



Laval Junior Academy
Governing Board Minutes
Tuesday, December 8, 2020

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

Principal: Eric Ruggi (Interim) Vice-Principals: Charles Chagnon, Sunday Skoufaras

Regrets: Maria Tsakris, Angela Lucia (Substitute member)

Guests: Vincent Cammisano (Commissioner Ward 8), Paolo Galati, (Chairperson Council of Commissioners), Adam Gordon (Chairperson Parents' Committee)

0. Opening of the meeting / Quorum: The meeting was called to order by Jimmy Abraham at 7:03 pm. Quorum was met.

1.0 Adoption of Agenda: There was an addition made 5.6 2019-2020 ABAV Plan. Question period will be brought up earlier.

LJA-GB081220-01: Evan Goudis motioned to approve the agenda with the addition, Alexandra Antonopoulos seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

2.0 Adoption of Minutes of November 17, 2020: No amendments were made.

LJA- GB081220-02: Domenic Di Stefano motioned to adopt the Minutes of November 17, 2020, Pino Alberga seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

3.0 Business Arising:

3.1 Parking Lot and Drop Off Area: Have a plan in place with the Material Resources Department. No development as to when plan will be put into effect. Analysis done and proposal made to Director of Material Resources. Waiting for approval or modifications, if recommended.

3.2 E-votes since the last GB Meeting: None.

3.3 Review and Adoption of Internal Rules of Procedure: The Internal Rules of Procedure are on the LJA website. Today the resignation of the Substitute member, Angela Lucia, was submitted.

3.4 Community Representative – Special Needs: Tabled. The position is still open.

3.5 GB Subcommittee on Sustainability Practices at LJA: No meeting since last GB meeting.

3.6 GB Subcommittee on Cell Phone Policy: Tabled.

4.0 Reports:

4.1 Principal:

- Since last GB meeting, have had no cases of COVID. Given that there is over 1,000 people in the school daily, this is great – hats off to staff and students.
- Potentially have a case. Staff continuing preventive measures and restrictions and adjusting as necessary.
- No ECAs. It's difficult for the students that love to participate in activities and have interaction.



- As of today, completed all the visits to the Grade 6 classes in the 11 elementary schools, some were virtual either by Zoom or Smartboard.
- Dec. 11 – Dress Down Day or wear a Jersey, Agape Food Drive ends.
- Dec. 14-16 – Special Theme Days (3) to create a lighter atmosphere
- Dec. 14 – Sparkle Up Your Wardrobe Day
- Dec. 15 – Ugly Sweater Day
- Dec. 16 – Pajama Day, Last of in-school classes, Students' memory of online classes & emails refreshed
- Dec. 16 – All students will bring home their boxes and materials home, students will receive new boxes in January upon their return if boxes are broken
- Dec. 17-18 – Online classes for Students
- Jan. 5-8 – Online classes for Students
- Will use the school closure for full cleaning and sanitizing.
- Dec. 18 – Staff Farewell (not a gathering), generous sponsor purchased lunches to thank the staff
- Dec. 18 – Second of LJA Administration and Support Staff video will be launched

Upcoming

- Registrations taking place in January. In absence of Open House made a new promotional plan. Videos created for each department and are available on the school website home page.
- Presentations to the Grade 5 classes will be given in the spring.

Laure Wittebol commented on the great effort the administration and staff have put in since March and again in September until today. On behalf of the parents and children, she wanted to thank LJA staff for their dedication and courage.

4.2 Chairperson: Nothing new to report.

4.3 Parents' Committee: Report given by Evan Goudis.

- Attended the meeting on December 3rd as did Effie as the Alternate.
- Kristy Findlay, Speech Language, presented a vision that brings together parents and focuses on development of communication and languages in children. Online seminar to help parents in 2021.
- Tony Beliotis, SEAC, mentioned the concern that the anxiety of students has risen due to online learning.
- Kathy Korakakis, EPCA President, stated the importance of Governing Boards and Parents' Committee to be more involved with EPCA and have a voice through them. Discussed the survey where parents were asked if they wanted in school classes December 17 & 18. Results were 50/50 split.
- Gaëlle Absolonne, Director General, discussed the safety procedures in the schools, staff and visitors are required to sign in with QR codes and the ventilation systems in the schools.
- Discussed the Adopt a Tree Campaign at LJA during proud moments report.
- LJA has a mechanical ventilation system – air conditioning/heating system. A sampling of the air quality was done in our school and system is working at optimal level.
- January 10, 2021 Embracing Diversity free conference for parents.
- February 23, 2021 GB workshop on Budget and Financing.

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

- Adopt A Tree Campaign, in collaboration with the Green Club, has begun. The tree tags have been ordered. The Certificates have been designed.
- FlipGive online fundraiser has also started.
- The Dress Down Day in January for 1\$ or \$2 will be the next activity.
- Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 11th at 7pm via Zoom.

4.5 Student Council: No Student Council.



5.0 New Business:

5.1 Placement of PED on January 29, 2021: The MEES announced all schools could benefit from 3 PED days to be used for professional development for online teaching / learning. Received confirmation that workshops have been prepared. Recommend the approval of January 29, 2021 as a PED with proposals to come for the other two days. February 26th was added as a PED.

*LJA-GB081220-03: Pol Christodoulakis motioned to declare January 29, 2021 as a new PED Day for LJA so teachers may participate in workshops for online teaching, Alexandra Antonopoulos seconded, unanimous
Motion carried*

5.2 Subject Time Allocation for 2021-2022: The Subject Time Allocation (STA) documentation was emailed to all members prior to the meeting. It represents the amount of time that each course is allocated during a school year as it relates to a cycle. LJA operates on a 9-day cycle and 20 cycles per year. The STA was presented by Eric Ruggi and reviewed. Proposal from administration and staff is to maintain status quo.

*LJA- GB081220-04: Evan Goudis motioned to approve the LJA Subject Time Allocation for 2021-2022 as presented, Maria Katiforis seconded, unanimous.
Motion carried*

5.3 Field Trips and ECAs: No formal field trips have been planned. There have been activities in school and some speakers have visited the classes and Reptizoo. Mostly through Zoom and some live. Geordie Productions will have a live play, via the Smartboard, on January 19, 2021.

5.4 Fundraisers: None

5.5 Rentals: LJA will continue to rent out the school to the Cadets for the squadron's headquarters and activities. However, we will relocate their headquarters from the present location to another location in the school.

5.6 ABAV Plan 2020-2021: Domenic Di Stefano and Sunday Skoufaras presented the Anti-Bullying Anti-Violence Plan for 2020-2021. The ABAV Plan will be posted on the school website. An ABAV Report will be presented in June 2021.

*LJA- GB081220-05: Laura Wittebol motioned to approve the LJA ABAV Plan for 2020-2021 as presented, Valerio Gazzola seconded, unanimous.
Motion carried*

6.0 Question Period for the Public: Paolo Galati wanted to thank all the parents for adapting to the protocols, thank the teachers and staff for adapting to the ever-changing demands and thank the administration for running the school efficiently. The Commissioners will try to be as present as possible within the community & support GB.

7.0 Confirmation of Date/Time of the Next GB Meeting: Next meeting is on January 12, 2021 at 7pm via Zoom.

8.0 Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

*LJA- GB081220-06: Kellie George-Bernard motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm, Pol Christodoulakis seconded, unanimous.
Motion carried*

Jimmy Abraham
Chairperson

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Secretary