



**Laval Junior Academy  
Governing Board Minutes  
Tuesday, May 11, 2021**

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**Present:** Jimmy Abraham, Betty Aliftiras, Theresa Andrusko, Alexandra Antonopoulos, Sarah Anne Blanchette, Pol Christodoulakis, Dominic Di Stefano, Valerio Gazzola, Kellie George-Bernard, Jonathan Gray, Evan Goudis, Effie Kontakos, Nathalie Potier, Michael Rice and Laura Wittebol      Community Representative: Helen Morrison  
Principal: Eric Ruggi (Interim)      Vice-Principal: Alexandra Petrella and Sunday Skoufaras

**Regrets:** Pino Alberga, Maria Katiforis, Mary Anne Lapenna and Maria Tsakris

**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 were no additions.

*LJA-GB110521-01: Theresa Andrusko motioned to approve the agenda, Evan Goudis seconded, unanimous.  
Motion carried*

**2.0 Adoption of Minutes of April 13, 2021:** No amendments were made.

*LJA-GB110521-02: Alexandra Antonopoulos motioned to approve the Minutes of April 13, 2021, Kellie George-Bernard seconded, 11 in favour and 2 abstentions. Motion carried*

**3.0 Introduction of Members:** Sarah Anne Blanchette, Jonathan Gray and Michael Rice will be replacing the three staff members that are absent for this meeting. Alexandra Petrella is replacing Charles Chagnon.

**4.0 Business Arising:**

**4.1 Parking Lot and Parental Drop Off Area (Phase 2):** Signage has been put up to improve safety and security. Signage indicates speed limit, direction (one way), no smoking and stop signs. In addition, signage has been placed to indicate school property and only authorized people permitted on school property. Markings on the ground (arrows) to make speed bumps visible to drivers.

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

**4.2.1 E-vote April 20 – Ball Hockey Trip:** Results tabled for next meeting.

**4.3 Cell Phone Policy Presentation:** Twelve LJA staff members met to discuss the LJA Cell phone Policy. Three of those staff members were nominated to be on the LJA Governing Board Cell Phone Policy subcommittee – Gregory Boldireff, Kim White and Kerrie Swanson. They are ready to meet with the GB subcommittee to discuss topics and concerns. Information to be sent to Jimmy Abraham. The presentation on LJA Cell Phone Policy presented at the April's GB meeting had been verified by SWLSB as having represented the report of Morency.

**4.4 Air Quality and Water Tests:** SWLSB will be doing a second series of air quality tests. Those results will be shared once received. The water quality tests were done and awaiting the results. Eric Ruggi made enquiries after it was discussed at the April LJA Governing Board meeting. Eric Ruggi asked the following questions and received these answers and they were shared with the members via email on April 22, 2021 to be included in the Minutes.



*Eric Ruggi:* What corrective measures will be taken?

Response: The heating elements have accumulated dust and this blocks the air flow. The heating elements have been cleaned by an internal employee but deeper cleaning is required by an external supplier.

*Eric Ruggi:* When will these corrective measures be applied?

Response: The 1<sup>st</sup> cleaning done a few days after the tests. Cleaning by an external supplier will be next Ped Day, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

*Eric Ruggi:* Will there be new air quality tests done?

Response: Of course! I'll share the results as well.

*Eric Ruggi:* Also, another question was raised about the water tests that were supposed to have been done a year ago. Were these ever done? If so, can we have the results? If not, when can we expect this to be done?

Response: All tests were done and corrective measures were executed where necessary.

