



**Laval Junior Academy**  
**Governing Board Minutes**  
**Thursday, December 12, 2019**

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- Present:** Jimmy Abraham, Betty Aliftiras, Theresa Andrusko, Alexandra Antonopoulos, Valerio Gazzola, Kellie George-Bernard, Jonathan Gray, Effie Kontakos, Dominic Pompa, Carol Tenebaum, Maria Tsakris, Laura Wittebol  
Community Representatives: Evan Caminis and Helen Morrisson  
Principal: Eric Ruggi (Interim)    Vice-Principals: Theodoros Liakopoulos, Sunday Skoufaras
- Regrets:** Pino Alberga, Tony Beliotis, Mary Caruso, Dominic Di Stefano, Marlyn Lypoudis, Pol Christodoulakis (Substitute member)
- Guests:** Laura Manzano (Student Council)

**0. Opening of the meeting / Quorum:** The meeting was called to order by Laura Wittebol at 7:03 pm. Mary Anne Lapenna has resigned from the governing board and is replaced by Dominic Pompa. Carol Tenebaum replacing for Domenic Di Stefano. Quorum was met.

**1.0 Adoption of Agenda:** No additions.

*LJA-GB121219-01: Jonathan Gray motioned to approve the agenda, Jimmy Abraham seconded, unanimous.  
Motion carried*

**2.0 Adoption of Minutes of November 12, 2019:** The Minutes were distributed to all members. No amendments.

*LJA-GB121219-02: Kellie George-Bernard motioned to approve the Minutes of November 12, 2019, Maria Tsakris seconded, 5 in favour and 7 abstentions.  
Motion carried*

**3.0 Business Arising:**

**3.1 E-votes since the last GB Meeting:**

**3.1.1 E-vote November 18, 2019 – LJA Play / Musical Souvenir T-shirt Sale:** The LJA Governing Board was asked to consider approving the LJA Play / Musical Souvenir T-shirt Sale as a keepsake for the musical. The t-shirt will cost approximately \$12 each and will be sold to students in the LJA play / musical. More details to follow once e-vote approval is given.

*LJA-GB181119-EV02: Laura Wittebol motioned for the Laval Junior Academy Governing Board to approve the proposed LJA Play / Musical Souvenir T-shirt Sale, Theresa Andrusko seconded, unanimous.  
Motion carried*

**3.1.2 E-vote November 18, 2019 – LJA Play / Musical Monthly Bake Sale Fundraiser:** The LJA Governing Board is asked to approve the monthly bake sale in order to support the upcoming musical. The fundraiser will start the week of November 25<sup>th</sup> and take place monthly during lunch until the day of the musical. It will not interfere with other fundraisers. Baked goods will be provided by parents of the students in the musical and some staff. Selling to all students and staff and organized by LJA Play / Musical Committee.

*LJA-GB181119-EV01: Maria Tsakris motioned for the Laval Junior Academy Governing Board to approve the proposed LJA Play Musical Monthly Bake Sale starting the week of November 25<sup>th</sup>, Betty Aliftiris seconded, unanimous.  
Motion carried*



### **3.2 Review and Adoption of Internal Rules of Procedure:** No amendments.

**3.3 GB Subcommittee on Sustainability Practices at LJA:** More students are recycling. Signage up for recycling. Will continue to raise awareness of importance of reducing waste and recycling.

**3.4 Approval of Subject Time Allocation 2020-2021:** The Subject Time Allocation 2020-2021 documentation was distributed to all members and reviewed.

