



2.3 Secretary: The responsibilities of the Secretary is to take notes, follow protocol for completion of the Minutes, summarize the discussions to reflect the spirit of what was discussed, note the motions brought forward and the resolutions passed. It could be a parent or someone external. It is a one-year position and a paid position. Effie Kontakos was nominated to be Secretary of LJA Governing Board and accepted the nomination.

LJA-GB071020-02: Alexandra Antonopoulos motioned to nominate Effie Kontakos as Secretary for the Laval Junior Academy Governing Board for 2020-2021, Jimmy Abraham seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

Results: Effie Kontakos was acclaimed as the Secretary of the LJA Governing Board for 2020-21.

2.3.1 Renumeration of Secretary: The position of Secretary is a paid position.

LJA-GB071020-03: Alexandra Antonopoulos motioned to have a stipend of \$55 for the Secretary per meeting for the Minutes of the LJA Governing Board, Maria Tsakris seconded, unanimous Motion carried

2.4 Treasurer: The Treasurer manages the allocations of the LJA Governing Board Budget of \$1, 200.

Nominations: Laura Wittebol nominated Pino Alberga, Pol Christodoulakis seconded.
Nomination was accepted.

Results: Pino Alberga, was acclaimed as Treasurer of the LJA Governing Board for 2020-21.

3.0 Conflict of Interest Forms: Members were emailed the forms to sign and send to the Principal.

4.0 Adoption of Minutes of June 18, 2020: No amendments were made.

LJA-GB071020-04: Dominic Di Stefano motioned to adopt the Minutes of June 18, 2020, Betty Alifitiras seconded, 10 in favour and 5 abstentions. Motion carried

5.0 Adoption of Notes on the General Assembly on September 8, 2020: No amendments.

LJA-GB071020-05: Pino Alberga motioned to accept the Notes of the General Assembly of September 8, 2020, Alexandra Antonopoulos seconded, 8 in favour and 7 abstentions. Motion carried

6.0 Business Arising:

6.1 E-votes since the last GB Meeting:

6.1.1 E-vote June 25, 2020 – Update Student Concentration Program Fees: In the June 18th LJA Governing Board meeting, members approved an online store whereby parents may purchase clothing specific to the student's concentration directly from the supplier. The LJA administration will no longer be responsible to order and collect payment for the apparel for the concentration programs offered at LJA. Therefore, the student fees for Ball Hockey, Basketball, Ice Hockey, Leadership Sec. 1, Leadership Sec. 2, Science, Soccer and Visual Arts Concentration Programs were all reduced making the programs and merchandise more accessible. The members were emailed a Concentration Fess document verifying the removal of this charge in the eight student concentration program fess. The school budget was adjusted to reflect these changes. Quorum was met with the majority of members voted and at least half the parents voted.

LJA-GB250620-EV01: Theresa Andrusko motioned for the Laval Junior Academy Governing Board to approve the proposed updated Concentration / Specialty Program Fess for 2020-2021 where specific apparel fees have been removed for Ball Hockey, Basketball, Ice Hockey, Leadership Sec. 1, Leadership Sec. 2, Science, Soccer and Visual Arts, Pino Alberga seconded, 11 votes in favour and 5 abstentions. Motion carried



6.1.2 E-vote June 25, 2020 – Adoption of School Budget: A revised School Budget (v.10) was emailed to the LJA Governing Board members that reflected the removal of apparel fees for students in the Ball Hockey, Basketball, Ice Hockey, Leadership Sec. 1, Leadership Sec. 2, Science, Soccer and Visual Arts Concentration Programs. Quorum was met with the majority of members voted and at least half the parents.

**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;

Theresa Andrusko MOVED THAT, in accordance with the 2020-2021 Budget Parameters, the governing board of Laval Junior Academy, adopt the school budget for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented by the school Principal, which forecasts revenues of \$427, 037.00 and expenditures of \$427, 037, seconded by **Domenic Di Stefano**,

AND THAT the budget be submitted to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for final approval,
12 votes in favour and 4 abstentions. Motion carried. **LJA-GB250620-EV02**

6.2 Review and Adoption of Internal Rules of Procedure: Some amendments made and typos corrected. Student Council members need to be included in the composition of the LJA Governing Board. Need to amend that section stating meetings are held on school premises, and include the following...however, if it is not possible to hold the meeting on school premises, then meetings may be held via Video Conferencing. Tabled for approval at the next meeting.