## **5.0 Reports:**

### **5.1 Principal:**

- Apr. 13 – Governing Board Meeting
- Apr. 14 – Start of Tuesday Treats for all staff (treats given - bagels, donuts, cannoli and ice cream)
- Apr. 15 – LJA Student Assembly regarding cell phone rules & expectations, start of Elite Athlete Interview Series for Sport-Études students
- Apr. 16 – Regular school day (Day 4)
- Apr. 19 – Staff meeting with Human Resources regarding support staff
- Apr. 20 – Management meeting
- Apr. 21 – Management meeting
- Apr. 22 – Meeting regarding phase 2 of drop-off zone
- Apr. 23 – Be U Dress Down Day 2 for Home & School
- Apr. 28 – Staff committee to discuss cell phone policy
- Apr. 29 – Meeting with Finance dept. regarding 2021-22 school budget, Professionals' union strike action until noon, gift received from Home & School for Principals' Day
- Apr. 30 – PED day
- May 3 – Life works Platform launch (meeting for management)
- May 5 – Management meeting
- May 6 – Last day of Study Skills and Breathe program sessions
- May 7 – PED day, site meeting for Special Education renovation project. teachers' training for GPI Mozaik
- May 10 – High school networking meeting, Teacher Council meeting
- May 11 – Governing Board meeting

Upcoming...

- May 12 – (New date) Montreal Mural Walk field trip for Art Concentration
- May 13 – Support staff strike action
- May 19 – Professionals' union strike action
- May 26 – (New date) Ball Hockey field trip
- May 27 – Leadership field trip to Tyroparc
- May 28 – PED day
- May 31 – Start of special education renovation project

**5.2 Chairperson:** Nothing new to report.



### 5.3 Parents' Committee: Report given by Evan Goudis.

- The power point presentation given at the Parents' Committee meeting was presented to the members.
- Summer School 2021 begins online July 5 to July 23, 2021. Registration period is June 28 to 30, 2021.
- Hope Fest Laurier Gala 2021 is a Live Facebook event taking place on May 28.
- Ms. Sollazzo and Mr. Pan presented the policies on consultation this evening.
- Proud moments were shared of Earth Day initiatives at McCaig and Twin Oaks and the project Caring Entrepreneurs at Souvenir to help a homeless shelter, Labre House.

### 5.4 Home and School Committee: Report given by Effie Kontakos.

- Home & School honoured the Secretaries, Professional Administrator and Principals in appreciation for all that they do with gifts cards to Phillinos restaurant.
- The second Be U Dress Down day was a success raising \$932.
- Adopt A Tree got 2 more donations. Half the profits are shared with the Green Club since it was a joint venture. The trees will be tagged and identified.
- H&S is treating all the students and staff to free TCBY (swirl) on May 21. A sorbet option will be offered for those with allergies or intolerances.
- For the end of year celebrations planning to have pizza lunch for all students and staff. Sec. 1 will be one day and Sec. 2 the following day.
- Upcoming QFHSA Annual General meeting is June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Next H&S meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19 at 7pm via Zoom.



**5.5 Treasurer's Report:** The secretary has been issued the stipend for 7 meetings. Two are pending – for the meetings of May and June.

## 6.0 New Business

### 6.1 Approval of Student Supply Lists 2021-22 / Confirmation of Compliance to School Board Fee Policy:

The School Supply Lists for 2021-2022 were reviewed. The Student Supply Lists had been emailed to all the members prior to the meeting for review. This is a requirement in the law that LJA (schools) produce a supply list for students. The supply lists will be shared with parents in June.

*LJA-GB110521-03: Effie Kontakos motioned to approve the Student Supply Lists for 2021-2022 as presented, Jonathan Gray seconded, unanimous. Motion carried*

*LJA-GB110521-04: Effie Kontakos motioned that the Student Supply Lists 2021-2022 are in compliance with the SWL School Board Fee policy, Kellie George-Bernard seconded, unanimous. Motion carried*

### **Motion to extend the meeting:**

At 8:50 pm, a motion was made to extend the meeting an additional 15 minutes to 9:15pm.

*LJA-GB110521-05: Betty Alifiras motioned to extend the meeting to 9:15pm, Alexandra Antonopoulos seconded, unanimous. Motion carried*

### 6.2 Approval of Student Workbooks 2021-22 / Confirmation of Compliance to School Board Fee Policy:

The workbook lists were discussed and reviewed. The workbook lists and all supporting documentation required had been emailed to all the members for review prior to the meeting. As per the School Fee Policy, parents are not charged taxes and shipping costs, those costs are absorbed by the school.

