



**Laval Junior Academy
Governing Board Minutes
Tuesday, January 12, 2021**

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

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

Regrets: Theresa Andrusko

Guests: Vincent Cammisano (Commissioner Ward 8) and James Di Sano, (Commissioner Ward 7)

0. Opening of the meeting / Quorum: The meeting was called to order by Jimmy Abraham at 7:01 pm. Quorum was met. The meeting will be recorded.

1.0 Adoption of Agenda: No additions.

LJA-GB120121-01: Alexandra Antonopoulos motioned to approve the agenda, Pino Alberga seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

2.0 Adoption of Minutes of December 8, 2020: A typo was corrected.

LJA- GB120121-02: Domenic Di Stefano motioned to adopt the Minutes of December 8, 2020, Maria Tsakris seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

3.0 Business Arising:

3.1 Parking Lot and Parental Drop Off Area: Phase 1 modifications to the parental drop off area will begin January 13, 2021. Modifications include placing large concrete blocks on the south side. Phase 2 is scheduled for the spring – speed bumps and visual signage. Parents will receive notification of the changes to the drop off area, a map and an explanation of what they are expected to do.

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

3.3 Community Representative – Special Needs: No candidates after a call out was made.

3.4 GB Subcommittee on Sustainability Practices at LJA: No update.

3.5 GB Subcommittee on Cell Phone Policy: Status quo. Will be tabled for discussion in the spring.

4.0 Reports:

4.1 Principal:

- Dec. 8 – Staff meeting, Governing Board meeting
- Dec. 9 – Sport-Études Information Session for 2021-22
- Dec. 11 – End of Agape Food Drive, Dress Down day for Agape
- Dec. 14 – Sparkle Your Wardrobe Day
- Dec. 15 – Ugly Christmas Sweater Day, Staff farewell after school, lunch provided by Desjardins Caisse Italienne, Launch All I Want for Christmas video, Blue & Gold Information Session 2021-22
- Dec. 16 – Pajama Day, Last of in-school classes, Sport-Études Basketball Information Session 2021-22
- Dec. 17 – Start of online classes



- Dec. 18 – Last day before break
- Jan. 4 – Ped Day
- Jan. 5-15 – Online classes
- Jan. 11– Last day for Term 1, Teacher Council Meeting, Home & School Meeting, Meeting with MEES for Sport-Études Basketball
- Jan. 12 – Conseil d'Administration Sports Laval, Governing Board meeting

Upcoming

- Jan. 13 – Management meeting
- Jan. 15 – Posters will be put up in hallways and common areas regarding masks (how to wear & remove)
- Jan. 18 – Return to in-school classes, new sanitary and safety measures, students will be given 2 masks daily (students will be asked to bring 2 plastics bags – 1 to keep clean masks and 1 to place used masks), new boxes for students' materials will be available for students if needed
- Jan. 28 – Dress Down Day for Home & School
- Jan. 29 – PED Day, Report cards available on Mozaik
- End of January – Re-registration period begins (go on Mosaik to register), new registrations also taking place
- Administration visited all Grade 6 classes in the 11 elementary schools in December, some were virtual either by Zoom or Smartboard.
- Grade 6 classes received their Course Selection Forms, Grade 6 parents received emails to be kept updated on how to register and receive information on programs

4.2 Chairperson: Received correspondence on the Enrollment Criteria and Budget Building Consultation which are both on the agenda for discussion.

4.3 Parents' Committee: Report given by Evan Goudis.

- Attended the meeting on January 7th.
- Carole Toteda, Learn Quebec, gave a presentation on her organization. Learn Quebec provides tutorial sessions and workshops online for students in the English- speaking community. All services are free and students are taught by teachers. It is government funded and has provided services for 15 years.
- Learn Quebec can give the presentation to the Governing Board, if we are interested.
- The Budget Building Survey was discussed that Governing Boards are required to complete.
- Gaëlle Absolonne, Director General, presented her report. Had 323 positive COVID cases from last March from the 14, 000 students SWL has. (2% infection ratio).
- Air quality was tested at LJA and found to be favourable. Note: LJA is able to monitor its own ventilation air quality at all times.
- Call for tenders for air purifiers.
- Paolo Galati cancelled the election.
- January 10, 2021 Embracing Diversity free conference for parents received positive feedback. Great job done by everybody who helped organize the event.
- Helen Morrison gave a workshop on Play, More Than Meets the Eye that was very informative and well done. EducaZoo gave a presentation geared to the students and showcased a variety of animals.