*LJA-GB121119-03: Jimmy Abraham motioned to approve the LJA Subject Time Allocation for 2020-2021 as presented with the proposed changes, Maria Tsakris seconded, unanimous. Motion carried*

## **4.0 Reports:**

### **4.1 Principal:**

- Nov. 13 – Math make-up test session after school, Special Needs Committee meeting
- Nov. 15 – Ped day, QPAT conference, LJA hosts Elementary Ball Hockey Tournament
- Nov. 18 – End of term, student assemblies
- Nov. 19-20 – Geordie Productions field trip
- Nov. 20 – Attended a professional development session at the school board, Report cards available in Mozaik
- Nov. 21 – Parents begin making appointments for Parent-Teacher Night, climate change presentation, student mentorship lunch
- Nov. 22-24 – New Jersey Sports trip
- Nov. 26 – Attended a high school principals meeting, first coins awarded for term 1 achievements
- Nov. 28 – Parent-Teacher Night (6-9 PM)
- Nov. 29 – Ped day
- Dec. 5 – Cafeteria holiday meal for lunch, teachers' staff meeting
- Dec. 9 – Teacher Council Meeting, Hour of Code event
- Dec. 10 – Attended a management meeting at the school board, Brigades Culinaires Christmas Dinner
- Dec. 11 – Attended a Sport-Études meeting at the school board, Special Needs Committee meeting
- Dec. 12 – Governing Board meeting
- Upcoming
- Dec. 13 – Last day for the Holiday Food Drive for Agape
- Dec. 16-17 – Our School Survey feedback and discussions with Secondary 2 students
- Dec. 18 – Professional development session for principals at the school board, Math test make-up session for students who were absent for in-class tests
- Dec. 20 – Community Breakfast
- Jan. 6 – Ped day
- Jan. 10 – Basketball teams visit Vanier College
- Jan. 14 – Home & School meeting

### **4.2 Chairperson:**

- Power Point of the Governing Board workshop will be forwarded to members.

### **4.3 Vice-Chairperson:** No report.

### **4.4 Parents' Committee:**

- Discussed plans on how to go about to make amendments to law regarding how Parents' Committee Delegates are replaced.



#### 4.5 Home and School Committee:

- Parent-Teacher Night Bake Sale raised funds by donations.
- Will repeat Bake Sale in February for Parent-Teacher Night (already approved by GB).
- Cookie Dough pick up will on December 17th.
- Discussed wanting to have a pizza fundraiser to sell a slice of pizza for \$5 with water / juice box. More details will follow. Request for the fundraiser will be sent as an e-vote.
- Next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2020.

#### 5.0 New Business:

**5.1 Approval of 2020-2024 Sport-Études:** Information was presented and discussed concerning the Sport-Études program.

### LJA Sport-Études Program 2020-2024

WHEREAS Laval Junior Academy has a Sport-Études program which is growing and meeting the needs of young student-athletes from our community;

WHEREAS the Governing Board must adopt a resolution confirming its approval for Laval Junior Academy to continue offering a Sport-Études program for the period of 2020-2024;

WHEREAS the school principal recommends that the Sport-Études program be extended for the period 2020-2024;

WHEREAS each of the different sports offered as part of the Sport-Études program will be approved and mandated by the MEES and by their federation; and

MOVE THAT on the recommendation of the school principal, it is moved by Theresa Andrusko, seconded by Jimmy Abraham, and carried unanimously, THAT Laval Junior Academy continue to offer a Sport-Études program for the period 2020-2024; and,

THAT the Governing Board approve the Sport-Études program for the period of 2020-2024.

#### LJA-GB121119-04 Motion Carried

The Laval Junior Academy Sport-Études program 2020-2024 resolution was carried unanimously at the Laval Junior Academy Governing Board meeting held on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at Laval Junior Academy (2323 Daniel-Johnson Boulevard, Laval).

#### 5.2 Field Trips and ECAs:

**5.2.1 Vanier College School Day Game (January 10, 2020):** Sec. 1 and Sec. 2 basketball teams will play basketball at Vanier College. Student athletes will be exposed to a higher level of sport and education. Three teachers with approximately 50 students.

*LJA-GB121219-05: Betty Alifiras motioned to approve the Vanier College School Day Game on January 10, 2020, Maria Tsakris seconded, unanimous. Motion carried*

**5.2.2 Arundel Winter Trip (February 11-14, 2020):** Open to all students. 5 or 6 teachers with 35-40 students will go to the Arundel Nature Center from February 11-14 at a cost of \$280 per student (ratio 1-6 / 1-7). Students will experience different types of winter sports and participate in team building activities. Travel by yellow bus.