*LJA-GB110521-06: Domenic Di Stefano motioned to approve the Student Workbooks for 2021-2022 as presented, Evan Goudis seconded, unanimous. Motion carried*

*LJA-GB110521-07: Jonathan Gray motioned that the Student Workbooks for 2021-2022 are in compliance with the SWL School Board Fee policy, Alexandra Antonopoulos seconded, unanimous. Motion carried*



**6.3 Approval of Fees for Concentration & Specialty Programs 2021-22 / Confirmation of Compliance to School Board Fee Policy:** The fees for Concentration and Specialty Programs for 2021-2022 were presented and discussed. All documentation had been emailed to the members for review prior to the meeting.

*LJA-GB110521-08: Evan Goudis motioned to approve the fees for the Concentration & Specialty Programs for 2021-2022 as presented, Laura Wittebol seconded, unanimous. Motion carried*

*LJA-GB110521-09: Laura Wittebol motioned that the fees for the Concentration & Specialty Programs for 2021-2022 are in compliance with the SWL School Board Fee policy, Alexandra Antonopoulos seconded, unanimous. Motion carried*

**6.4 Adoption of LJA School Budget 2021-22 / Confirmation of Compliance to School Board Fee Policy:** The LJA School Budget for 2021-2022 was presented, reviewed and discussed. The School Budget and all supporting documentation had been emailed to all the members for review prior to the meeting. The budget presented was on enrollment of 894 students.

**RESOLUTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE SCHOOL BUDGET  
BY  
THE LAVAL JUNIOR ACADEMY GOVERNING BOARD**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 95 of the Education Act, the governing board is responsible for adopting the school's annual budget as proposed by the principal;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 96.24 of the Education Act, the school budget must maintain a balance between expenditures, on the one hand, and the financial resources allocated to the school by the school board and the school's own revenues, on the other;

**Alexandra Antonopoulos** MOVED THAT, in accordance with the 2021-2022 Budget Parameters, the governing board of Laval Junior Academy, adopt the school budget for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented by the school Principal, which forecasts revenues of \$417, 401.25 and expenditures of \$417, 401.25, seconded by **Evan Goudis**,  
AND THAT the budget be submitted to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for final approval. Unanimous.  
Motion carried. **LJA-GB110521-10**

*LJA-GB110521-11: Laura Wittebol motioned that the LJA School Budget for 2021-2022 is in compliance with the SWL School Board Fee policy, Pol Christodoulakis seconded, unanimous. Motion carried*

**6.5 Field Trips & Fundraisers**

**6.5.1 Leadership Trip to Tyroparc:** Leadership in Sec. 1 and Sec. 2 will go to the Tyroparc in Ste Agathe. There will be 4 teachers with 50 students – two groups of 25. They will travel in separate buses to respect COVID regulations. It was specified that this trip is a high-risk trip – ziplining and climbing on exterior obstacles is involved. It's an outdoor activity where students will have a chance to develop new expertise in different sports. Cost is covered by Leadership fee. Tyroparc has insurance that covers the activity.

*LJA-GB110521-12: Alexandra Antonopoulos motioned to approve the Tyroparc field trip on May 27, 2021, Kellie George-Bernard seconded, unanimous. Motion carried*



**6.6 SWLSB Policy on School Fees Charged to Parents:** Tabled for further discussion via e-vote. It was noted that pencils were not on the list of approved school supplies permissible to request parents to purchase. In addition, the policy indicates school fees charged to parents and a recommendation was made to include guardians as well. By consensus, these were recommendations that the LJA GB would like to make for this policy consultation. The response to this consultation is due June 14, 2021.

**6.7 SWLSB Policy Reconsideration of a Decision Affecting a Student:** Tabled for discussion via e-vote. The response to this consultation is due June 14, 2021.

**6.8 SWLSB By-law Establishing Procedures for the Examination of Complaints:** Tabled for discussion via e-vote. The response to this consultation is due June 14, 2021.

**6.9 Rentals:** None.

**7.0 Question Period for the Public:** None.

**8.0 Confirmation of Date / Time of the Next GB Meetings:**

Next meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2021 at 7pm via Zoom.

**9.0 Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

*LJA-GB110521-13: Betty Aliftiras motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:40pm, Alexandra Antonopoulos seconded, unanimous.*

*Motion carried*

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Jimmy Abraham  
Chairperson

*Effie Kontakos*  
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Secretary