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

- Have 14 adoptions for the Adopt A Tree Campaign with more expected.
- FlipGive online fundraiser continues.
- The Dress Down Day is scheduled for January 28th - \$2.
- Planning for Teacher Appreciation in February.
- Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 23rd at 7pm via Zoom.



4.5 Student Council: No Student Council.

5.0 New Business:

5.1 2021-2022 SWLSB Budget Building Consultation: The Budget Building Survey was reviewed, discussed and a response completed by the committee members. The following is the Budget Consultation Survey response that will be submitted to the school board.

1. Which group do you represent? • Governing Board
2. If you are a governing board representative which school or center do you represent? • Laval Junior Academy
3. Are you satisfied with the current allocation of resources? Refer to the Allocation of Resources Document <https://bit.ly/39R7XD8>
 - No
4. Rank, from 1 to 7, the level of importance on the following criteria to be considered for the allocation of resources:
 - 1- Enrolment 2- Students at risk 3- EHDA Clientele (coded) 4- Socio Economic Index (IMSE)
 - 5- Geography (Distance) 6- Regional Needs (Rural, Urban) 7- Square meter of the school
5. Please choose 3 budgetary priorities for each Orientation in line with the Commitment to Success Plan:
Orientation 1: Retain and support quality employees:
 - Professional Development and growth (Ex: training on stress management, special needs, etc.)
 - Training workshops for employees (Ex: skill based, excel, powerpoint, etc.)
 - Career progression program (Ex. masters, DEES, diplomas, etc.)
6. Please choose 3 budgetary priorities for each Orientation in line with the Commitment to Success Plan:
Orientation 2: Offer students a variety of choices through 21st century programs and curriculums:
 - Techno-pedagogical tools
 - Development of Special Programs
 - Extracurricular activities
7. Please choose 3 budgetary priorities for each Orientation in line with the Commitment to Success Plan:
Orientation 3: Develop a learning and working environment that promotes health, safety and well-being:
 - Playground improvement
 - Students and Staff's Safety and Security
 - Encourage social / emotional / academic development
8. Please choose 3 budgetary priorities for each Orientation in line with the Commitment to Success Plan:
Orientation 4: Increase the level of literacy competencies among the adult population on the school board's territory:
 - Promotional and marketing materials
 - Technology
 - Distance education
9. Please choose 3 budgetary priorities for each Orientation in line with the Commitment to Success Plan:
Orientation 5: Engage students in physical activities 60 minutes a day:
 - Playground equipment
 - Coaching, training, guest speakers
 - Upgrade sporting facilities (gymnasiums and sports fields)
10. Should we consider any other topics to prioritize that were not mentioned above?
 - Building improvements – library upgrade
 - Resource Teachers and Support Staff

LJA-GB120121-03: Kellie George-Bernard motioned to approve the response to the Budget Building Consultation 2021-2022 completed by the LJA Governing Board members that will be submitted to the SWLSB, Maria Katiforis seconded, unanimous.
Motion carried



5.2 Enrolment Criteria for 2021-2022: The Enrolment Criteria specifically outlines priorities as to who can register. As for LJA, everyone can register. The consultation process for the Enrolment Criteria ended November 27, 2020. A member requested it be noted in the Minutes that the wording for the re-registration period in the policy should be rephrased because it is confusing. The following is included to note section referred to.

Excerpt of Enrolment Criteria Policy:

Students who are currently attending the SWLSB must re-register online using the Mozaik Parent Portal.

- Registration period: Begins the last full week of January until the end of February.
- Re-registration period: Begins the last full week of January until the end of January.

5.3 Field Trips and ECAs: None.

5.4 Fundraisers: None

5.5 Rentals: None.

6.0 Question Period for the Public: The guests, Vincent Cammisano and James Di Sano were welcomed. James Di Sano thanked the LJA administration and staff for their hard work and dedication that make SWLSB the #1 school board in the province.

7.0 Confirmation of Date/Time of the Next GB Meetings: Next meetings are scheduled on February 9, 2021 and March 16, 2021 at 7pm via Zoom.

8.0 Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

LJA- GB120121-04: Pino Alberga motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm, Betty Alifiras seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

Jimmy Abraham
Chairperson

Effie Kontakos
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Secretary