LJA-GB121219-06: Effie Kontakos motioned to approve the Arundel Winter Trip on February 11-14, 2020, at a cost of \$280 per student, Theresa Andrusko seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

### 5.3 Fundraisers:

**5.3.1 A-wake-o-thon and bake sale for Kids for Life Foundation:** LJA students are organizing a fundraiser in February and March. It will include a dress down day, a mega bake sale and a Non-sleep-a-thon. Students will be collecting donations during recess and lunch. It will end on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Students will participate in the A-wake-o-thon from Friday, March 20 at 7:00 am to Saturday, March 21 at 7:00 am. Each student must have a signed consent form to participate. Each student will be asked to get 10 sponsors of \$5 each - \$50.

LJA-GB121219-07: Jimmy Abraham motioned to approve the A-wake-o-thon and bake sale for Kids for Life Foundation in February and March, Alexandra Antonopoulos seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

### 5.4 Rentals:

**5.4.1 AA Congrès:** Rental of \$3,822.92 on March 14 and 15, 2020.

LJA-GB121219-08: Jimmy Abraham motioned to approve the rental of \$3822.92 for AA Congrès for the use of LJA from March 14 and 15, 2020, Alexandra Antonopoulos seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

**5.4.2 ARSL Soccer Laval:** Rental of \$965.79 for the use of gyms 1,2,3 & 4 and locker rooms on November 23, 2019.

LJA-GB121219-09: Jimmy Abraham motioned to approve the rental of \$965.79 for Association Régionale de Soccer de Laval for the use of the gyms and locker rooms on November 23, 2019, Alexandra Antonopoulos seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

**5.4.3: Carré Chambord:** Rental of \$201.21 for the use of the library on December 5, 2019.

LJA-GB121219-10: Jimmy Abraham motioned to approve the rental of \$201.21 for Carré Chambord for the use of the library on December 5, 2019, Alexandra Antonopoulos seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

**5.4.4 Hellenic Women's Federation:** Rental of \$0.01 for the use of the library on November 21, 2019.

LJA-GB121219-11: Jimmy Abraham motioned to approve the rental of \$0.01 for the Hellenic Women's Foundation for the use of the library on November 21, 2019, Alexandra Antonopoulos seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

**5.4.5 Hellenic Women's Federation:** Rental of \$0.01 for the use of the library.

LJA-GB121219-12: Jimmy Abraham motioned to approve the rental of \$0.01 for the Hellenic Women's Foundation for the use of the library, Alexandra Antonopoulos seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

**5.4.6 Passion Basketball:** Rental of \$896.81 for the use of gyms 3 & 4 and locker rooms from November 1, 2019 to February 20, 2020.

LJA-GB121219-13: Jimmy Abraham motioned to approve the rental of \$896.81 for Passion Basketball for the use of the gyms and locker rooms from November 1, 2019 to February 20, 2020, Alexandra Antonopoulos seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

**5.4.7 PICAI:** Rental of \$10,600.00 for the use of 5 classrooms from September 14, 2019 to April 25, 2020.

LJA-GB121219-14: Jimmy Abraham motioned to approve the rental of \$10, 600 for PICAI for the use of minimum of 5 classrooms and a maximum of 10 classrooms from September 14, 2019 to April 25 2020, Alexandra Antonopoulos seconded, unanimous. Motion carried



*LJA-GB121219-15: Effie Kontakos motioned for the Laval Junior Academy to give authorization to the principal, Eric Ruggi, to proceed with obtaining, preparing and signing rental contracts and then present them to the governing board at the next meeting, Jimmy Abraham seconded, unanimous.*

*Motion carried*

**6.0 Question Period:**

Request was made to have more recycling bins in the cafeteria, the gyms and Block C.

Request was made to have analog clocks in Block C and hallways.

**7.0 Confirmation of Date/Time of the Next GB Meeting:** Next meeting is on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 7pm.

**8.0 Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.

*LJA-GB121219-16: Jimmy Abraham motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm, Jonathan Gray seconded, unanimous.*

*Motion carried*

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Laura Wittebol  
Chairperson

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Effie Kontakos  
Secretary