test results for LJA were good. A total of 8 classrooms were tested from 7am to 4pm – continuous reading throughout the day. If corrective measures are needed, they will be done. The school board has an obligation to do a follow-up.

5.2 Selection of the Last Pedagogical Day: The MEES mandated the schools to select 3 PED days to be used for professional development. To date, LJA has chosen January 29, 2021 and March 19, 2021. The third PED day proposed at Teacher Council was June 11, 2021. It requires Governing Board approval.

LJA-GB130421-06: Alexandra Antonopoulos motioned to approve the PED day on June 11, 2021 as mandated by the MEES, Evan Goudis seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

5.3 School Calendar 2021-22: The school calendar for 2021-2022 was presented and reviewed.

LJA-GB130421-07: Betty Aliftiras motioned to approve the school calendar for 2021-2022 for LJA as presented, Alexandra Antonopoulos seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

5.4 Approval of Student Supply Lists 2021-22: Tabled.

5.5 Approval of Student Workbooks 2021-22: Tabled.

5.6 Approval of Fees for Concentration & Specialty Programs 2021-22: Tabled.

5.7 Adoption of LJA School Budget 2021-22: Tabled.

5.8 Fundraisers: None.

6.0 Question Period for the Public: None.



7.0 Rentals

7.1 Kefi-Fit (June 21 – October 4, 2021): Rental for Kefi-Fit will be outdoors, for use of parking lot. It will be one week night per week from June 21 to October 4, 2021. The amount will be determined when the contract is signed.

LJA-GB130421-08: Pol Christodoulakis motioned to approve the rental for Kefi-Fit from June 21, 2021 to October 4, 2021, Effie Kontakos seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

8.0 Varia:

8.1 Water Quality Testing: Will inquire as to the water quality testing. COVID school closures affected the testing.

9.0 Confirmation of Date/Time of the Next GB Meetings:

Next meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2021 at 7pm via Zoom.

10.0 Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 pm.

LJA-GB130421-09: Pino Alberga motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:39pm, Laura Wittebol seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

Jimmy Abraham
Chairperson

Effie Kontakos

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Secretary