6.3 Community Representatives – At large and Special Needs: It is the Governing Board's responsibility to nominate individuals for these positions. They are non-voting positions. Helen Morrison was invited to the meeting and was given the opportunity to introduce herself. An email will be sent out to the LJA parent community to inform them of that the LJA Governing Board has an open position for Special Needs Community Representative.

LJA-GB071020-06: Theresa Andrusko motioned to nominate and accept Helen Morrison as the Community Representative at Large for LJA, Maria Tsakris seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

6.4 GB Subcommittee on Sustainability Practices at LJA: Last year, the Subcommittee on Sustainability Practices had been formed to discuss and take initiatives to make LJA a greener school. In relation to the cafeteria, LJA had the catering company change their practices in terms of disposable plates / cutlery, reduce food waste and compost. Biggest issue is recycling with the company contracted for that service. No solution yet to LJA's recycling issue and it is not limited to our school. Kellie Georges-Bernard, Laura Wittebol and Helen Morrison volunteered to be on the subcommittee.

Laval Junior Academy has taken on a new initiative / project this year to make LJA greener. With the approval of the City of Laval, 200-250 trees will be planted on the school grounds within the next two years. The dead trees will also be removed. This project will be subsidized by the City of Laval and SWL School Board and 5% of the total value of the project will be paid by LJA.



6.5 GB Subcommittee on Cell Phone Policy: Two parent members and two staff members with the LJA administration compose the committee. Theresa Andrusko and Evan Goudis volunteered to be on the committee.

7.0 Reports:

7.1 Principal:

- The administration returned to work and it has been the most difficult in all my 28 years in education. It has been taxing and stressful for everyone – students and staff.
- Strength and commitment of staff is evident and we see it's difficult for the students.
- Want to thank the parents for their support, the staff and the maintenance staff.
- Protocols have been put in place: Staggered entrances and departures, one homeroom with the same students, everything has changed with regards to how we operate the school.
- Overall, it's difficult for the students to be contained but it has been quite calm in the school.
- Have has 3 COVID cases in 3 weeks and closed 3 classrooms as a result.

7.2 Chairperson: No report.

7.3 Parents' Committee: Report given by Evan Goudis.

- Attended the meeting on October 1st.
- Adam Gordon was elected Parents' Committee Chairperson and High School Commissioner.
- Enrollment is increasing and surpassing the Ministry of Education's estimations.
- The Graduation Rate is 87.7% and goal for 2020-2022 is 88%.
- SWLSB has 4, 000 devices ready to disperse to students if needed.
- Discussed the emergency protocol.
- School Board elections on November 1st and want people to go vote.
- Embracing Diversity Workshop on January 4, 2021 is free for everyone.
- Revision to the Enrollment Criteria with regard to the registration period that will include registrations and re-registrations during the entire month of February. The governing board will be consulted on this.
- The next scheduled PC meetings are on November 5, December 3, January 7, February 4, March 11, April 1, may 6 and June 3.

7.4 Home and School Committee:

- The first meeting will take place soon.
- H&S email is ljahomeandschool@gmail.com.
- Kellie George-Bernard wanted to thank the Home & School Committee for the Special Needs chairs that were purchased by H&S. It made a huge difference and were well used. It was very appreciated.

7.5 Student Council: No report.

8.0 New Business:

8.1 MEES Measures for 2020-21: The LJA Dedicated and Protected Measures – Transfer to Schools / Centres documentation was emailed to the members prior to the meeting and reviewed. These Measures are the funds the school receives and allocated to specific areas to support. Some are transferrable and some are not. The Extra-Curricular allocation will be used for an after school tutoring program for English, French, Math and Science. Tutors can be LJA staff or staff hired additionally. Single greatest need identified is that students have fallen behind.



Dedicated and Protected Measures		Allocation
Name of Grant / Measure		Amount
15012	Social Solidarity	\$52,648
15025	Minimal Service to Schools	\$199,796
15028	Extra Curricular Activities	\$213,743
15031	Anti-Bullying	\$5,079
15103	Read in School	\$19,760
15186	School Outings	\$26,872
15230	Accessible and Inspiring Schools	\$33,117
15312	Integration EHDA	\$10,583
TOTAL		\$ 561,598

LJA Dedicated and Protected Measures – Transfer to Schools / Centres

WHEREAS the 2020-2021 Initial Budget Parameters provide a list of protected and dedicated measures to be transferred to schools and centres;

WHEREAS the Governing Board must adopt a resolution confirming the amount transferred to the school / centre for each dedicated measure;

WHEREAS school principals / centre directors have been informed of the budgetary rules for each applicable measure and of the respective, prescribed budgets allocated for transfer to each school / centre for the school year 2020-2021;

WHEREAS The Resource Allocation Committee (RAC) has made its recommendation to the Council of Commissioners for distribution of some measures;

WHEREAS the school / centre's governing board adopts the annual budget as per the Education Act (Chapter 1-13.3, s.95, s96.24); and

MOVE THAT on the recommendation of the school principal / centre director, it is moved by Maria Tsakris, seconded by Alexandra Antonopoulos, and carried unanimously, that the amounts for the following budgetary measures have been transferred to the school / centre for the 2020-2021 school year, and

THAT the Governing Board adopt the following confirmed amounts of each budgetary measure destined for transfer to the school centre:

LJA-GB071020-07 Motion Carried

8.2 Deed of Establishment: This is an official document confirming what the use of the school is by the school board. Essentially, this is a consultation, so feedback is expected from the governing board. No changes were proposed. This document is reviewed on an annual basis.

LJA-GB071020-08: Alexandra Antonopoulos motioned to keep the status quo for the Deed of Establishment, Laval Junior Academy will remain as a Secondary Cycle 1 Level of Instruction, Pol Christodoulakis seconded, unanimous. Motion carried



8.3 Information on Bill 40: The English School Board had a court decision that went in their favour whereby the proposal of the governance to change from school board to school centers will not take place. The stay of execution was granted so will remain a school board. This means Bill 40 has been put on hold. There will be a school election to vote for the Chairperson of the Council of Commissioners. The Commissioners of each ward have been acclaimed.

Motion to extend the meeting:

At 8:55 pm, a motion was needed to extend the meeting an additional 15 minutes past 9pm.

LJA-GB071020-09: Pino Alberga motioned to extend the meeting an additional 15 minutes, Pol Christodoulakis seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

8.4 Selection of Meeting Dates for Governing Board: The selection of meeting dates was tabled. Only the next meeting was decided upon.

LJA-GB071020-10: Evan Goudis motioned to approve scheduling the next LJA Governing Board meeting on November 17, 2020, Alexandra Antonopoulos seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

8.5 Field Trips and ECAs: No field trips and no extra-curricular activities are scheduled at this time. Presently restricted to the class bubbles. There is one activity from the art department – created the art cart that goes to goes at lunch time one class at a time. Mr. Brohi runs the basket league at lunch that is exclusively with Basketball Concentration students. The students are divided and play each other.

8.6 Fundraisers:

8.6.1 Terry Fox: Terry Fox is celebrating 40 years of the Terry Fox Run. Would like to propose an online fundraising whereby parents can donate online, perhaps the whole month. Students can walk or run over a period of a month to participate. Could provide teachers with resources to discuss it in class.

LJA-GB071020-11: Dominic Di Stefano motioned to approve the Terry Fox Fundraiser to ask for monetary online donations, over a period of one month, Betty Aliftiras seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

8.7 Rentals: No rentals. All rentals are presently on hold until minimum the month of November.

9.0 Question Period for the Public: None.

10.0 Varia- Parking Lot: Safety concerns were raised in the parking lot during student drop-off and pick-ups. Mr. Ruggi confirmed that there is double the amount of drop-off and pick-ups. Mr. Ruggi will assess and do what is necessary to ensure safety. This will be added to the next GB meeting as a follow-up item.

11.0 Confirmation of Date/Time of the Next GB Meeting: Next meeting is on Tuesday, November 17 at 7pm.

12.0 Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

LJA-GB071020-12: Alexandra Antonopoulos motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm, Pol Christodoulakis seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

Jimmy Abraham
Chairperson

Effie Kontakos
Secretary

